



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

February 2018

Fall in Love with Your Library

How Sweet It Is to Be Loved By YOU:
Celebrating Library Lovers' Month 2018

Book Lovers, Meet Your Matchmaker with NoveList Plus

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler: Mardi Gras 2018

Black History Month 2018 @ Your Library

For the Kids: Children's Authors & Illustrators Week
& Children's Dental Health Month Events

Homebound? We Can Help with
Homebound Delivery Services

Calling All Collectors!
We Want to Put Your
Collection on Display

February is Library Lovers' Month

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February Closures

(All LPPL Branches Will Be Closed)

We will be closed
Saturday, February 10 -
Tuesday, February 13
for the Mardi Gras holiday.

MEET OUR LIBRARY BOARD

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STAFF STAR!

RAMONA GREGOIRE



Big congratulations go out to Bayou Blue Staff Member Ramona for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Ramona recently agreed to lead a crochet class at our branch. Ramona was efficient & effective in planning & leading her class.

The class attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ramona's willingness to try something new & the fact that she put forth a great effort to make it successful definitely earns her a star!"

- Lori Olin, Bayou Blue Branch Manager

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

Join Ramona for her next crochet class - "Single Stitch Crocheting" - on Thursday, February 22 at 1:30 PM.
Stop by, call (580-0634), or go online to register!

WHAT'S NEW!

PRESENTING: YOUR COLLECTION AT LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Are you a collector? Would you like to share your collection with the Lafourche Parish Public Library community by putting it on display in one of our branches?



Yes?

We would love to showcase your collection in one of our Community Display Cases!



How?

Contact your local LPPL branch & share that you are interested in putting your collection on display! Our staff will talk to you about your collection & schedule a time to display your collection that best fits our monthly events.





BLOGGING WITH LPPL

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS HOMEBOUND



We Can Help!



Here at LPPL we want to serve every member of our communities regardless of their ability to make their way to our locations. Part of our efforts to do this is making available our electronic, online services like cloudLibrary, Flipster, & Hoopla. Many people, however, still want a real, solid book or disc in their hands. If those people are ill, disabled, or otherwise prevented from leaving home to visit us for at least three months, we offer our Homebound Delivery Service. If you or someone you know is homebound, we can help! Keep reading to discover how.



It's Your Library ...
DELIVERED

Your LPPL offers free Homebound Delivery Services to Lafourche Parish residents who are physically unable to visit our library branches due to medical or mobility issues.

- Are you permanently or temporarily homebound for at least three months?
- Are you a resident of Lafourche Parish?
- Is your library card in good standing?



YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES!

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE GUIDELINES:

- Any LPPL cardholder who is either temporarily or permanently homebound for at least three months can register for Lafourche Parish Public Library's Homebound Delivery Services.
- All participants must have a library card in good standing.
- Participants must complete the Application for Homebound Services form, & mail, fax, email, or return it to their local LPPL branch. Participants can also call & have a library staff member complete their application over the phone.
- Participants can either arrange for a family member or friend to pick up their requested library materials or can arrange for home delivery of materials by the library, if needed.
- Items will be loaned for 21 days. Renewals will be allowed once for items that are not on hold for someone else. Participants can call their local branch to request that their items be renewed.
- Staff will generally select materials for participants by using the info supplied on the Homebound Services Application. Participants can also request specific items.
- Items not available at the time of request will be placed on hold. Participants will be notified when the item becomes available.
- Overdue fines are not charged for materials loaned under this service. However, because program participants are responsible for items checked out on their card, they will be charged the replacement cost for any & all materials that are lost and/or damaged while in their care. Library materials are considered lost when they are 90 days overdue.
- This service is only available for the homebound participant. Library materials should not be loaned to others.

- Catherine Bascle, Librarian

For more information or to sign up for the service, contact your local LPPL branch!

What's HOT...

Calling All
Library Lovers!

How Sweet It Is To
Be Loved By You!

There's no better time to celebrate the #1 love in your life (your library, of course!) than National Library Lovers' Month! Show your library some love by joining us throughout February for these lovely events!



Pledge your love for your library! Be sure to sign one of our "Library Lover" pledge cards when you stop in this month!



Take a photo with our BIG Library Lovers' Cards! Look for your photo on our Facebook page. Use the hashtag #ilovemyLPPL to share the love on social media!

Connect with Us!



