



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

March 2018

Luck O' the Library

Libraries ... The Only Lucky Charm You'll Ever Need!

- ♥ Teamwork Makes the Dream Work - Celebrating Employee Spirit Month
- ♥ Jeremy Martin & Addie King Martin Make a Generous Donation to LPPL
- ♥ New @ Your Library - "STEAM Sit Downs" An ALSC Grant Award Initiative
- ♥ LPPL Wins \$10,000 ALA American Dream Grant Award for ESL Services
- ♥ Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Celebrating Read Across America Day 2018
- ♥ Hippity Hoppity, Easter's On Its Way - Bunny Photos & Egg Hunts
- ♥ Design a Button Contest for Youth Art Month
- ♥ Libraries Are For Creating - Teen Tech Week 2018

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March Closures

(All LPPL Branches Will Be Closed)

We will be closed
Friday, March 30 & Saturday,
March 31 for Easter.

STAFF STARS!

THIBODAUX BRANCH STAFF



Big congratulations go out to our Thibodaux Branch Staff for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"The Thibodaux Branch Staff were very accommodating when we needed to move a meeting that was to be held at the Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center to the Thibodaux Branch Library."

- Allyn Rodriguez, Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center

JACOB VERDIN

Big congratulations go out to Golden Meadow Branch Manager Jacob for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Jacob is a very good person to have working in the library. He is very kind & generous, & he does a good job. We love Jacob at the library!"

- Rose Landry, Golden Meadow Patron



WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH AMAZING BOARD MEMBERS!



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DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
ASK FOR A NOMINATION FORM AT ANY
BRANCH CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK!

WHAT'S NEW!

THE MARTINS MAKE A GENEROUS DONATION



Jeremy Martin and Addie King Martin recently made a generous donation of several items to our library system, and we could not be more excited and thrilled to share these resources with our Lafourche community. We would like to wholeheartedly express our gratitude to the Martins for their contribution – these items will help us in fulfilling our vision to educate, enrich, and entertain Lafourche communities.

The Martins donated two tablets and tablet stands to the South Lafourche and Golden Meadow library branches to display the Google map they created of the Golden Meadow businesses map (shown in the photo) that is housed in both branches. The map, which shows the location of businesses in town between 1936 to 1952, was created by A.J. LeBlanc, Leroy Dantin, Nolan Guidry, and Linton Doucet and produced by A.J. LeBlanc. Now, visitors to both branches can see where these businesses were located using the Google map the Martins produced, as well as the original map.

The Martins also donated 10 copies of their book [Southeast Louisiana Food: A Seasoned Tradition](#) to the Lafourche Parish Public Library. Check out a copy at your local library branch.

Pictured, from left, are Jeremy Martin; Addie King Martin; Carolyn Soley, South Lafourche Branch circulation manager; and Dione David, South Lafourche Branch reference librarian.



Teamwork Makes



Here at LPPL, we know that we have some pretty amazing people on staff who are dedicated to our library community and work hard to ensure that the Lafourche Parish Public Library experience is a positive one for all of our stakeholders. In celebration of Employee Spirit Month, we would like to say "thank you" to our stellar staff, and honor them in this month's Books and Bytes with some words of thanks & praise from our administrators.

Our libraries work because YOU do.



Thibodaux Staff



Lockport Staff



South Lafourche Staff

You have fantastic circulation & reference skills.

You provide astounding tech support to customers.

Your level of customer service is amazing.



Choctaw Staff



Raceland Staff



Larose Staff

Your branch has the cleanest, calmest, & most relaxing atmosphere.

Your community service is outstanding.

Your programming ideas are very creative.



the Dream Work



Bayou Blue Staff

You have innovative programming ideas.



Gheens Staff

You've implemented a great advancement of services & programming for the Gheens community.



Golden Meadow Staff

You do a great job of serving our community through the Historical Center Museum in the library.



Youth Services Staff

You do a fantastic job of servicing the youth in our community.



Headquarters Staff

You come up with inventive solutions to our many obstacles.



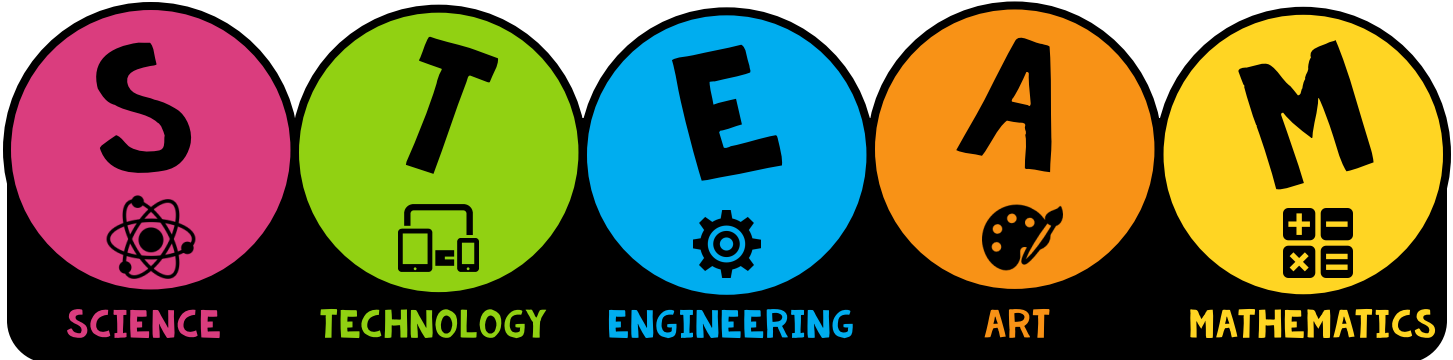
Maintenance Staff

You pay incredible attention to detail in the servicing of our branches.

"The heart & soul of any successful library isn't the books or the gadgets - but the people behind the desks. The ones you rely on, the ones that are the driving force of our extraordinary organization - it's our staff. Thank you to each & every one of you who have worked tirelessly & shown such dedication to our library communities. We owe our success to you. Thank you for all you do!"

- Laura Sanders, Library Director

What's HOT



SIT DOWN



Code • Construct • Create



INTRODUCING "STEAM SIT DOWN" AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS!

Lafourche Parish Public Library is a proud recipient of a \$5,000 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) & Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant which is allowing us to bring something pretty exciting to all nine of our branches.

