



# Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

December 2017

## Christmas Time is Here

Happy Holidays from Your LPPPL



Celebrate the Season  
@ Your Library

- Animal Tales' Holiday Safari
- 2nd Annual Louisiana Authors Book Fair
- Santa & Mrs. Claus Visits ... & More!



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## December Closures

(All LPPL Branches Will Be Closed)

**12/04** - Parish-Wide Staff Meeting Closure

**12/25** - Christmas Closure

**12/26** - Christmas Closure



## MEET OUR LIBRARY BOARD

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## STAFF STARS!

### JOSH DUET

Big congratulations go out to our Information Technology Manager Josh for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Josh does an amazing job of keeping the technology equipment in our library branches running and up-to-date."

- Shannon Porche, Assistant Director

### PAT REED

Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux Staff Member Pat for being recognized as a Staff Star AGAIN this month!



"Ms. Pat is friendly, nice, & she always has a smile on her face."

- Isaiyah Thomas, Thibodaux Patron

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



# BLOGGING WITH LPPL

## Happy Holidays @ Lafourche Parish Libraries



**Love to watch Christmas and holiday movies?! Love to read Christmas and holiday stories?!**  
**Get what you really want this holiday season! LPPL has got the answer to everything on your wish list!**



Of course you know about hoopla©, the online media service offered by the Lafourche Parish Library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone - and even your TV - without leaving your home! hoopla© has hundreds of holiday titles to suit every member of your family, even if there is a Scrooge or two...



- It's as easy as going to the LPPL website, [www.lafourche.org](http://www.lafourche.org)
- Click on the purple Databases icon
- Enter your library card number
- Choose hoopla© from the list of My Library's Databases
- Select a holiday-themed movie, eBook, audiobook, music, or TV show
- Enjoy!

And if that isn't enough holiday merriment, HOp-HOp-HOp on over to one of our nine branches & feast your eyes on the beautiful holiday decorations & displays featuring all-things Christmas! You'll be sure to find everything on your list. Movies, video games, music, books, magazines, Playaways, Nook tablets ... *our* list of goodies to borrow is endless.

Also, be sure to sign up for the LPPL newsletter. You'll want to be in the know, especially for the months of December & January. Be one of the first to see all of the wonderful programs we have to offer during the holiday season.

Sign up at: [lpplastyastuff.wixsite.com/lafourchelibrary/newsletter-signup](http://lpplastyastuff.wixsite.com/lafourchelibrary/newsletter-signup)



# What's HOT

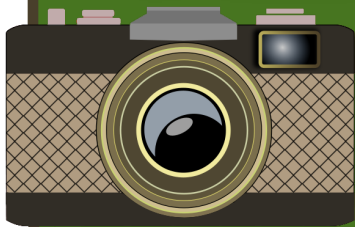
## LOOK WHAT'S SPROUTING UP!

We're Crazy for Community Gardening in Bayou Blue!

When Lori Olin became manager of our Bayou Blue branch, she knew that she wanted to share her love of gardening with her new library family. Having successfully started a community garden at our Raceland Branch, she had a feeling that a similar project would take off well in Bayou Blue ... and she was right! The Bayou Blue Community Garden is a big hit with patrons of all ages tending to the garden's growth & upkeep. Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, & other winter veggies are currently growing in the garden, & future plans include adding an herb garden. Everyone is welcome to stop by & assist with watering, weeding, & general maintenance of the garden, as well as reaping the benefits of its harvest!



## CALLING ALL CAJUN SNAPPERS!



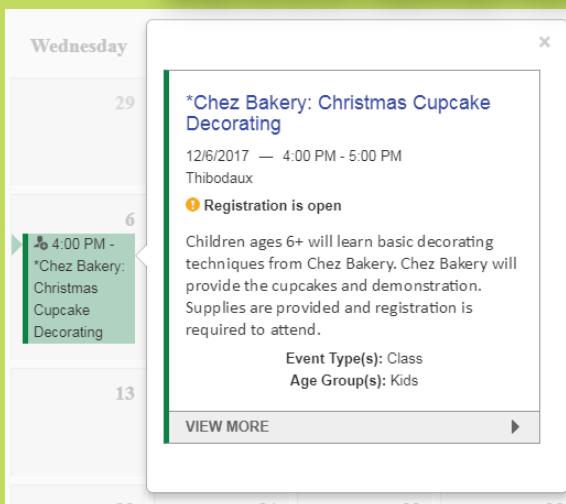
Are you a photography enthusiast looking to share your passion with other photographers? Then join our Cajun Snappers group in Greens, meeting on the first & third Wednesday of every month. At the meetings, we will discuss lighting techniques, posing, camera settings, with demonstrations as well. Group members can also share photos, ideas, tools of the trade & discuss personal experiences with photography. Bring your camera or just come listen & share in our discussions! Greens resident & photographer Matthew Dominique will guest host our meetings along with other local shutterbugs.

# WHAT'S NEW!

## ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We know that you are busy, & that you don't always have time to visit the library at the beginning of the month to sign-up for upcoming programs. That's why we are excited to offer **ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION**, new to our LPL website this month! Sign up for programs with a click of a button.

### REGISTERING ONLINE FOR PROGRAMS



1. Visit [lafourche.org](http://lafourche.org) & click on "Calendar."
2. Programs that require registration are marked with an asterisk (\*).
3. Click on the program to get more info. An info box will pop up.
4. If there is room in the program, the box will say "Registration is open."
5. Click "View More" to register.

6. You will be taken to a registration form. All boxes with an asterisk (\*) must be filled out.

7. After clicking submit, you will receive a confirmation notification and email. The first time you register for a program using your email, you will need to verify your email address.

Register For Event

\* First Name:

\* Last Name:

\* Phone:

\* Email:

\*Age of Participant

\*Can the participant be included in photos taken by the library at the program?  
 Yes  
 No

\*Parent/Guardian's Name

Register For Event

**Success!**

Please verify your email address!  
In order to receive email notifications from SignUp your email address must first be verified.

Please follow the instructions in the verification email we just sent to your email address.

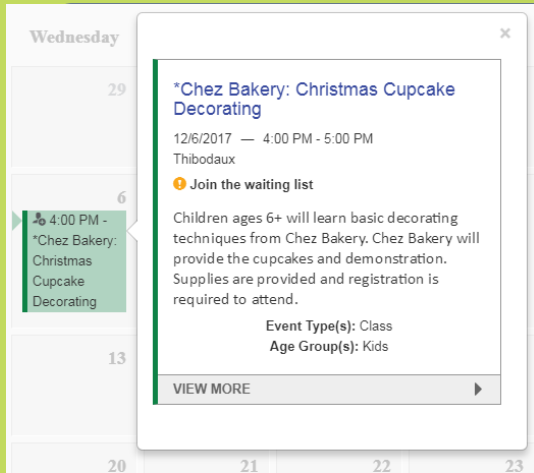
Don't see the email? Check your spam folder or email [verify@evancedsolutions.com](mailto:verify@evancedsolutions.com) directly from your email address to have another verification email sent.