Special Events

- BAYOU BLUE:** Book Heart Garland - Wednesday, 02/14, 4 PM (Ages 4-8)
I *Heart* Library Story Time - Monday, 02/19, 10:30 AM (All Ages)
- CHOCTAW:** Library Lovers' Appreciation Day Refreshments - Thursday, 02/15, 10 AM-5 PM
- GHEENS:** Library Lovers' Heart Collage - Thursday, 02/22, 4 PM (Tweens/Teens)
- GOLDEN MEADOW:** Library Lovers Appreciation Day - Thursday, 02/15, 3-5 PM (All Ages)
- LAROSE:** Trading Titles: Library Lovers' Month - Monday, 02/26, 11 AM (Adults)
- LOCKPORT:** *Library Lovers' Candles - Tuesday, 02/27, 1 PM (Adults)
- RACELAND & SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Take Part in our Library Lovers' Displays! - All Month (All Ages)
- THIBODAUX:** Library Lovers' Story Time - Wednesday, 02/28, 10:30 AM (Kids)

What's HOT

BOOK LOVERS
Meet Your
Matchmaker!



Discover
Books with
Novelist Plus

No one wants to spend Valentine's Day with a book that's BORING which is why you should let Novelist Plus match you with a read you'll never forget this February. As a LPPL card holder, you have FREE access to the greatest reader's resource out there - Novelist Plus!

HOW IT WORKS:

- On the Novelist home page, click "Try Our Appeal Mixer."
- Select from which age group you would like a book match. (Adults, Teens, Kids)
- You can select up to three "appeal" categories to create your match. For example, for Adult books, appeal categories include: Character, Illustration, Pace, Storyline, Tone, & Writing Style.
- In the pull-down menus for the categories, select the appeals that you find appealing! There are so many to choose from! For example, in the Character Appeal category, you can pick from characters who are courageous, flawed, likeable, or quirky, to name a few!
- Once you create your perfect mix, click "Find Titles." You are now ready to browse your matches & find the book that is just right for you!
- Click each book title to learn more about the book. Clicking on "Check the Library Catalog" will search our catalog for you (Want to read something that we don't own? Place a request with us!)

Home Browse By Especially For Quick Links How Do I? Search Other Databases

Keyword Describe a book. Ex. Japan 1930 women Search

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

Recommended Reads Lists

Fiction Nonfiction

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Audiobooks: Fiction »

Best of 2017: Fiction »

Canadian Fiction »

Fantasy »

Fiction A to Z »

For Fans of... »

Graphic Novels »

Historical Fiction »

Horror »

Mysteries »

I'm in the mood for books that are...

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Moving and Lush Reflective and Leisurely paced Heartwarming and Engaging

Poignant, but evocative reads.

Want to make your own combo? Try our appeal mixer

Click here to make a book match!

Make Your Own Appeal Mix

Pace Fast-paced (23041)

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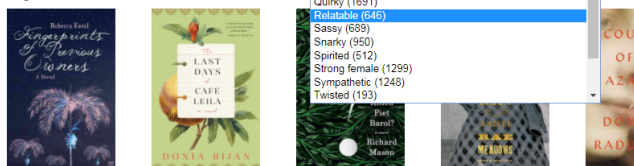
Character -

Find Titles

Try These Appeal Combos

Moving and Lush View All

Poignant, but evocative reads.



Choose appeals to find your perfect book.
Click "Find Titles" & get matched!

Need help getting started? Ask us for a demo!

What's HOT

Here's how to find your next great read in NoveList

1. Match your mood

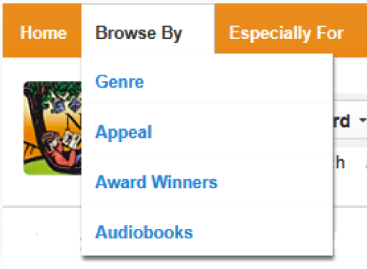
Appeal helps you find books to match your mood -- whether that's witty, sassy, bleak, or something else. On the home screen, you'll find pre-selected **I'm in the Mood For** combos. Select the level (adult, teen, ages 9-12, or ages 0-8) and decide what mood you're in. If you don't like the suggested moods, click on the **Appeal Mixer** and create your own match.

2. Find a read-alike

If you just finished a book you loved, try this. Type the name of the title (or author or series) into the search bar at the top. On the right side of the page are librarian-created **Read-alike** suggestions. If those aren't enough, head to the bottom of the page and use **Search for More** to find what you love.

3. Browse your favorite genres

Whether you haven't read a mystery in fifteen years or are looking for a new series, Genre Browse will show you what's new in a genre, as well as suggestions for popular subgenres. Look for it in the top menu under **Browse By... Genre**.



4. Need a recommendation?

On the left side of the homepage the **Recommended Reads** lists in both fiction and nonfiction, for all ages, are a great place to start.

5. Just-right books

If you're looking for a specific reading level, go the **Advanced Search** page where you'll be able to search for books based on grade, Lexile score, or Accelerated Reader level. After you search, narrow the results down using the other subject and appeal limiters on the left.

6. Don't forget the audiobooks

A narrator's voice matters, and you can search for specific audio styles (in NoveList Plus only). Get started by clicking on the **Browse By... Audiobooks** menu at the top.

APP CORNER

Mardi Gras Parades, Where Y'at?!