We would like to introduce you to "STEAM Sit Downs" - after school workshops for kids & teens that have a focus on those essential science, technology, engineering, art, & mathematics skills of the present & future.

Each of our branches is hosting a STEAM Sit Down Workshop Monday - Thursday beginning Monday, March 5. You can find your home branch's workshop time in the box below. We will be hosting STEAM Sit Down workshops through July, which means that kids & teens will have lots of opportunities to get hands-on STEAM experience. You don't need to register for these workshops - just drop in any time during your branch's scheduled time.

So what will we be doing at our STEAM Sit Downs?
 This is where the fun comes in! We have put together ten STEAM kits, which will be rotating among our branches. Inside these kits are a plethora of activities for kids & teens to engage with, including Osmo Coding Games, ZOOB Building Sets, Solar Grasshoppers, Robots, & more! We even have some special performances planned over the summer, including the Audubon Wetland Express!



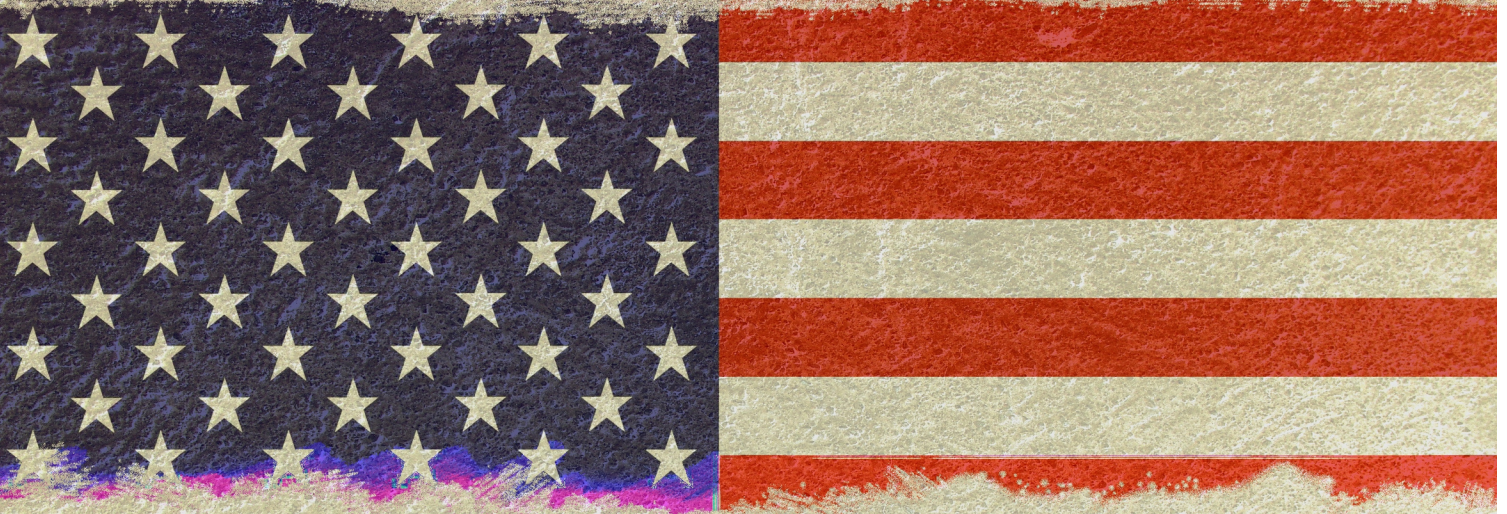
JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES YOU CAN FIND IN OUR KITS!

SITDOWN WITH STEAM

EVERY MONDAY - THURSDAY
 BEGINNING MARCH 5TH!

BAYOU BLUE: 2:30 - 4 PM
CHOCTAW: 3:30 - 5 PM
GHEENS: 3:30 - 5 PM
GOLDEN MEADOW: 3:30 - 5 PM
LAROSE: 4 - 5:30 PM
LOCKPORT: 3 - 5 PM
RACELAND: 3 - 4:30 PM
S. LAFOURCHE: 4:30 - 6:30 PM
THIBODAU: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

ARE YOU READY TO SIT DOWN WITH STEAM? JOIN US STARTING 03/05! 5



LPPL WINS \$10,000 ALA AMERICAN DREAM GRANT

We are excited to announce that LPPL is a 2018 recipient of the American Dream Literacy Initiative grant. LPPL is one of only 20 libraries nationwide to receive this competitive grant, & is the only library system in Louisiana to be awarded the grant this year. To say we are honored is an understatement!

The American Dream Literacy Initiative is a program of the American Library Association (ALA). Funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, it assists public libraries in implementing or expanding literacy programs for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education & workforce development. LPPL has received \$10,000 to implement ESL classes for adult language learners.

The American Dream grant will allow us to implement ESL classes for adult English language learners at our South Lafourche Branch. Specifically, the grant award will allow us to pay a contract teacher—a retired educator fluent in English & in Spanish—to teach the library's ESL classes. The classes will be open to any adult who wishes to better their English language skills.

In addition, the grant award will also help the library system purchase a series of leveled textbooks for use by those adults attending our ESL classes, as well as to pay for promotion of the library's classes & other materials to use in the classes.

This isn't the first time that LPPL has been successful in receiving an American Dream grant award. In late 2012, the library received its first American Dream grant of \$7,746, which allowed us to host our first ESL classes at the South Lafourche, Larose, & Golden Meadow branches. Those classes—thanks to that grant award—assisted more than 80 people in improving their English language skills.

If you know of someone who might benefit from these upcoming classes, please have them stop by or call South Lafourche at 632-7140 & ask for Carmen. Classes begin in April, and you can reserve your seat now!

Featured Events



CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY! March 2, 2018



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book, & read with a child!"