Jane Doe is registered for this event.

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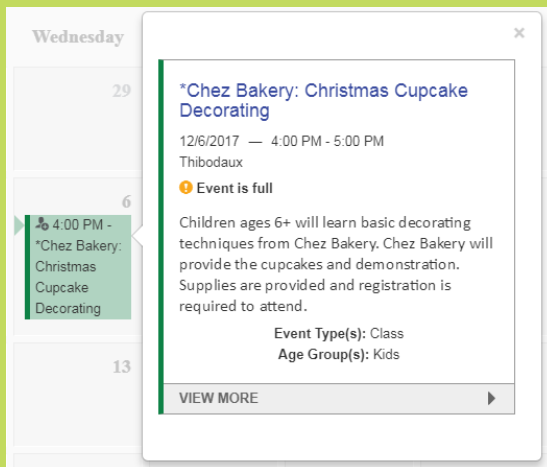
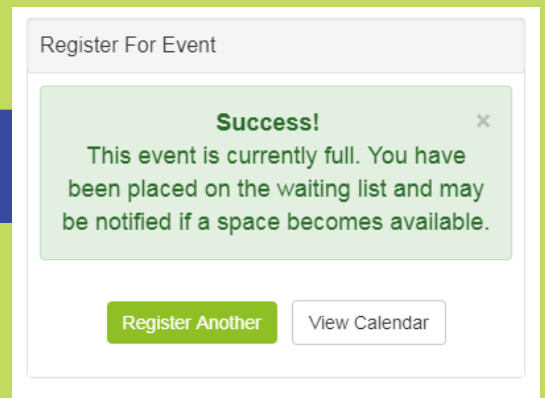
### WAITLIST & FULL PROGRAMS



1. When a program is full, you will see a "Join the waiting list" option in the program info box.
2. Click "View More" to join the waiting list.
3. You will be taken to a registration form. All boxes with an asterisk (\*) must be filled out.

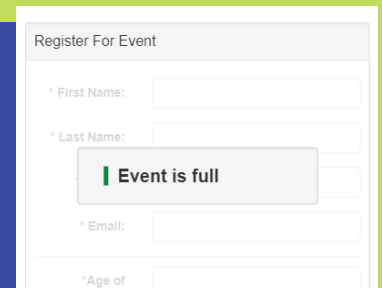
4. After clicking submit, you will receive a waiting list notification and email.

5. If a spot in the program opens up, a staff member will call you to confirm your spot.



6. If a program's registration list AND waiting list are filled up, then you will see an "Event is full" notification in the program info box.

7. When you click "View More" you will be shown a screen that says "Event is full."



**FYI:**

You can still register in the branch for programs if you choose!

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE A WEEK BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE UPCOMING MONTH!**

# Featured Events



## LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2nd Annual Louisiana Authors Book Fair

Join Us:

Saturday, December 9  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Thibodaux Branch  
705 W. 5th Street

Featuring:

Gale Barrow	David Middleton
B.J. Bourg	Ronnie Olivier
Deborah Burst	Chris Pena
Jack Caldwell	David Plater
Trevon Cole	Diana Riley
Dan Copp	Jacinda Roach
John DeSantis	Bridgett Scott
Norman Edmond, Sr.	Clifton Theriot
Pam Heffner	Melinda Turner
Wendy Magee	



### Book Lovers and Aspiring Writers:

Join us for our 2nd Annual Louisiana Authors Book Fair! Network with your favorite authors, get some writing and publishing tips, and pick up some new books to read.

# ANIMAL TALES

is coming to town!



Six surprise guest animals are coming to  
a LPL branch near you this holiday season!

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28



Thibodaux Branch  
Lockport Branch  
South Lafourche Branch

10:30 AM  
1 PM  
4 PM





# Featured Events

## WE HAVE A HUGE CARD UP OUR SLEEVE

December 28 is National Playing Card Day, and we are celebrating with some really, we mean REALLY, big playing cards! Join us for games featuring GIANT playing cards this month!

**BAYOU BLUE:** Thursday, 12/28 @ 5 PM (All Ages)

- Let's Play Cards!: Come to the library and play various card games with a special stack of giant cards!

**CHOCTAW:** Thursday, 12/28 @ All Day (All Ages)

- National Playing Card Day: Meet your friends to have fun playing a variety of card games with our giant playing cards.

**GHEENS:** Thursday, 12/28 @ 3 PM (All Ages)

- National Playing Card Day Games: Try your hand at our giant card games.

**GOLDEN MEADOW:** Thursday, 12/28 @ All Day (All Ages)

- Playing Card Day: Use our giant deck of cards to play games with friends or other patrons.

**LAROSE:** Wednesday, 12/27 @ 4 PM (All Ages)

- Jumbo Go Fish Tournament: Do you like to play Go Fish? Join us for a tournament using jumbo-sized cards!

**LOCKPORT:** Wednesday, 12/27 @ 2 PM (All Ages)

- National Playing Card Day - Go Fish: Come to the library & play a special game of Go Fish with extra large playing cards!

**RACELAND:** Thursday, 12/28 @ 4 PM (All Ages)

- Bingo Blast - Pokeno Tournament: It's the fun of Bingo, the excitement of playing cards!

**SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Thursday, 12/28 @ 10:30 AM (Kids/Teens)

- Play Jumbo Memory: Try your hand (& brain) at a game of Memory with others using our jumbo playing cards!

**THIBODAU:** Thursday, 12/28 @ 2 PM (All Ages)

- National Card Playing Day: Enjoy a variety of card games & snacks!

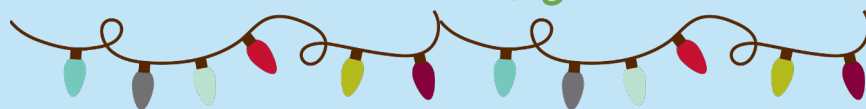


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## Holly Jolly Holiday Events

\* = Please Register



See our full programming line-up at [www.lafourche.org](http://www.lafourche.org)

## Santa & Mrs. Claus Are Coming to Town!

BAYOU BLUE: Mrs. Claus in the Library! - Friday, 12/22 @ All Day  
CHOCTAW: Cookies with Mrs. Claus - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 4:30 PM  
GHEENS: Christmas Caroling & Festivities w/Santa - Thursday, 12/21 @ 3 PM  
GOLDEN MEADOW: A Visit with Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4:30 PM  
LAROSE: Story Time with Mrs. Claus - Thursday, 12/21 @ 1 PM  
LOCKPORT: Mrs. Claus Story Time & Pictures - Thursday, 12/07 @ 10:30 AM  
Pictures with Mrs. Claus - Thursday, 12/07 @ 4 PM  
RACELAND: Story Time with Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 11 AM  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Photos with Santa - Friday, 12/01 @ 3:30 - 4:45 PM  
THIBODAUX: Christmas Extravaganza w/Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 3-5:30 PM



There will be photo ops - bring your camera!