With the WWL & WDSU Mardi Gras Parade Tracker apps, you never again have to wonder where on the route those Mardi Gras parades are!

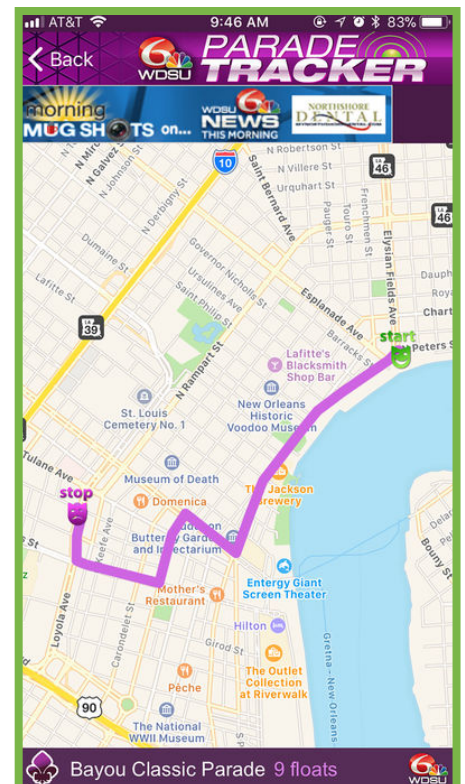


Take Your Pick!

Parade trackers use GPS to provide you with the exact location of over 60 different parades this Mardi Gras season! Know where on the route the parade is, get parade updates, & route changes!

Tracking Parades In:

- New Orleans
- Metairie
- West Bank
- Chalmette
- North Shore
- Houma
- Thibodaux



Available for FREE in the App & Play Stores!

Featured Events



Mardi Gras 2018 @ Your LPPL

From parades, to story times, to crafts, LPPL loves to pass a good time during the Mardi Gras season. So put on your purple, green, and gold, join us at the library, and laissez les bons temps rouler!

MARDI GRAS 2018



Parade Schedule

DATE	PARADE
Tuesday, February 6 4 PM	Krewe du Gheens Gheens Parade (Library Parking Lot)
Wednesday, February 7 10 AM	Krewe of Bookworms Thibodaux Parade (Harang Auditorium)
Thursday, February 8 10:30 AM	Krewe of Once Upon a Time Lockport Parade (Bayouside Park)
Friday, February 9 10:30 AM	Krewe de les Petit Enfants S. Lafourche Parade (Library Parking Lot)

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!

MARDI GRAS

BAYOU BLUE:

- Let's Go to a Parade Story Time
Monday, 02/05, 10:30 AM (All Ages)
- Mardi Gras Bead Mosaic
Thursday, 02/15, 2:30 PM (All Ages)

GOLDEN MEADOW:

- *Mardi Gras Bead Picture Frame
Tuesday, 02/06, 1 PM (Adults)
- Happy Mardi Gras Story Time
Wednesday, 02/07, 4 PM (All Ages)

LAROSE:

- Throw Me Something, Mister Story Time
Thursday, 02/01, 1 PM (Kids)
- Mardi Gras Wreath
Tuesday, 02/06, 2 PM (Adults)

LOCKPORT:

- *Mardi Gras Mixed Media Painting
Saturday, 02/03, 11 AM (Adults)

THIBODAUX:

- *Mardi Gras Craft
Saturday, 02/03, 2 PM (Twins/Teens)
- Handprint Mardi Gras Mask
Monday, 02/05, 4 PM (Kids, Ages 6+)

Featured Events



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

- History.com

BAYOU BLUE: Peace Dove Handprint Craft - Wednesday, 02/21, 4 PM (All Ages)

CHOCTAW: The Colors of Us Story Time - Thursday, 02/08, 4:30 PM (All Ages)

GHEENS: Freedom Quilt Art Workshop - Thursday, 02/01, 3 PM (Tweens/Teens)

GOLDEN MEADOW: Disney's Remember the Titans - Thursday, 02/22, 4 PM (All Ages)

LAROSE: Rosa Parks Story Time - Thursday, 02/22, 1 PM (Kids)

LOCKPORT: African Sunset Painting - Saturday, 02/24, 11 AM (Ages 12-17)

RACELAND: African Americans in Times of War Artwork - Thursday, 02/22, 4 PM (All Ages)

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Disney's Remember the Titans - Saturday, 02/24, 1 PM (All Ages)

THIBODAUX: Alvin Batiste Louisiana Premiere Folk Artist - Saturday, 02/17, 1 PM (Adults)

African American History Month Kids Craft - Thursday, 02/22, 3:30 PM (Ages 6+)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ YOUR LIBRARY

Featured Events



Children's Authors and Illustrators Week February 5 - 9, 2018



Children's Authors & Illustrators Week is celebrated during the first week of February.
Join us as we inspire a lifelong love of reading, writing, & art!