BAYOU BLUE: "The Cat in the Hat" Story Time - Monday, 03/05, 10:30 AM

CHOCTAW: Seuss-sational Fun (Crafts, Treats, & Games) - Friday, 03/02, 4 PM

GHEENS: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party (Seuss Photos, Treats, & Coloring) - Friday, 03/02, 4 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW: Dr. Seuss Bookmark Giveaway - Thursday, 03/01, All Day

LAROSE: "Dr. Seuss's Birthday" Story Time - Thursday, 03/01, 1 PM

LOCKPORT: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash - Thursday, 03/01, 4:30 PM

RACELAND: Seuss-a-Celebration - Friday, 03/02, 4 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: "Welcome to Seussville" Story Time - Tuesday, 03/06, 10:30 AM
Dr. Seuss Book Giveaway - Sign-Up Beginning Thursday, 03/01

THIBODAUX: Dr. Seuss Story & Snack - Friday, 03/02, 4 PM



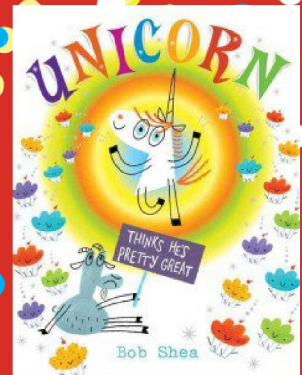
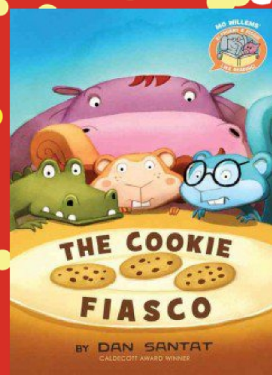
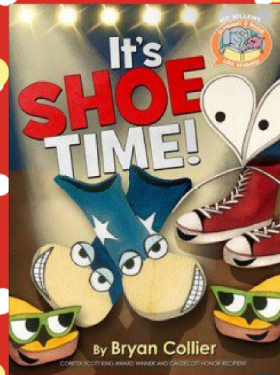
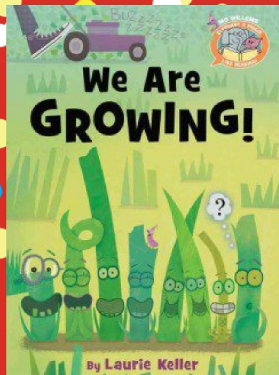
Why We Celebrate:

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a division of the U.S. Department of Education, children who are read to at home enjoy a substantial advantage over children who are not:

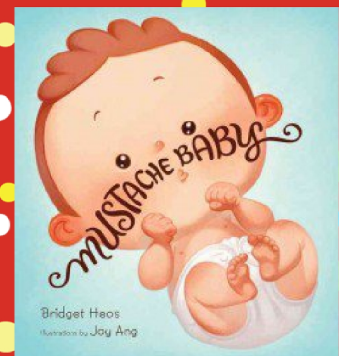
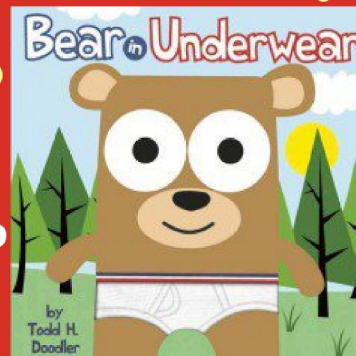
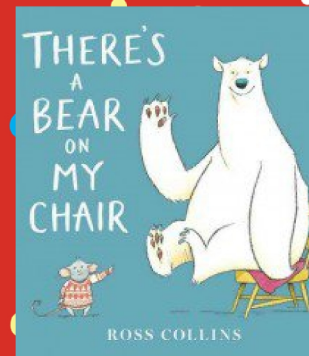
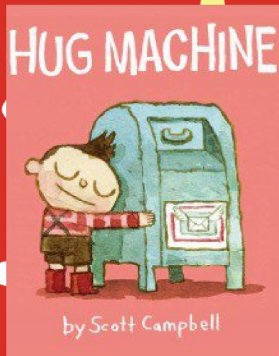
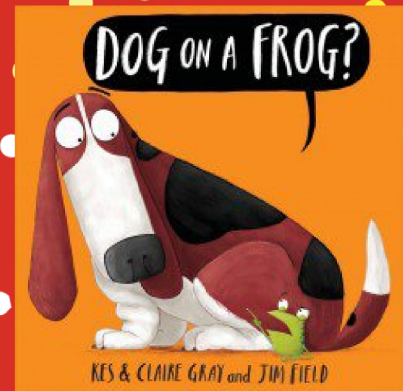
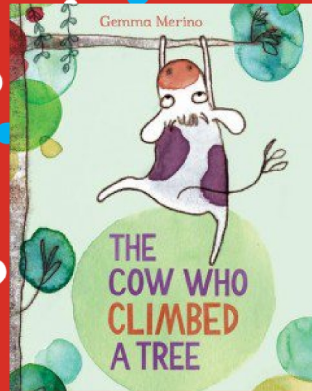
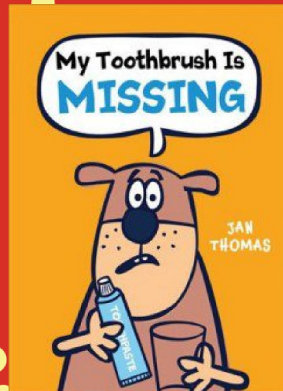
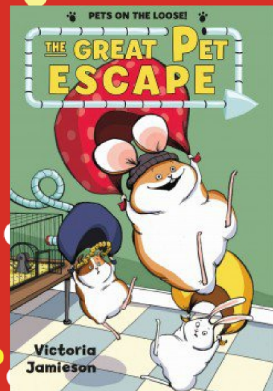
- Twenty-six percent of children who were read to three or four times in the last week by a family member recognized all letters of the alphabet. This is compared to 14 percent of children who were read to less frequently.
- Children who were read to frequently are also more likely to count to 20 or higher than those who were not, write their own names, & read or pretend to read.
- The more types of reading materials there are in the home, the higher students are in reading proficiency.
- Students who do more reading at home are better readers & have higher math scores.
- Children who read frequently develop stronger reading skills. Having kids read a lot is one of the crucial components of becoming a good reader. Young readers need to become practiced at recognizing letters & sounds.

KIDS ONLY!

Children's Books of the Month



Pick up a Silly, Cartoony Book For
Read Across America Day
March 2, 2018



Featured Events



HIPPITY HOPPITY, EASTER'S ON ITS WAY!

EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS & EGG HUNT SCHEDULE

BAYOU BLUE: Easter Bunny Visits - Monday, 03/26, 10 AM - 12 PM

CHOCTAW: Easter Bunny Visit & Craft - Wednesday, 03/21, 4:30 PM

GHEENS: Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration - Friday, 03/23, 4 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW: Easter Bunny Pictures - Wednesday, 03/21, 4:30 PM

LAROSE: Easter Bunny Visit & Egg Hunt - Thursday, 03/22, 1 PM

LOCKPORT: Pictures with the Easter Bunny - Wednesday, 03/28, 4 - 5:30 PM
Easter Egg Hunt @ BayouSide Park - Thursday, 03/29, 10:30 AM

RACELAND: Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt - Tuesday, 03/20, 11 AM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Easter Egg Hunt - Tuesday, 03/20, 10:30 AM
Pictures with Easter Bunny - Wednesday, 03/21, 5 - 6:30 PM

THIBODAUX: Easter Bunny Story Time & Egg Hunt - Wednesday, 03/28, 10:30 AM



"Design a Button" Youth Art Month Contest

Kids and teens are invited to design an original button to go with the theme of "Building Community Through Art." The winning design will be featured on a 2018 edition LPPL button! Ask for an entry form at any Customer Service Desk!

Deadline to enter is March 29, 2018. Winner announced by April 9, 2018.
Winner will also receive a \$10 Wal-Mart Gift Card compliments of the LPPL Friends of the Library.

Featured Events



TEEN TECH WEEK™

MARCH 4-10, 2018

WWW.ALA.ORG/TEENTECHWEEK



BAYOU BLUE

- *Floppy Disk Notebook - **Tuesday, 03/06, 4 PM (Ages 9-13)**
- Perler Bead Earrings/Bracelet - **Wednesday, 03/07, 4 PM (Ages 9-13)**
- *LittleBits Activity for Tweens/Teens - **Thursday, 03/08, 4 PM**
- *Bloxels Activity for Tweens/Teens - **Friday, 03/09, 4 PM**

CHOCTAW

- Low Tech Gaming & Snacks - **Thursday, 03/08, 3:30 PM**

GHEENS

- E-Cycling Seminar - **Monday, 03/05, 3 PM**
- Paper Circuits - **Tuesday, 03/06, 3 PM**
- Cajun Snappers for Tweens/Teens - **Wednesday, 03/07, 4 PM**
- Technology Art Fusion Workshop - **Thursday, 03/08, 3 PM**
- Gamer Day - **Friday, 03/09, 3 PM**

GOLDEN MEADOW

- Cool Circuits - **Monday, 03/05, 4 PM**
- LEGO Chain Reactions - **Tuesday, 03/06, 4 PM**
- PS4 Challenge - **Thursday, 03/08, 4 PM**

LAROSE

- Ozobots - **Monday, 03/05, 4 PM**
- 3Doodler Creations - **Tuesday, 03/06, 4 PM (Ages 7-17)**
- Wii Free Play - **Wednesday, 03/07, 3:30 PM**
- Cool Circuits - **Thursday, 03/08, 4 PM (Ages 8-17)**

LOCKPORT

- Magna Tiles - **Monday, 03/05 - Friday, 03/09, All Day**
- Underwater Sand Science - **Monday, 03/05, 4:30 PM**
- Mini Canvas Magnets - **Tuesday, 03/06, 4:30 PM**
- STEM Squad: Ozobots Battle - **Wednesday, 03/07, 4:30 PM**

RACELAND

- Gamer Lab - **Monday, 03/05 & Wednesday, 03/07, 4 PM**
- Wonder Workshop - **Tuesday, 03/06 & Thursday, 03/08, 4 PM**

SOUTH LAFOURCHE

- Teen Tech Week STEM Lab - **Monday, 03/05 - Thursday, 03/08, 4:30 PM**
- Teen Tech Week STEM Lab - **Friday, 03/09 - Saturday, 03/10, 2 PM**

THIBODAUX

- Shoebox Projector - **Monday, 03/05, 4 PM (Ages 11+)**
- Sci-Fi Disney Movie: **Tron Legacy** - **Tuesday, 03/06, 3:30 PM (Ages 11+)**
- Jumbo Card Games - **Wednesday, 03/07, All Day (Ages 11+)**
- K'Nex Exploring Machines - **Thursday, 03/08, 4 PM (Ages 11+)**
- Guessing Jar Star Wars Puzzle - **Friday, 03/09, All Day (Ages 11+)**



Play video games on your computer or Android device **FREE** with your Library card!

APP CORNER

March is National Nutrition Month!

Get on track with these free apps.



HEALTHY OUT

Healthy Out helps you find healthy options at your local restaurants. You can filter by particular diets like low-carb, Mediterranean, or paleo. It will also help you get ideas for what to ask for at your favorite restaurants. Free in the App & Play stores.

You don't need a math degree to count your calories with this helpful app in your pocket. MyFitnessPal boasts the largest food database. Quickly find what you're looking for and add it to your daily tally. Plus, it saves your favorite foods. Free in the App & Play stores.

MY FITNESS PAL



WATER LOGGED

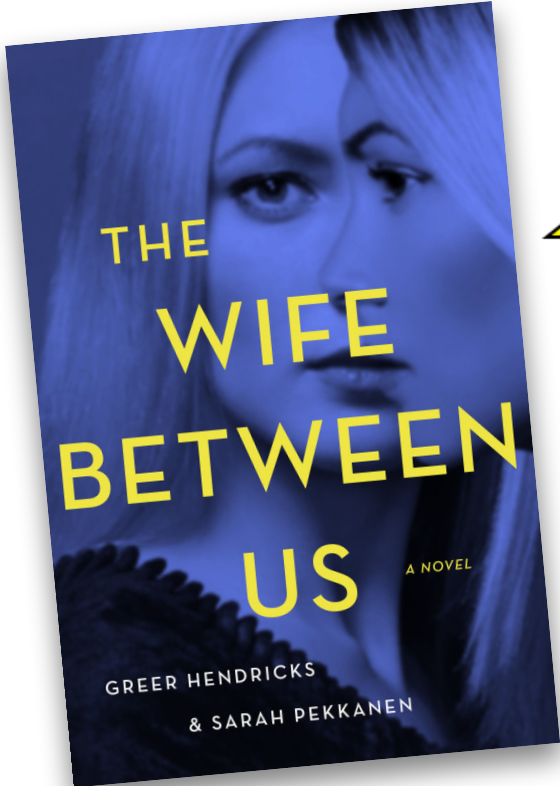
Are you drinking enough water? Drink more water throughout the day by logging your intake and setting helpful reminders. A bottle graphic lets you quickly check in on your goal throughout the day. Free in the App & Play stores.