## Thibodaux Branch

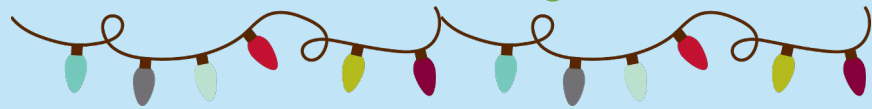
- \*Kids Craft: DIY Christmas Ornaments - Saturday, 12/02 @ 10:30 AM (Kids, Ages 8+)
- \*Tween/Teen Framed Watercolor Pine Forest - Saturday, 12/02 @ 2 PM (Tweens/Teens, Ages 11+)
- Winter Story Time with Ms. Allison - Wednesday, 12/06 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- \*Chez Bakery: Christmas Cupcake Decorating - Wednesday, 12/06 @ 4 PM (Kids, Ages 6+)
- Winter Laptime - Thursday, 12/07 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers)
- Louisiana Authors' Book Fair - Saturday, 12/09 @ 10 AM - 2 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Extravaganza with Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 3-5:30 PM (All Ages)
- Snowman Fun Laptime - Thursday, 12/14 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers)
- Winter Jigsaw Puzzle Day - Thursday, 12/14 @ 2 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Themed Coloring Sheets - Friday, 12/15 @ All Day (All Ages)
- Tween/Teen Paint Sample Tree Cards - Saturday, 12/16 @ 2 PM (Tweens/Teens, Ages 11+)
- \*Adult Craft: Christmas Frame Decor - Monday, 12/18 @ 5 PM (Adults)
- Family Christmas Bingo - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Story Time - Wednesday, 12/20 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Santa's Coming to Town Laptime - Thursday, 12/21 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers)
- Sony Pictures Animation Presents: *Arthur Christmas* - Friday, 12/22 @ 1 PM (All Ages)
- New Year's Eve Story Time - Wednesday, 12/27 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Animal Tales: Holiday Safari - Thursday, 12/28 @ 10:30 AM (All Ages)

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### Bayou Blue Branch

- Popsicle Stick Christmas Tree Ornaments - Friday, 12/01 @ 3:30 PM (Kids, Ages 4-8)
- \*Christmas Painting - Wednesday, 12/06 @ 1:30 PM (Adults)
- \*Crocheted Star Ornament - Thursday, 12/07 @ 1:30 PM (Adults)
- \*Christmas Votive Candleholder - Friday, 12/08 @ 11:30 AM (Adults)
- Paint Chip Christmas Cards - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 4 PM (Kids, Ages 4-8)
- Winter Time Story Time - Monday, 12/18 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Painted Ornaments - Monday, 12/18 @ 4 PM (Kids, Ages 9-12)
- \*No-Sew Sock Snowmen - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4 PM (Kids, Ages 9-12)
- Mrs. Claus in the Library! - Friday, 12/22 @ All Day (All Ages)

### Choctaw Branch

- \*Handmade Christmas Ornaments - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 4:30 PM (All Ages)
- \*Holiday Reindeer Painting - Thursday, 12/07 @ 11 AM (Adults)
- Jingle Bells Story Time - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 11:15 AM (Infants, Toddlers)
- Cookies with Mrs. Claus - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 4:30 PM (All Ages)
- \*Holiday Scented Bath Salts - Thursday, 12/14 @ 1 PM (Adults)
- \*Holiday Scented Bath Salts - Thursday, 12/14 @ 5 PM (Teens)
- Tasty Tuesday: Hot Chocolate Bar - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 3-5 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Fun BINGO - Wednesday, 12/20 @ 4:30 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Cookies and 20th Century Fox's *Christmas Classics* - Friday, 12/22 @ All Day (All Ages)
- New Year's Sparkle Firework Painting - Wednesday, 12/27 @ 5 PM (Kids, Ages 3-9)



### Gheens Branch

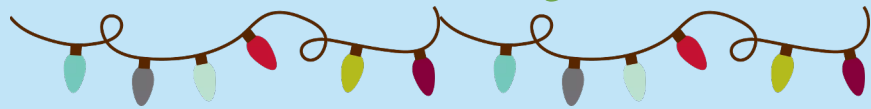
- Movie Matinee: Disney's A Christmas Carol - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 3:30 PM (All Ages)
- Snow Folks Craft - Friday, 12/08 @ 10 AM (Adults)
- Gingerbread House Design - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Snowman Cocoa Mason Jar Craft - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 11 AM (Adults)
- Tin Cup Santa Art Workshop - Thursday, 12/14 @ 4 PM (Tweens/Teens)
- Christmas Preschool Story Time & Craft - Monday, 12/18 @ 4 PM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Christmas Oatmeal Clay Ornaments - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Caroling & Festivities with Santa - Thursday, 12/21 @ 3 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Bingo - Friday, 12/22 @ 2 PM (All Ages)

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### Lockport Branch

- Holiday Drink Coasters - Friday, 12/01 @ 1 PM (Adults)
- \*Adult Studio: Holiday Cheer Painting - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 11 AM (Adults)
- Mrs Claus Story Time & Pictures - Thursday, 12/07 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Pictures with Mrs. Claus - Thursday, 12/07 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Sensory Play - Friday, 12/08 @ 10:30 AM (Infants, Toddlers)
- STEM Squad: Geometric Snowflake Ornaments - Saturday, 12/09 @ 2 PM (Ages 7-17)
- Cajun Christmas Story Time & Letters to St. Nick - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 4:30 PM (All Ages)
- \*Munch Bunch: Tiny Gingerbread House - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 5 PM (Kids, Ages 5-12)
- Simply Santa Story Time - Thursday, 12/14 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- \*Monthly Manicures: Winter Wonderland - Thursday, 12/14 @ 1 PM (All Ages)
- \*Adult Studio: Mixed Media Christmas Trees - Friday, 12/15 @ 11 AM (Adults)
- Peppermint Sugar Scrub - Saturday, 12/16 @ 1 PM (Tweens/Teens)
- Warner Bros.' *Polar Express* PJ-Palooza - Wednesday, 12/20 @ 2 PM (All Ages)
- Feliz Navidad Bilingual Story Time - Thursday, 12/21 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Winter Animals Story Time - Thursday, 12/28 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Animal Tales Holiday Safari - Thursday, 12/28 @ 1 PM (All Ages)