BAYOU BLUE: Matching Trivia Game Night - Wednesday, 02/07, 4 PM (All Ages)

CHOCTAW: Write & Illustrate Your Own Book - Tuesday, 02/06, 4 PM (Ages 5-12)

GHEENS: "Eric Carle" Story Time & Craft - Monday, 02/05, 11 AM (All Ages)

GOLDEN MEADOW: "Happy Mardi Gras" Story Time - Wednesday, 02/07, 4 PM (All Ages)

LAROSE: Mosaic Chameleon Craft - Tuesday, 02/06, 4 PM (Kids)

LOCKPORT: *Munch Bunch Truffula Trees - Friday, 02/09, 3:45 PM (Ages 5-12)

RACELAND: "Eric Carle's Critters" Story Time - Tuesday, 02/06, 11 AM (Kids)

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: "Children's Books Rule!" Story Time - Tuesday, 02/06, 10:30 AM (Kids)

THIBODAUX: Story Time with Authors Gale Atkins Barrow & Carrie Delatte - Tuesday, 02/06, 3:30 PM (Kids)



Children's Dental Health Month

BAYOU BLUE: "Healthy Teeth" Story Time - Monday, 02/26, 10:30 AM (All Ages)

CHOCTAW: "Big Smiles" Story Time - Tuesday, 02/06, 10:30 AM (Ages 0-4)

GHEENS: "Teeth" Story Time & Craft - Monday, 02/19, 11 AM (All Ages)

GOLDEN MEADOW: "I Love My Dentist" Story Time - Wednesday, 02/21, 4 PM (All Ages)

LAROSE: "Teeth" Story Time - Tuesday, 02/15, 1 PM (Kids)

LOCKPORT: "Healthy Teeth" Story Time - Thursday, 02/22, 10:30 AM (Kids)

RACELAND: Toothtastic Adventure - Friday, 02/02, 4 PM (All Ages)

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: "Tooth On the Loose" Story Time - Tuesday, 02/20, 10:30 AM (Kids)

THIBODAUX: National Dental Health Month Story Time - Wednesday, 02/21, 10:30 AM (Kids)

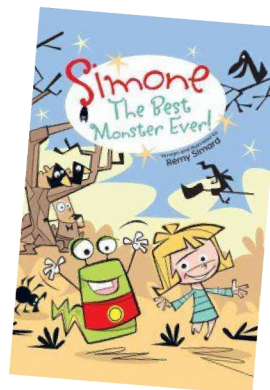
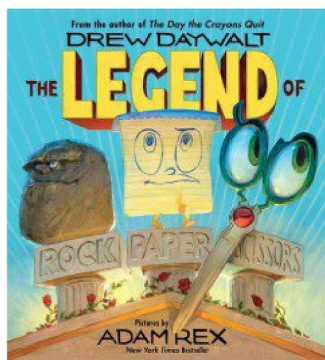
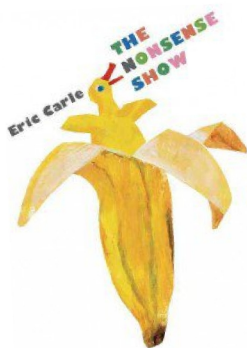
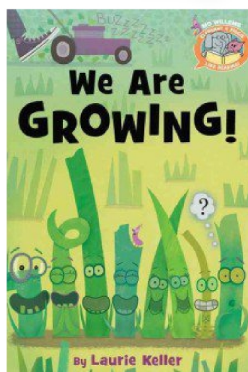
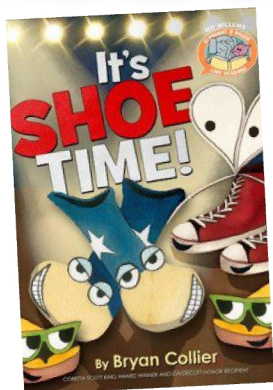


KIDS ONLY!

Children's Books of the Month

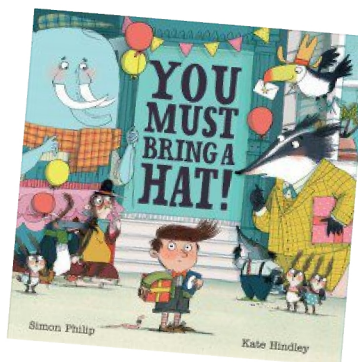
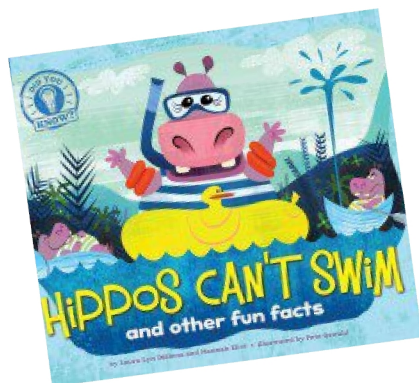


Celebrate Children's Authors & Illustrators Week (February 5-9) with one of these wildly wacky reads!