Learn how to decipher food labels and choose healthy foods. The app also gives you personalized food recommendations based on your goals and dietary restrictions. A handy scanner quickly alerts you about foods you're allergic to or trying to avoid. Free in the App & Play stores.

SHOP WELL



BOOK REVIEWS



READ THE HIT NOVEL THAT EVERYONE IS RAVING ABOUT IN 2018!

*When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. Twisted and deliciously chilling, *The Wife Between Us* exposes the secret complexities of an enviable marriage - and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love. Read between the lies.* - From sarahpekkanen.com

IT'S LIBRARY DIRECTOR LAURA'S PICK FOR MARCH

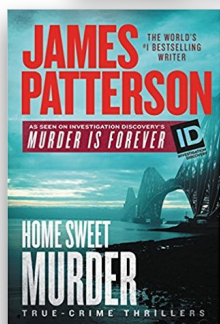
"You will start off thinking this is a story about a woman scorned. Jealous that her perfect husband has replaced her for a younger, better version of herself. You will make many assumptions about both women – but nothing is what it seems.

Vanessa Thompson is a divorced woman who is barely managing to keep herself together most days. She exists in an alcoholic haze often missing work at Saks because she just can't function. Vanessa used to be married to Richard, a good-looking wealthy hedge fund manager. When the end of her marriage finally comes, she is left floundering as she tries to make sense of all the things that went wrong: the fertility treatments, the drinking, the missing dog ... what really happened? Is she really responsible for the disintegration of her marriage?

Richard is getting ready to remarry. This time to his new assistant. Vanessa just can't allow this to happen. She starts stalking his fiancé, determined to stop this wedding at all costs. As Vanessa's fragile mind spirals out of control and her drinking get worse, all she can think about is having a face-to-face confrontation with the new fiancé. But nothing is as it seems.

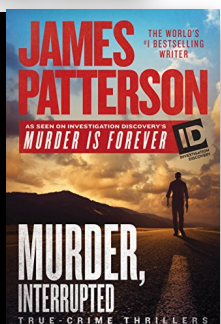
The Wife Between Us is a twisted, suspenseful psychological thriller. A story about friendship, marriage, obsession, manipulation, and betrayal with many twists and turns. It is a fast-paced addictive novel that kept me guessing from start to finish. I can't wait to read more by debut authors Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen."

SOMETHING NEW AND "TRUE" FOR FANS OF JAMES PATTERSON!



James Patterson has started a true crime series to coincide with the release of his new television show on ID channel, with both being called *Murder is Forever*. The first two books in the series are *Home Sweet Murder* and *Murder, Interrupted*. Each book contains two true crime stories that are 150 pages or less, somewhat reminiscent in style of Patterson's fictional Bookshots.

According to ID, each episode of *Murder Is Forever* is "a unique murder mystery that keeps viewers guessing until the very end – but perhaps the most shocking thing of all, is that these stunning crimes are 100% real. Each story will live both on-screen & within the pages of Patterson's true crime titles, which correspond to each episode."



STAFF PICKS

Dione's Pick: *The Color of Love* by Sharon Sala ★★★★★

"If you're looking for a feel good story, this book is for you. Sharon Sala has the ability to take your emotions through a roller coaster ride, but leaves you with a happy ending."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Contemporary Romances CHARACTER: Well-Developed TONE: Mildly Sensuous; Moving



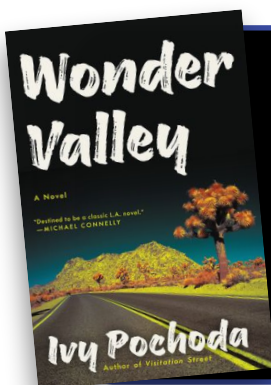
Wonder Valley

Van's Pick: *Wonder Valley* by Ivy Pochoda ★★★★★

"This book was vivid & the reader will become engrossed in the characters' plights, but this will be a difficult read for individuals who can become depressed easily. If you enjoy gritty character studies with twists, then this novel is for you."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Literary Fiction TONE: Haunting; Moving; Strong Sense of Place
CHARACTER: Complex; Flawed STORYLINE: Character-Driven WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Gritty; Lyrical



Charlotte's Pick: *An Unexpected Guest* by Anne Korkeakivi ★★★

"Anne Korkeakivi has done a wonderful weaving of characters, places, and events in this first novel. Readers who enjoy strong characters, life changing events, and difficult decisions will find this a must-read novel."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Literary Fiction CHARACTER: Complex TONE: Moving; Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical; Richly Detailed



The Chaos of Standing Still

Brooke's Pick: *The Chaos of Standing Still* by Jessica Brody ★★★★★

"Chaos is a beautifully insightful story of one girl learning how to grieve a heavy, life-altering loss. Brody does an excellent job of writing about the tragedy of grief, while showing the growth of a person. Alternately, this book also features a wonderful adventure into the inner workings of the infamous Denver International Airport."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Realistic Fiction; Romantic Comedies TONE: Funny; Moving WRITING STYLE: Compelling



WHAT'S NEW?

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lplyastuff.wixsite.com/lafourchelibrary/new-books-newsletter

STAFF PICKS

Kathy's Pick: Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race by Chris Grabenstein ★★★★★

"Filled with great characters, lots of action, plot twists & puzzles, this fun book is a wonderful adventure! It is very hard to put down, so give yourself time to enjoy the ride!"