### Raceland Branch

- Holiday Lights Craft - Friday, 12/01 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Story Time with Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 11 AM (All Ages)
- Hot Chocolate Craft Duo - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 4 PM (Adults)
- Blustery Hat Craft - Thursday, 12/07 @ 4 PM (Kids)
- Minty Mice Craft - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 4 PM (Kids)
- Teen Ice Painting - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 4 PM (Teens)
- Popcorn & Movie: Lee Mendelson's *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - Friday, 12/15 @ 4 PM (All Ages)
- Hot Chocolate Craft Duo - Monday, 12/18 @ 4 PM (Teens)
- Papa Noel Story Time - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 11 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Winter Snowglobes - Wednesday, 12/27 @ 4 PM (Teens)

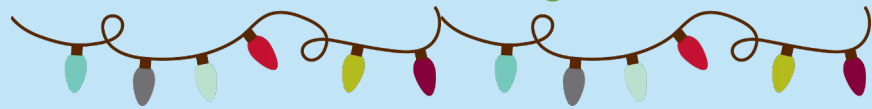


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### South Lafourche Branch

- Photos with Santa - Friday, 12/01 @ 3:30 - 4:45 PM (All Ages)
- It's the Freezing Season Story Time with Ms. Nalon - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 10:30 AM (Toddlers, Kids)
- \*Christmas Tree Craft - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 10:30 AM (Adults)
- Kids' Christmas Tree Craft - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 5:30 PM (Kids)
- Animal Tales Holiday Safari - Thursday, 12/28 @ 4 PM (All Ages)

### Larose Branch

- \*Adult Craft: Santa Wreath - Tuesday, 12/05 @ 2 PM (Adults)
- Rudolph Story Time - Thursday, 12/07 @ 1 PM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Reindeer Cocoa Cones Craft - Wednesday, 12/13 @ 4:30 PM (Kids, Teens)
- It's the Freezing Season Story Time with Ms. Nalon - Thursday, 12/14 @ 1 PM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Peppermint Sugar Scrub Craft - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4 PM (Tweens/Teens)
- Story Time with Mrs. Claus - Thursday, 12/21 @ 1 PM (All Ages)
- Christmas Cookie Decorating - Thursday, 12/21 @ 5 PM (All Ages)
- Snow Story Time - Thursday, 12/28 @ 1 PM (Toddlers, Kids)
- Elf on the Shelf Contest (*Find the library Elf to be entered in a drawing for a prize!*)  
Contest - 12/01 - 12/21 @ 12 PM (All Ages)

### Golden Meadow Branch

- Letters to Santa - Tuesday, 12/05 @ All Day (Kids)
- Winter Solstice Story Time - Wednesday, 12/06 @ 4 PM (Kids)
- Take Home Craft Monday: Jack Frost Children's Craft - Monday, 12/11 @ All Day (Kids)
- \*Christmas Tree Painting - Tuesday, 12/12 @ 1 PM (Adults)
- A Visit with Mrs. Claus - Tuesday, 12/19 @ 4:30 PM (All Ages)
- Merry Christmas Story Time - Wednesday, 12/20 @ 4 PM (Kids)
- 'Tis the Season Movie: Warner Bros.' *The Polar Express* - Thursday, 12/21 @ 1 PM (All Ages)
- Elf on the Shelf Contest (*Find the library Elf to be entered in a drawing for your own Elf!*)  
Contest - 12/01 - 12/21 Drawing - 12/22 (Kids, Ages 0-14)

KIDS ONLY!

# Children's Books of the Month

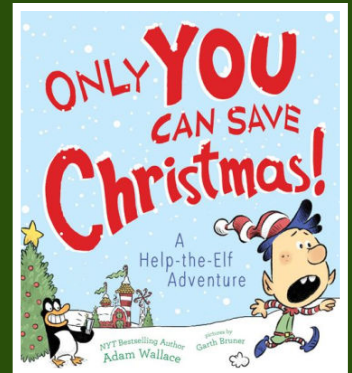


## Only You Can Save Christmas!

by Adam Wallace



Wink the Elf asks the reader's help to get Santa's presents ready for Mrs. Claus on Christmas Eve. It's Christmas Eve and Santa's list for Mrs. Claus hasn't been checked twice! Whistle for a partridge and yodel for the milkmaids, it's a North Pole emergency in this interactive holiday picture book like no other! Join Wink the Elf in this chaotic Christmas romp - dancing is required.



## ELF IN THE HOUSE



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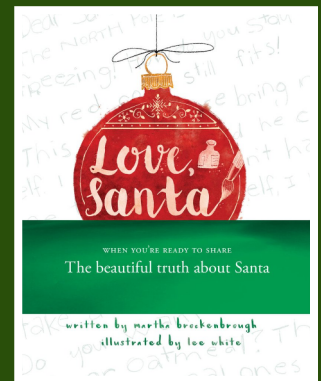
by Ammi-Joan Paquette

Jingle-jingle! There's a girl in the house on this snowy Christmas Eve. Creeping down, step by step, here she comes. But - what's going on? Santa's snacks are gone, and the only thing that's left is... crumbs! Discover who else is in the house in this festive new collaboration from the pair behind Ghost in the House.

## Love, Santa

by Martha Brockenbrough

In a series of letters, a young girl writes to Santa to ask about the North Pole, Mrs. Claus, & of course, Christmas goodies. Year after year, Santa writes back, and a heartwarming relationship develops, until one year, the girl writes to her mother instead: Mom, are you Santa? Her mother responds to say that no, she is not Santa. Because Santa is bigger than any one person - we bring him out through kindness to one another & the power of imagination. This transformative tale spins a universal childhood experience into a story about love, giving, & the spirit of Christmas.