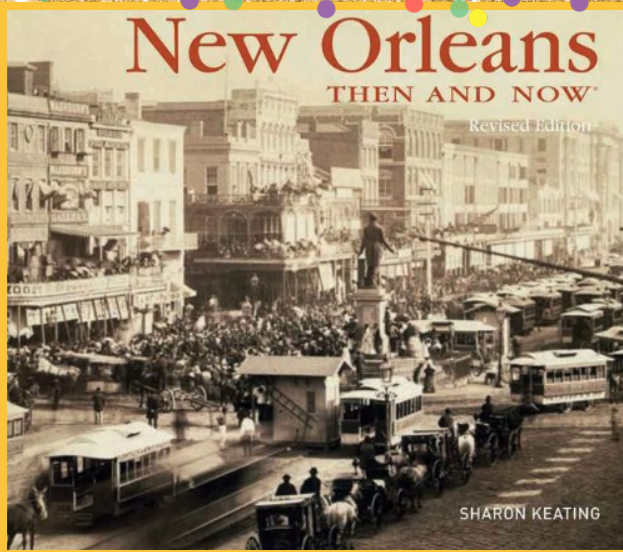
EYE-CATCHING WACKINESS

Silly and Colorful Books
for Kids Ages 0-8



BOOK REVIEWS

"If You Go to New Orleans,
You Oughta Go See The Mardi Gras"



New Orleans: The birthplace of jazz, Creole cuisine, and Mardi Gras madness. From the food, to the inhabitants, the city of New Orleans is truly a gumbo. There's no other city in the world quite like New Orleans. Its architecture is a unique blend of 18th and 19th century French and Spanish architecture, with a lazy island atmosphere. In Sharon Keating's new book, New Orleans Then and Now, it's easy to see why New Orleans is one of the most photographed cities in the world.

In New Orleans Then and Now, Sharon Keating demonstrates both the former and present beauty of New Orleans. Much like a picture book for adults, the book documents what various sites in the city used to look like, versus what it looks like today. Keating also gives a short, detailed history of each site, demonstrating the rich history of the city, as well as how each building has changed over time. The book features must see tourist sites, such as The French Market, St. Charles Avenue, and Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop. It also features lesser-known sites such as the first "skyscraper", the southern railway station, and the Michel Pitot House.

This was a great book to read for short histories on the city. My favorite part, aside from the beautiful pictures, was Keating's excerpts on each photo. As both a lover of history and the city of New Orleans, I was fascinated how the city has changed over the centuries. Keating perfectly captures how the city has changed and modernized, yet has held on to its old world charm. This is a fascinating, although quick read for both tourists and locals of New Orleans.

- Katie Cheramie, Lockport Branch Librarian

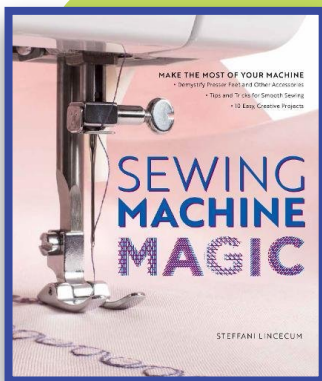
STAFF PICKS

"*Reincarnation Blues* is a comedic & exhilarating look at a man's 10,000 reincarnated lives in his journey to find redemption or perfection in one of these existences. The author's humor is reminiscent of such writers as Christopher Moore, Neil Gaiman, and Douglas Adams but he has made this uproarious vision of the afterlife & reincarnated lives all his own." - *Van Viator, Thibodaux Reference Librarian*



"No matter how long you have been sewing, or if you would like to learn but don't know where to start, this book has info that can be of help to you. Interesting, easy to understand, & with excellent illustrations, this book contains a wealth of helpful information. I learned that the device I got in a box of sewing items so long ago, but had no clue as to what it was, is actually a buttonhole gauge. The tips, tricks, & correct presser foot will help alleviate the frustrations & help to bring the fun back to sewing."

- *Kathy Dykes, Cataloging Librarian*



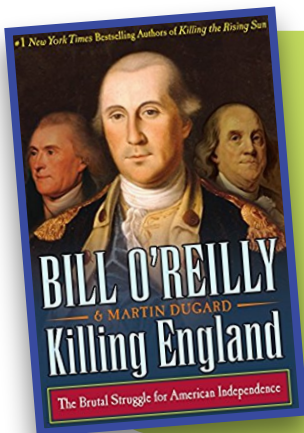
"Many stories are compared to the Harry Potter books and yet so many fall short of the promise. The *Nevermoor* series comes really close to fitting that bill. Marked as a middle grade book, like the Harry Potter and Percy Jackson series, but it will appeal to all ages. Book One, *The Trials of Morrigan Crow* is whimsical & imaginative. A wonderful & entertaining read for anyone that loves adventure and roots for the underdog, much like Harry Potter. A delightfully written debut novel by author Jessica Townsend."