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Mysteries STORYLINE: Plot-Driven TONE: Suspenseful

PACE: Fast-Paced WRITING STYLE: Attention-Grabbing



HERE
AND
GONE
A NOVEL
HAYLEN
BECK

Crystal's Pick: Here & Gone by Haylen Beck ★★★★★

"A nail-biting, edge-of-your-seat, suspenseful thriller is how I would describe this novel. It gripped me from the very beginning & didn't release its grasp on me until the very end. This is one book that will keep you reading late into the night."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense TONE: Suspenseful CHARACTER: Sympathetic

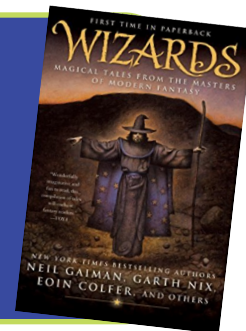
PACE: Fast-Paced WRITING STYLE: Compelling

Catherine's Pick: Wizards by Various Authors ★★★★★

"Not only is this a fine pick for a time-strapped fan of the fantasy genre, it also covers a wide enough selection within it to serve as a sampler for people who have been wanting to give literary fantasy a try but do not know where to start."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Anthologies; Fantasy Fiction



Elizabeth's Pick: The Queen of Blood by Sarah Beth Durst ★★★★★

"This fantasy novel puts a blood-thirsty twist on the usual earth spirit storyline. *The Queen of Blood*, Book One of *The Queens of Renthia* trilogy does not end on a cliffhanger, but definitely provides anticipation for what's to come in Book Two, *The Reluctant Queen*."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Epic Fantasy CHARACTER: Well-Developed WRITING STYLE: Compelling STORYLINE: World-Building

A Guide to Stars
How We Rate Our Reads



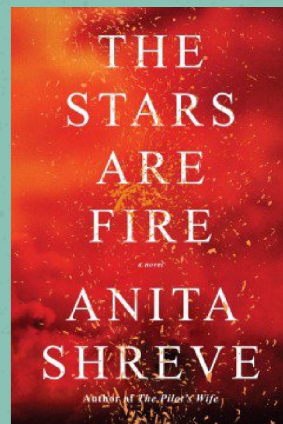
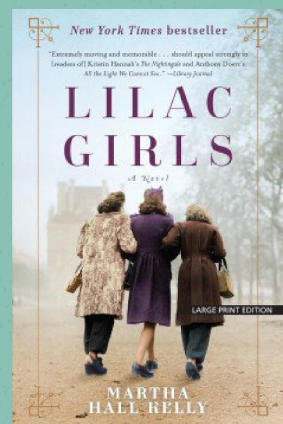
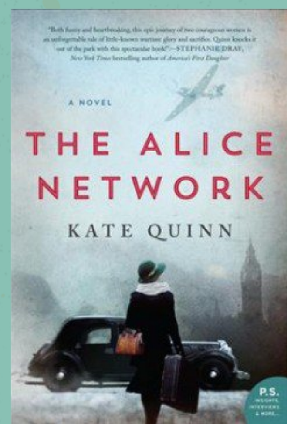
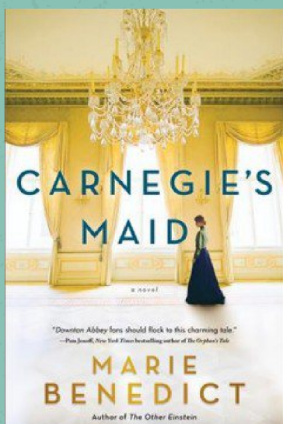
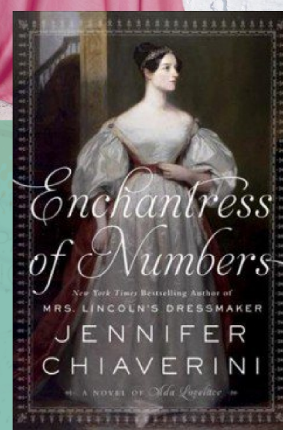
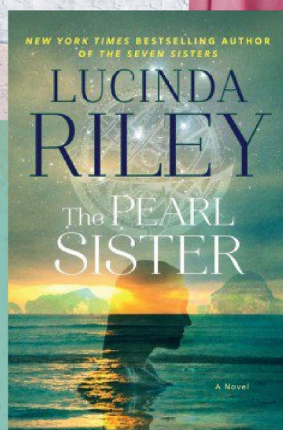
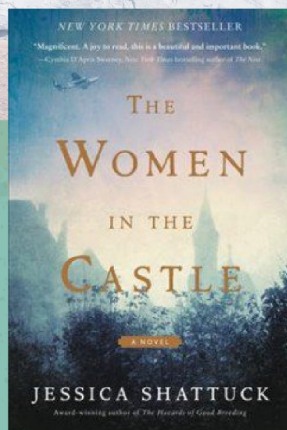
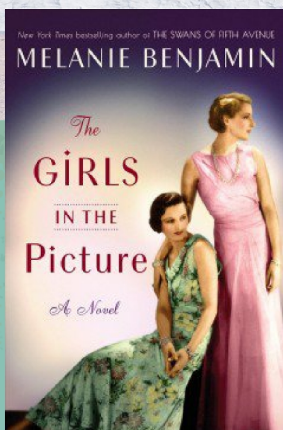
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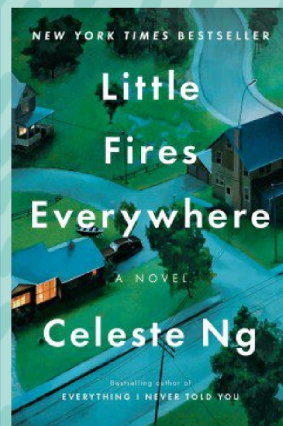
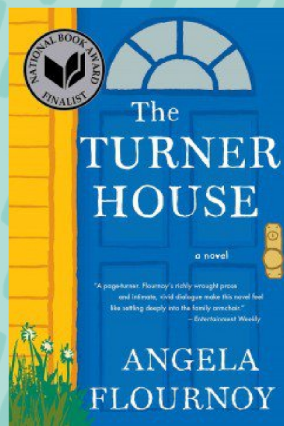
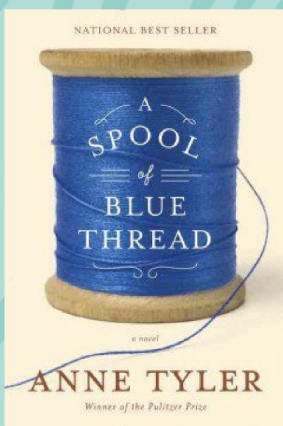
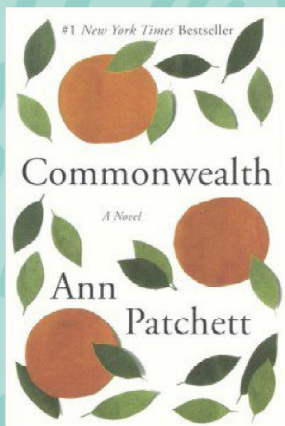