## The Nutcracker: A BabyLit Dance Primer

by Jennifer Adams

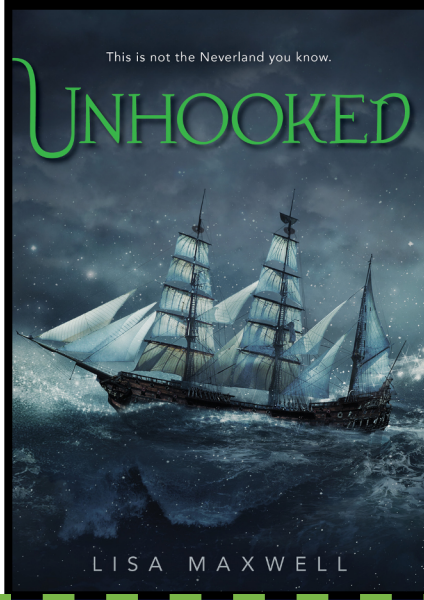


## Top Elf

by Caleb Huett



# BOOK REVIEWS

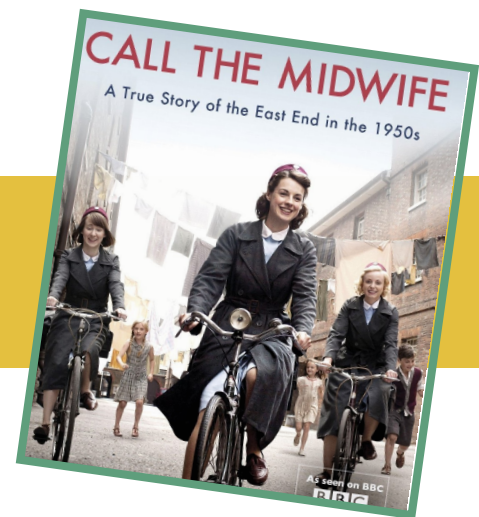


## Peter Pan Fans ... Prepare to Be Unhooked

"*Unhooked*, Lisa Maxwell's twisted tale of Peter Pan isn't the Neverland of your dreams - it's the Neverland of your nightmares. Forget everything you've heard of Neverland. In *Unhooked*, Neverland is really that - a constantly changing, wild, unruly island, inhabited by nightmarish Fey. And Peter Pan? Well, let's just say he's the biggest lie of all.

*Unhooked* is an enchanting read. It spins the classic fairy tale of Peter Pan and Captain Hook on its head. I've read several retellings of classic fairy tales, but found many of them lacking. Maxwell's gift for story telling made me feel like I was on Neverland, right alongside Gwen, the Captain, and Pan. There is a bit of everything: mystery, action, romance, and supernatural. This is a story of self-discovery and believing in yourself. Fans of ABC's *Once Upon a Time*, and AG Howard's *Splintered* trilogy will enjoy Lisa Maxwell's dark retelling of J. M. Barrie's Peter Pan and Neverland."

- Katie Cheramie, Lockport Branch Librarian



## VICTORIA BY HELEN RAPPAORT

"Most of us picture Queen Victoria as an aging monarch, dressed in black, donning her tiny mourning crown. But she wasn't always so. Queen Victoria began her reign as a vibrant, strong-willed teenager. It's this Queen Victoria who is portrayed in the PBS Masterpiece production *Victoria*.

In *Victoria: The Heart and Mind of a Young Queen: Official Companion to the Masterpiece Presentation*, historian and author Helen Rappaport illuminates the central figures in Victoria's life, including her family, her court, and her household staff. In short chapters, Rappaport packs much information on Victoria, those around her, and England during Victoria's initial time as queen. Rappaport also expands on situations and locations introduced in the series, providing historical context and giving a sense of what life was like for some of the Queen's richest and poorest subjects. In short, for fans of *Victoria*, and to some extent, for readers of history, this book is a good reference and a glimpse at the woman who gave her name to one of the most productive ages in history."

- Katina Gaudet, South Lafourche Area Librarian

## CALL THE MIDWIFE BY JENNIFER WORTH

"Admittedly, I watched the *Call the Midwife* PBS series before reading Jennifer Worth's memoir of her life as a midwife in London's East End in the 1950s. Both pieces of work are excellent and are guaranteed to deliver hours upon hours of entertainment, which is also quite educational as well. Whether you read the *Midwife* trilogy first, or watch the award-winning television series, you're in for a fascinating peek into the life and work of a midwife.

Worth's memoir is highly entertaining, sharing stories of families she knew, babies she delivered, and friends she made, both within Nonnatus House and out. The stories are broken up into easily digestible chapters, with each chapter focusing on a different birth or person in Worth's life.

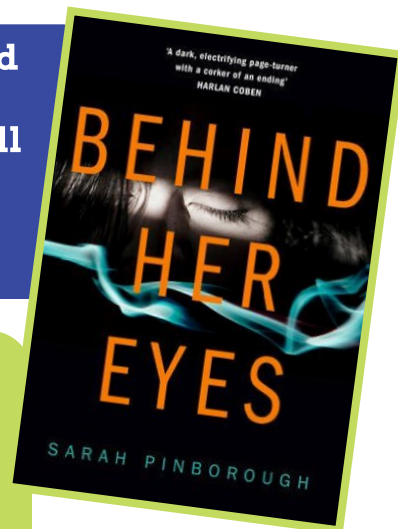
Worth treats each story shared in *Call the Midwife* with attention and detail. She knows what is interesting about nursing work in the 50s, and she offers up these bits and pieces to the curious reader. No worries about plodding through boring technical details here!"

- Brooke Savoie, Public Relations Librarian

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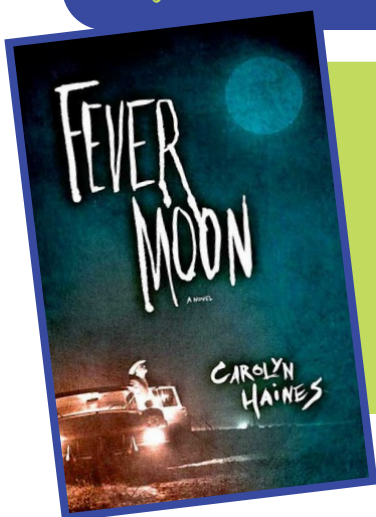
"*Behind Her Eyes* takes the reader through so many unexpected twists and turns. As you're reading, you will definitely think you have the ending all figured out, but oh no, I promise you will totally be shocked at how this book ends."

- *Crystal Robichaux, Area Librarian*



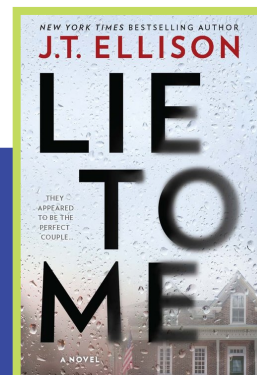
"Carolyn Haines is an excellent storyteller. Her use of strong mystery elements bring to life the times, the place, and the characters in *Fever Moon*. This literary thriller will have you wanting to know more about the legendary loup garou."

- *Charlotte Gaubert, Thibodaux Area Librarian*



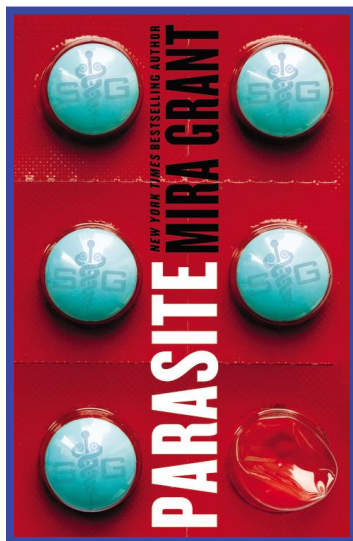
"*Lie to Me* is a thrilling page turner about a marriage crumbling and the unseen factors that cause it to disintegrate even quicker."