- *Laura Sanders, Library Director*



"*Killing England* is a well-researched & engaging read, sounding almost like a lecture from a favorite history teacher who is truly interested in his subject (Bill O'Reilly is a former history teacher!). O'Reilly & Dugard present fascinating stories & give the facts behind well-known myths & legends about our founding fathers. If you're looking for a historical nonfiction read that isn't boring, overlong, & a rehash of facts you learned in school, I recommend this book or any of the seven titles in the *Killing* series."

- *Helen Brunet, Technical Services Librarian*



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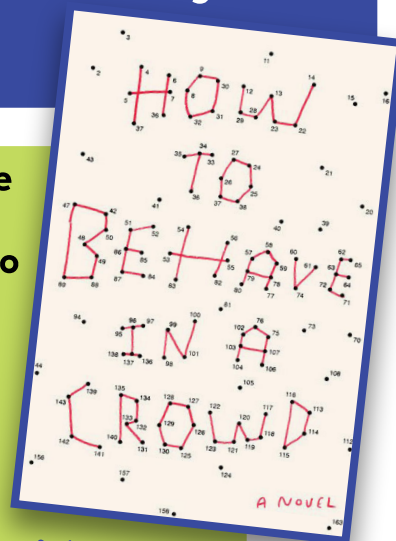


"I'm not going to lie to you: I judged this crime book by its cover. Couple its cover with its plot (*missing girl returns home nearly a decade later; family questions her true identity*), & I was expecting a fast-paced, twist-filled thrill ride designed to shock its readers as much as its shocking cover. Instead, what I got was a suspense novel brimming not with shock value, but with thoughtful insights into love, loss, & hope against all odds. This book is nothing I expected, & I was so pleased to be surprised."

- Shannon Porche, Assistant Director

"Do you know those books that have you laughing on one page & crying on the next? *How to Behave in a Crowd* is like that. Bordas has an uncanny way of sneaking shocking details into ordinary paragraphs, unseating readers after she has just allowed them to settle in & get comfortable. But isn't life like that? One minute you're sailing along smoothly, & the next, your life has changed into something unrecognizable. That's what this book is ultimately about - doing what we have to do to juggle the curve balls. It is beautiful, perceptive, & heart-breaking all at once."

- Brooke Savoie, Public Relations Librarian



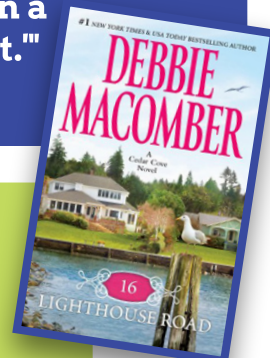
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"Humorist David Sedaris writes frequently about his family, not that his family cares for it so much, though his fans find it fascinating & funny. In his latest effort, one 25 years in the making, Sedaris turns away from his family, a bit, focusing more on himself & his interaction with the world. For Sedaris fans, *Theft By Finding* is, as relayed on the dust jacket, a fascinating account of how 'a drug-abusing dropout with a weakness for the International House of Pancakes and a chronic inability to hold down a real job became one of the funniest people on the planet.'"

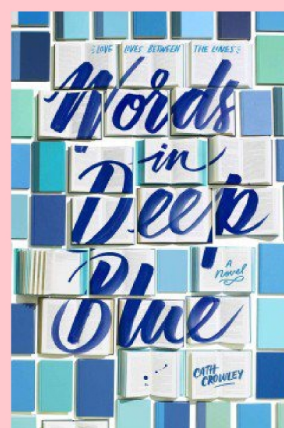
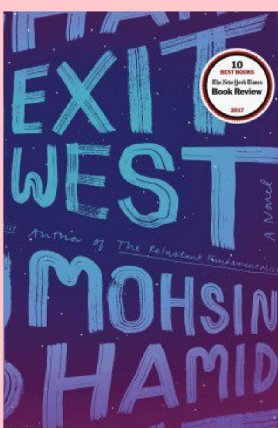
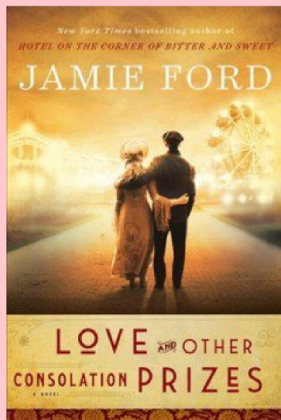
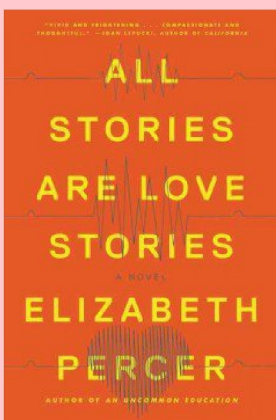
- Katina Gaudet, South Lafourche Area Librarian

"If you enjoyed watching *Cedar Cove* on the Hallmark channel, you will definitely enjoy Debbie Macomber's *Cedar Cove* series of books so much more. Debbie does a fantastic job of grasping the reader's attention & pulling them into the characters' lives."