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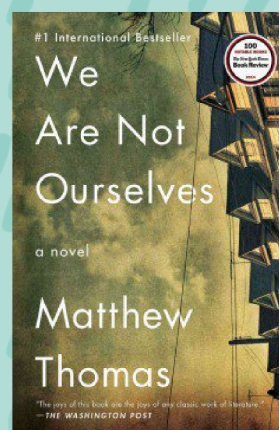
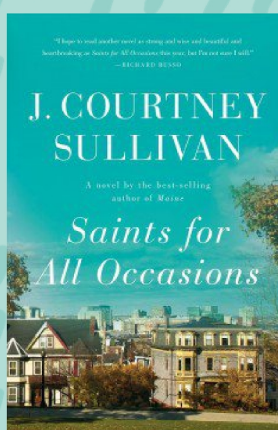
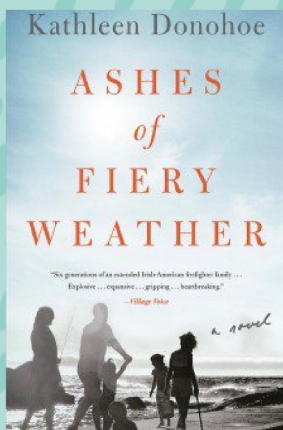
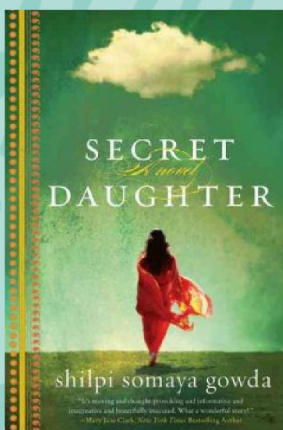
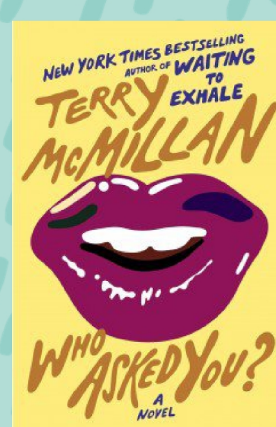
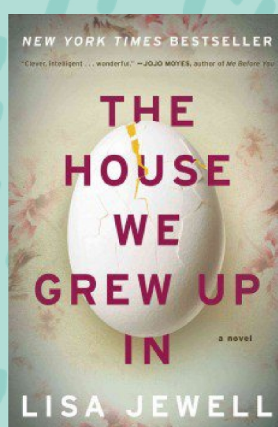
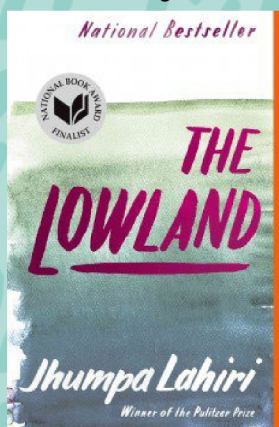
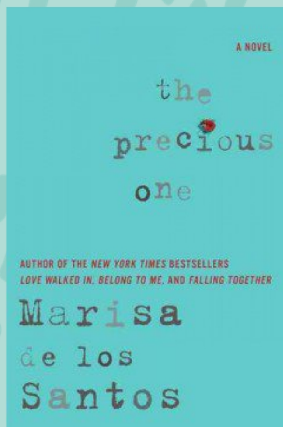
Historical Fiction Picks

Celebrating Women Throughout Time





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TOP PICK!

LET ME LIE
by Clare Mackintosh
(Berkley)

"For readers who enjoyed Mackintosh's *I Let You Go* and *I See You*, you most certainly will enjoy her latest suspenseful thrill ride. Anna has been struggling to get on with her life after her parents' suicides when she starts to receive clues that maybe her parents did not carry out the heinous act that everyone believed they committed."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT



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

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THE BROKEN GIRLS
by Simone St. James
(Ace)

"Parallel narratives, one set in Vermont 1950 and the other in Vermont 2014, are woven together in this intricate mystery. Timely themes of violence toward women and abuses of power resonate throughout. A well-crafted and unsettling tale for fans of Gothic horror and female centered thrillers."

—Kate Currie, Hennepin County Library, Minneapolis, MN

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THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT
A Novel
by Chris Bohjalian
(Doubleday)

"Cassie Bowden is a flight attendant with a drinking problem. Rock bottom comes when she wakes up in a hotel room in Dubai with a dead man next to her. Warning: do not read this on a plane!"

—Marika Zemke, Commerce Township Public Library, Commerce Township, MI



SOMETIMES I LIE
A Novel
by Alice Feeney
(Flatiron Books)

"For fans of the recent psychological thrillers, *The Woman In the Window* and *The Wife Between Us*, comes another one that will keep you on your toes. I felt like I needed a whiteboard to keep track of the twists and turns."

—Robin Beerbower, Salem Public Library, Salem, OR



BURN BRIGHT
A Novel
by Patricia Briggs
(Berkley)

"The latest installment in the Alpha and Omega series. The tension between humans and werewolves is ramping up and Charles and Anna are becoming more deeply involved in Pack business. For readers who enjoy Ilona Andrews and Kelly Armstrong."

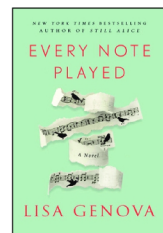
—Shana Harrington, Las Vegas Clark County Library District, Las Vegas, NV



SUNBURN
by Laura Lippman
(William Morrow)

"Polly leaves her husband and child while on a beach vacation and winds up in a small town in Delaware with almost nothing. She gets a job at the local bar and starts a relationship with Adam, someone who seems to have landed in the town by accident as well. As the novel progresses, we learn of Polly's past and soon you won't know what to believe. Sunburn is a twisted novel that will suck you in."

—Annicc Sevett, New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington, NC



EVERY NOTE PLAYED
by Lisa Genova
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"Richard is a successful concert pianist who has contracted ALS and now his right arm is paralyzed. His wife Katrina takes on the role of reluctant caretaker. Theirs is a marriage filled with secrets, blame, loneliness and disappointment. The book is beautifully written and visceral in its description of the progression of ALS. Most moving to this reader was both characters' impassioned relationship to music."

—Maggie Holmes, Richards Memorial Library, North Attleborough, MA



GIRLS BURN BRIGHTER
by Shobha Rao
(Flatiron Books)

"A beautiful tale of survival despite overwhelming destructive forces all around. After her mother's death, Poornima is left to care for her siblings and father until her arranged marriage. When a free spirited Savitha enters, Poornima begins to imagine a different life. Told in alternating perspectives, the girls' ambition keeps them going through unimaginable trials."