- *Elizabeth Batte, Thibodaux Children's Librarian*



"If you could have perfect health in return for giving yourself a tapeworm, would you do it? If you answered yes, what would make you regret it? In the world of Mira Grant's novel *Parasite*, millions of people have a tapeworm specially designed by the company SymboGen implanted in their bodies secreting designer drugs, making things like diabetes and allergies a thing of the past."

- *Catherine Bascle, Librarian*



"I really only have one word for this book and that word is: YES. Angsty historical romance can be so good when it's done right and after this, I'm convinced that Stacy Reid knows how to do it right. I really enjoyed this." - *Shannon Porche, Assistant Director*



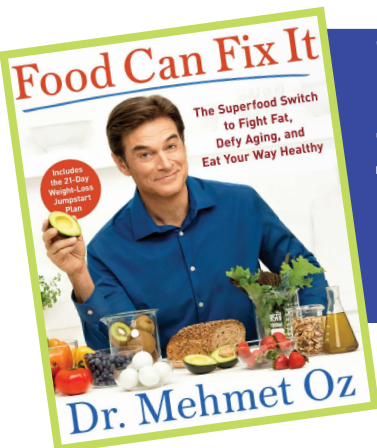
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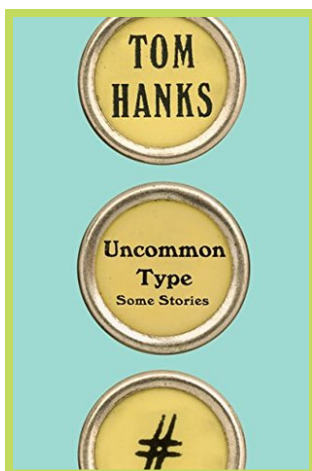
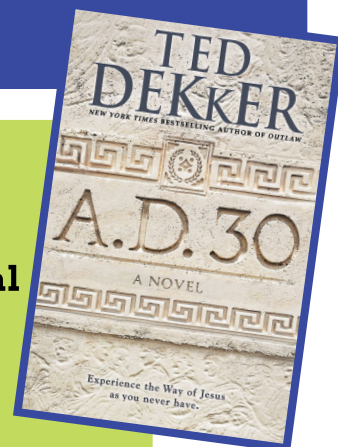


"This very interesting, informative book has it all. It can be read in bits & pieces, but it really captures the reader's attention so it is very hard to put down. The recipes are fantastic, & easy to make. The tips & tricks are so easy to incorporate into daily life. What is it that you want food to fix?"

- Kathy Dykes, Cataloging Librarian

"This captivating work of historical fiction provides a view of life through the eyes of people who lived in Jesus' day. It is a man's world, to be sure. Danger & suspense, political intrigue & violence, & even encounters with Yeshua (Jesus) himself make for an unforgettable story. Adventure lovers won't be disappointed."

- Lynette Fazzio, Programming Administrator



"I have to admit I was curious when I heard that two time Oscar winning actor Tom Hanks had written a book. The book turned out to be *Uncommon Type: Some Stories*, 17 short stories that cover a range of emotions & situations including two friends who become lovers, a teenage surfer who discovers his father's secret, a 10 year old boy coping with his parent's divorce, & four friends going to the moon & back. I chose to listen to the book on CD of *Uncommon Type* because Tom Hanks was the narrator and I thought it would be pleasant to hear him read his own words—and it was."

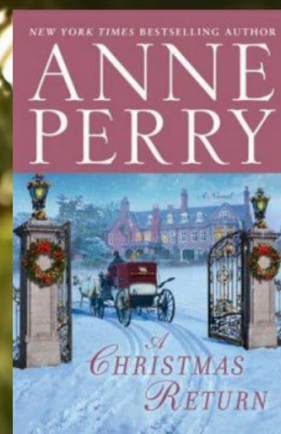
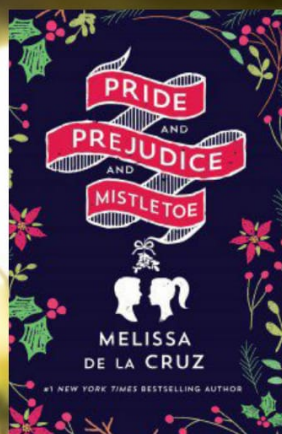
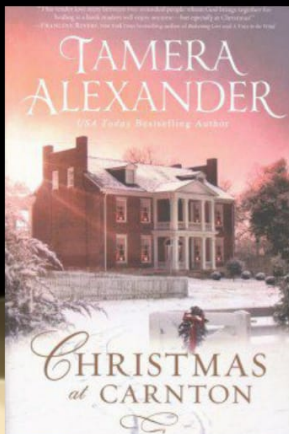
- Helen Brunet, Technical Services Librarian

"For a twisted tale of horror & intrigue, pick up this book. I couldn't put it down, but at the same time, I was too scared to read it! Brenda Novak did an amazing job of getting me into the minds of the psychopaths. She weaves a magnificent story & I cannot wait for the next book in this series."