—Darla Dykstra, Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, MO

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ALTERNATE SIDE
A Novel
by Anna Quindlen
(Random House)

"This book really captures contemporary New York, the increasing disparity between the wealthy Manhattanites and those who work for them and live in the outer boroughs, and the obsessive search for parking. The title hits exactly the right tone as 'alternate side' has several meanings in this novel."

—Rosemarie Borsody, Lee Library Association, Lee, MA

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TANGERINE
by Christine Mangan
(Ecco)

"This novel brings to mind Hitchcock. This is the story of two women, friends in college, until an accident drives a wedge between them. Years later, Alice is living in Tangier with her husband when Lucy shows up. A twisted tale told in alternating points of view."

—Terri Smith, Cornelia Habersham County Library, Cornelia, GA



LPPL Staff



Meet Edmond & Barbara Bourgeois Maintenance Team Members

You might have met Edmond & Barbara Bourgeois at one of our branches, but did you know that these two are married? In fact, they are celebrating their 11th anniversary this month on St. Patrick's Day! Big congratulations go out to the Bourgeois, who are a part of our Maintenance Team, with Edmond running courier to & from our nine branches & assisting with maintenance duties, & Barbara taking care of the cleaning & upkeep at our Thibodaux, Raceland, & Choctaw branches.



Barbara has worked at LPPL for 7 years, & Edmond has been with us for 5 years. Before joining the LPPL team, Barbara worked for a chemical processing plant, & was also a housekeeper for a local family. Edmond previously worked as a butcher for 36 years. Both Edmond & Barbara love getting to know people in the community as part of their job. Edmond shares, "My favorite part of my job is getting to know different people throughout the parish from my courier routes." Barbara shares a similar sentiment, "My favorite thing is getting to meet a lot of people at my 3 branches, & I also enjoy working with all of my co-workers."

Both Edmond & Barbara come from big families, & they've enjoyed watching their own family grow throughout the years. Barbara's parents had 12 children (6 girls, 6 boys), & Edmond's parents had 10. Edmond's mom even had three sets of twins, & he is one of them! He has a twin sister named Lucille. Between the two of them, Edmond & Barbara have 3 daughters, Dawn, Stacey, & Betsy, & 3 sons, Kevin, Terry, & David. They also have 13 grandkids - 7 grandsons & 6 granddaughters. And their family isn't done growing - Barbara's oldest son Kevin is getting married next year, & his fiancée has three kids of her own. Barbara is really excited, & can't wait for the wedding to come around. But wait, there's more! Barbara's side of the family recently found out that they have a cousin they never even knew about. He lives in California, & found Barbara's family through Ancestry.com & DNA testing. And there's one more family member that deserves mention - their chihuahua Nuby.

When not working & spending time with family, you can find Edmond & Barbara on a dance floor ... it's one of their favorite hobbies. Edmond also enjoys doing crossword puzzles & reading James Patterson novels, while Barbara loves to shop & read romances.



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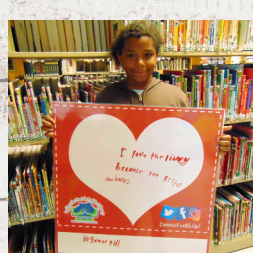




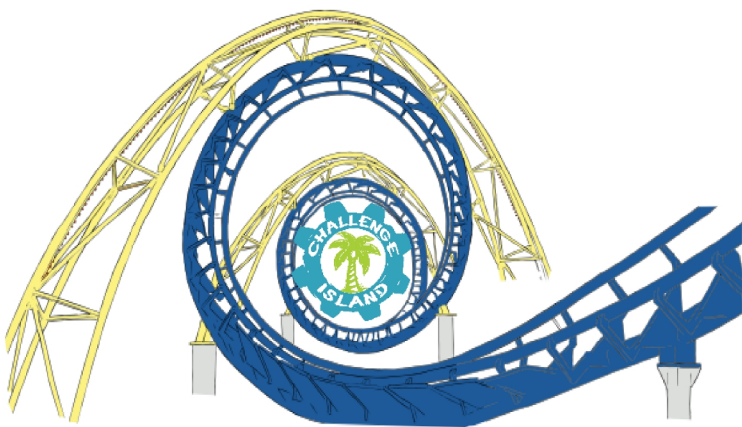
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Challenge Island Spring Break Event



Challenge Island is a one-of-a-kind enrichment program on the cutting edge of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) education and 21st Century Learning. We take children on a unique “island” adventure where they work in collaborative tribes to take on various STEM/STEAM challenges using only the materials in their treasure chest and their creativity.



Join us for the coolest Spring Break event around! You and a tribe of friends will turn the library into an amusement park by designing and building a roller coaster filled with thrills, loops, and turns. Are you up for the challenge? Contact one of the library branches below for more info. Ages 5 and up.

ALSC
Association for Library Service to Children

⚙️ **Lockport Branch**—Tuesday, April 3rd 10:00-11:00am

⚙️ **South Lafourche Branch**—Tuesday, April 3rd 1:00-2:00pm

⚙️ **Thibodaux Branch**—Wednesday, April 4th 10:00-11:00am

DOLLAR GENERAL
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This program is made possible by a grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

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Spring Cleaning Book Sale

Our friends are doing some spring cleaning! Join us for our first book sale event. Make a \$2 donation to our friends group & receive a brown paper bag to fill with items from the book sale. Books, CDs, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines - if you can fit it in your bag, you can take it home!

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Lockport Branch Library
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Phone: 985-633-6453
Fax: 985-633-8873

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Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

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

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

LOCKPORT

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
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Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-532-3158
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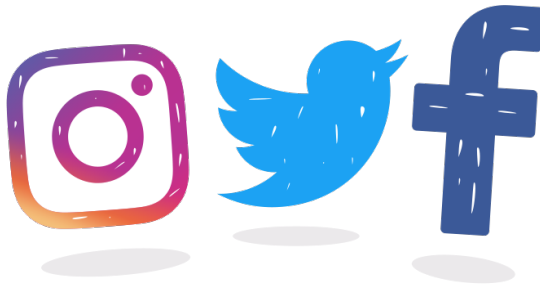
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