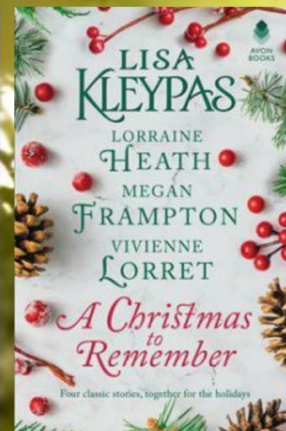
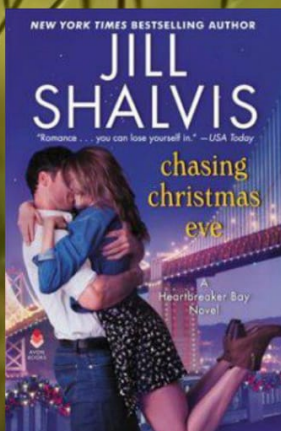
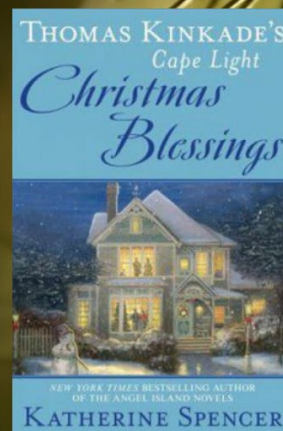
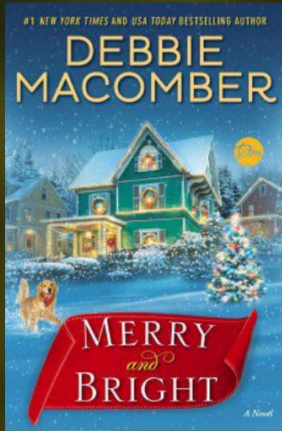
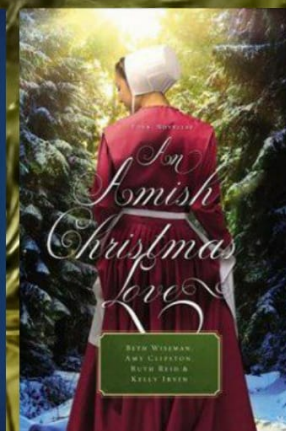
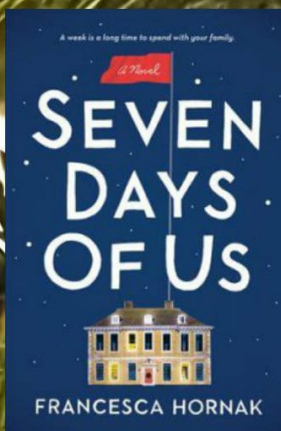
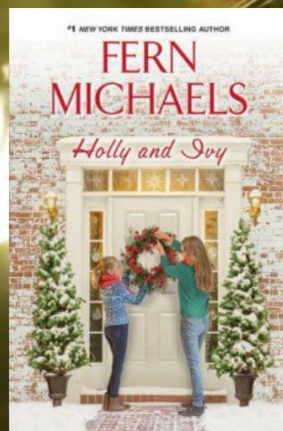
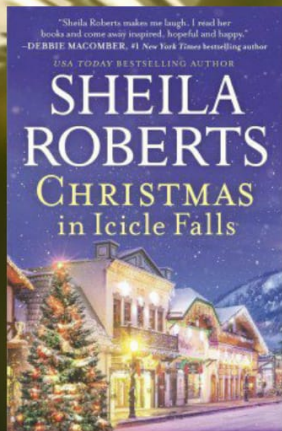
- Dione David, South Lafourche Reference Librarian

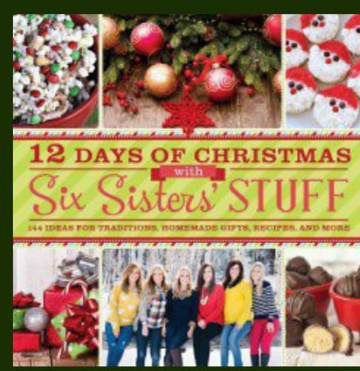
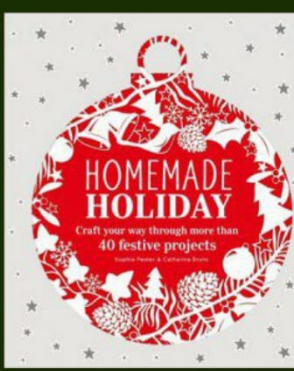
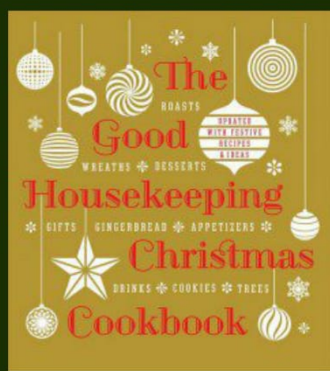
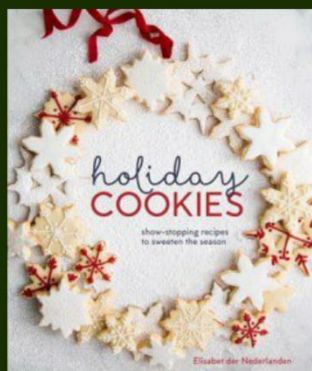


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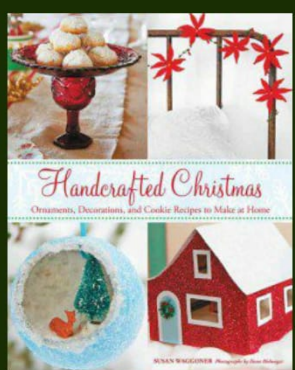
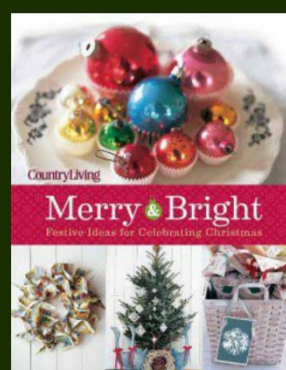
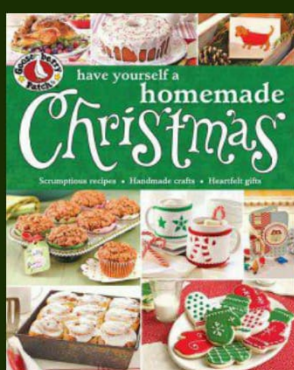
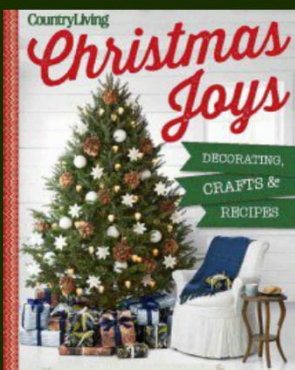
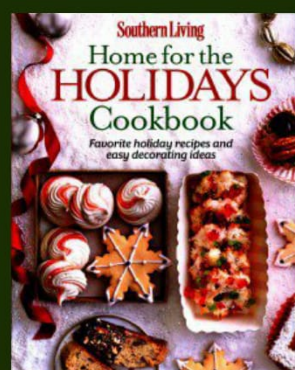
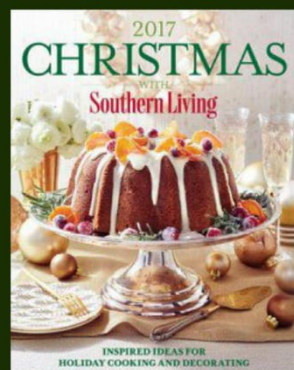
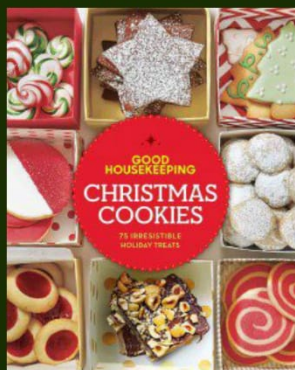


## CURL UP WITH THESE Christmas Reads





## Delicious December Delights





# LPPL Staff



## Meet Crystal Robichaux Bayou Blue & Raceland Area Librarian

Crystal Robichaux recently received some exciting news – she was promoted to Area Librarian over our Bayou Blue & Raceland branches after previously working since the summer at our Thibodaux Branch as a reference librarian. Crystal, who often assists patrons with their technological questions & needs, quickly learned that helping people is her favorite part about working at LPPL. “I absolutely love everything about my job, but my favorite thing is that I’m helping people in many different ways. Every day is so rewarding when the patrons tell you how much they appreciate all the help you gave them.” It’s no surprise that Crystal enjoys helping the LPPL community so much. She served as a 5th grade teacher for Terrebonne Parish Public Schools for 10 years. During this time she worked on her master’s degree in Library and Information Science at LSU, even taking a position as a school librarian a year before graduating with her MLIS. Crystal later went on to work as a sales manager for Marine Education Textbooks for 3 years before joining the LPPL team.

In addition to supervising the daily operations of our Bayou Blue & Raceland branches, Crystal also helps patrons find new books to read & movies to watch, provides technology classes, works on grant writing, and assists patrons in finding much-needed information. She shared with us why the technology classes & assistance that LPPL provides is so important. “Because we are living in the digital age, many people are facing so many overwhelming challenges & obstacles trying to adapt to the many changes presented by technology. Patrons who feel overwhelmed & stressed by technology when first coming into the library usually leave the library feeling successful, at ease, & more relaxed. In turn, I feel accomplished & successful knowing that I was able to assist them.”

When she’s not at work, Crystal enjoys spending time in the great outdoors & traveling. She loves shopping, riding her bike, fishing, kayaking, & shooting pool. She also spends lots of time cooking & cleaning her house. Crystal enjoys books, movies, & TV shows that are heartwarming & have a happy ending. She also enjoys suspense & thrillers, but nothing that is too horrifying!



## FUN FACTS: CHRISTMAS EDITION



**BEST THING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS:** Time to relax and chill at home watching Christmas movies, spending time with family, & cooking & baking some really good food.

**HOW EARLY DO YOU PUT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE? WHEN DO YOU TAKE IT DOWN?:** I haven’t put up a Christmas tree in about 10-12 years. I’m not a scrooge. I love Christmas, but I just don’t do the decorating thing. It’s easier to admire other people’s decorations.

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG:** Silent Night

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS FOODS:** I love all Christmas foods, but my favorites are cornbread dressing, ham, gumbo, & any dessert containing chocolate.

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION:** I like giving Christmas gifts, but I don’t like shopping for them. I also like donating food to my church’s Thanksgiving & Christmas food drives.

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CHARACTER:** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer because he didn’t let the bullying by others get him down.

**ARE YOU ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST THIS YEAR?:** I’m hoping I’m on the Nice List, but I think that depends on who you talk to.



# LPPL Staff



## Meet Megan Myers Lockport Branch Associate



Megan Myers joined the LPPL team in July of this year, working both reference and circulation at our Lockport Branch. A 2011 graduate of Nicholls, Megan got her first taste of libraries at the University, where she worked as a Library Specialist from 2013-2015. She puts the skills she gained at NSU to good use at LPPL, answering patron questions in person & over the phone, keeping in contact with patrons about arrived items & upcoming programs, and checking out items to patrons. "My favorite thing about my job is helping people & hopefully making their day a little bit better." When not working, Megan enjoys crafting, baking, & traveling. You can also find her watching her favorite TV shows, The Big Bang Theory & This is Us. Welcome to the LPPL team, Megan!

## FUN FACTS: CHRISTMAS EDITION

**BEST THING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS:** The "giving spirit" and good will

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG:** O' Holy Night

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION:** Baking family recipes with my mom

**FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE/SHOW:** Elf

**HOW EARLY DO YOU PUT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE? WHEN DO YOU TAKE IT DOWN?:**  
I usually put it up the weekend after Thanksgiving & take it down after New Year's Day.

**ARE YOU ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST THIS YEAR?:** I hope I am on the Nice List!



## Holiday Reading Traditions

Share a love of reading as a family during the holidays!



- Pick one family favorite book & read it aloud each year. Each time it is read, record the date & place where the book was read on the inside cover. Then take a photo of the family with the book & slip it in the book to look at next year.
- Plan a family trip to the library to check out books to read each night of Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa.
- Start a collection of holiday/winter books for all ages. Enjoy them during this time of year, & then pack them away in a special box to open & rediscover year after year.

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# APP CORNER

Have a Very "Appy" Christmas!



Elf Yourself



Christmas Countdown!



Message from Santa!



Christmas Radio



The Elf on the Shelf Ideas



Christmas Gift List



Giftster



Norad Tracks Santa Claus



Merry Christmas Card Maker



Christmas Photo Effects



Toca Hair Salon Christmas Gift



The Impossible Test Christmas



Manage Christmas



Christmas Piano with Songs



Christmas Dentist



Santa's Naughty or Nice List



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Veterans Day Breakfast  
Thibodaux Branch



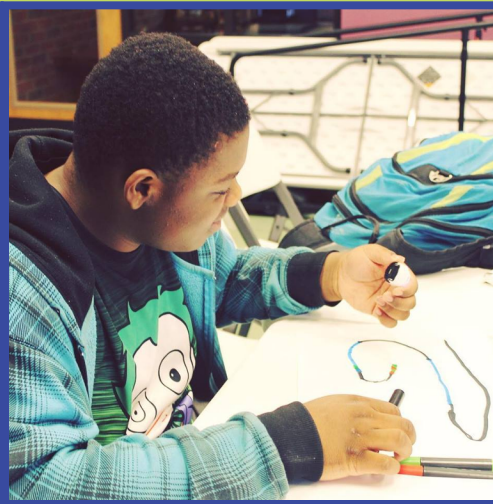
Tinker Toy Time  
Choctaw Branch



Pumpkin Swirl Painting  
Bayou Blue Branch



Trick-or-Treat Story Time  
Lockport Branch



Robotics Lab  
Raceland Branch



Halloween Crafting  
Gheens Branch



Lafourche Fire District 3 Visit  
South Lafourche Branch



Turkey Wreath Crafting  
Larose Branch



Domestic Violence Awareness  
Golden Meadow Branch

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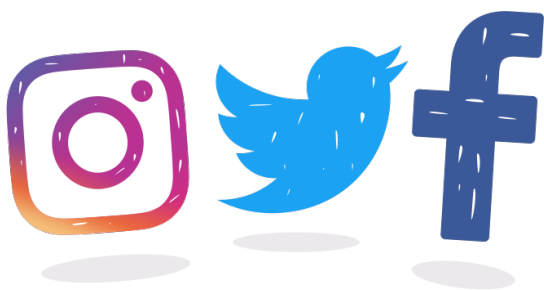
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