- Crystal Robichaux, Area Librarian

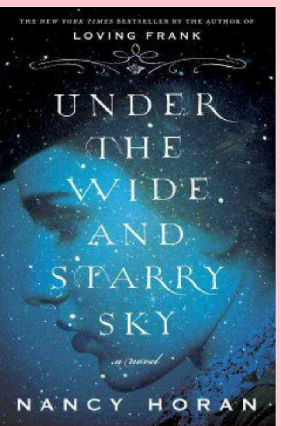
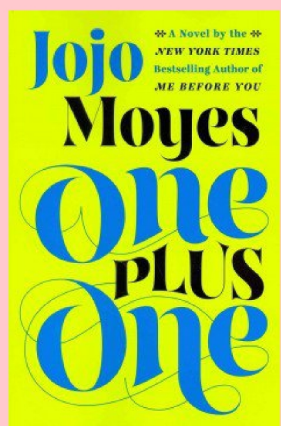
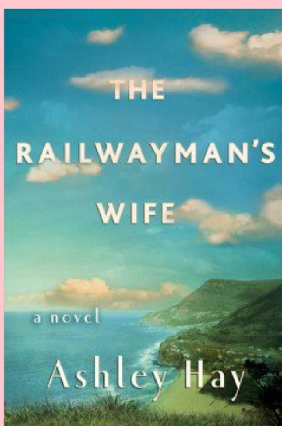
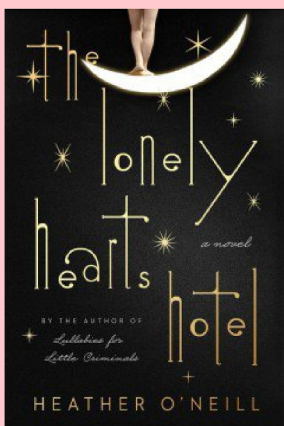
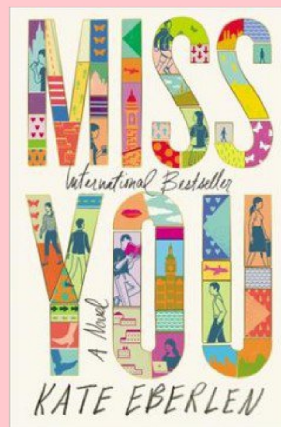
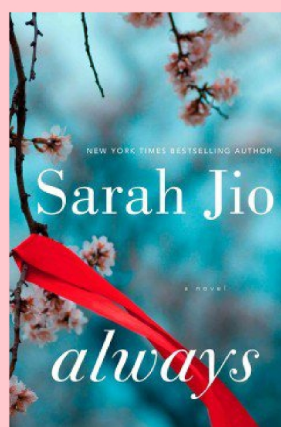
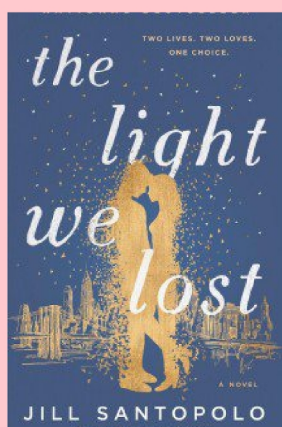
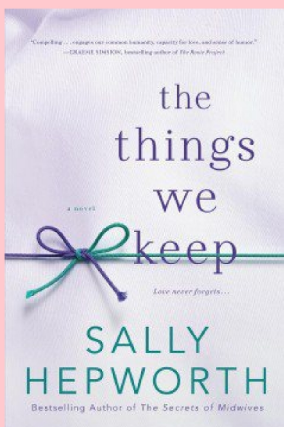


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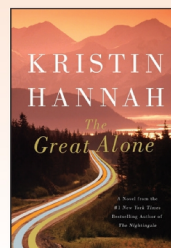


TOP PICK!

THE GREAT ALONE
A Novel
by Kristin Hannah
(St. Martin's Press)

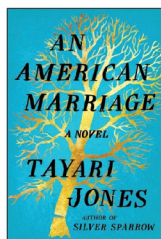
"Leni and her family embark on a new way of life in Alaska's wilderness in 1974-- hoping this is finally the solution for her troubled, POW father. In Alaska, Leni and her family are tested and when change comes to her small community, her father's anger threatens to explode and divide the town. This is a beautifully written novel, descriptive and engaging with well-developed characters and a strong sense of place."

—Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL



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

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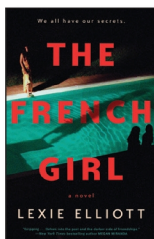


AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE
by Tayari Jones
(Algonquin Books)

"Celestial and Roy are newly married professionals leaning in to a bright future when Roy is convicted of a crime he did not commit. This is not a heroes vs. villains tale with a tidy resolution. It is a complicated, messy, moving, and thought-provoking story about love,

family, and the wide-reaching effects of incarceration. Book clubs get ready!"

— Jennifer Alexander, St. Louis County Library, St. Louis, MO



THE FRENCH GIRL
by Lexie Elliott
(Berkley)

"Six friends from Oxford University spend an idyllic week in the French countryside that ends with a missing neighbor, the enigmatic Severine. Fast forward ten years and Severine turns up. Or rather her skeleton does in a well on the property. All six friends are suspects. Will

the loyalties hold and who put Severine in the well? This is a fun, taut thriller."

— Jennifer Dayton, Darien Library, Darien, CT



FORCE OF NATURE
A Novel
by Jane Harper
(Flatiron Books)

"When Detective Falk learns that an informant went missing during a corporate team building exercise in the bush, he realizes that she tried to call him in the middle of the night. Harper once again creates a compelling, fast-paced, and

atmospheric mystery set in a remote wilderness area of Australia. Perfect for fans of Nevada Barr and Paul Doiron. Highly recommended."

—Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library, Destrehan, LA

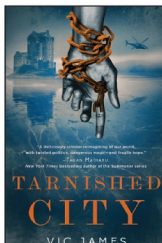


SURPRISE ME
A Novel
by Sophie Kinsella
(The Dial Press)

"Kinsella's newest heroine has met and married Mr. Right - now how to spend the next 68 years? When Sylvie launches Project Surprise Me, she just might find that there's always more to learn about the ones you love. Told in Kinsella's trademark charming,

relatable style."

—Ariel Kurst, Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud, MN



TARNISHED CITY
by Vic James
(Del Rey)

"Tarnished City, a contemporary fantasy with a healthy dose of world-building, is just as disturbing as its predecessor, Gilded Cage. I couldn't resist diving deeper into the dark world of Equals and Slaves. James has pushed the characters in new ways, which makes the story riveting, intense, dark, and

completely entrancing."

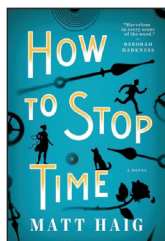
— Monicah Fraterna, La Porte Public Library, La Porte, IN



AS BRIGHT AS HEAVEN
by Susan Meissner
(Berkley)

"Beautifully written, heartbreaking story of four women in Philadelphia in 1918 during the Spanish Flu. I loved this book, as I have other books by Meissner and would highly recommend to anyone who loves historical fiction."

— Cathy Branciforte, Ramsey Free Public Library, Ramsey, NJ

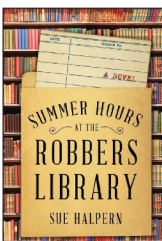


HOW TO STOP TIME
by Matt Haig
(Viking)

"Even though there is something extraordinary about Tom Hazard and his aging process, the problems and insights he experiences as he goes through life are universal. Love, memory, and time play tricks on us all as this novel

illustrates so exquisitely. This is an engaging, sweeping love story with all the elements of a great historical/time travel novel. For fans of *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *Life After Life*."

—Mary Coe, Fairfield Woods Branch Library, Fairfield, CT

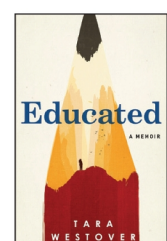


SUMMER HOURS AT THE ROBBERS LIBRARY
A Novel
by Sue Halpern
(Harper Perennial)

"Kit is a librarian who closes herself off from emotions and people until she meets Sunny, assigned to the library for community service. Add in a group of regulars in

the library and the result is an absorbing story of developing friendships and the unveiling of secrets. Kit's story unfolds as we meet many quirky characters in this story of love, loss, and hope."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY



EDUCATED
A Memoir
by Tara Westover
(Random House)

"In her memoir, Westover recounts her childhood growing up in a strict Mormon family, ruled by an erratic father, and living off the grid in Idaho. Westover compellingly sketches her years growing up, her

relationships with siblings, encounters in the town nearby, and the events that eventually drove her to leave and pursue formal education. For fans of Jeannette Walls' *The Glass Castle*."

—Andrea Gough, Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA



LPPL Staff



Meet Sharon LeBouef

South Lafourche Area Custodial Assistant



If you have ever been to our South Lafourche Branch, you know it's a BIG library. Sharon LeBouef is our custodian there, & she works hard to keep the branch spick & span & ready for visitors. Sharon, who also takes care of our Golden Meadow Branch, has been with LPPL since January of 2009 - her ten year anniversary with the system is next year. Sharon enjoys her job & especially loves catching up with people she hasn't seen in years. Her co-workers are pretty awesome too. "We are truly a family," Sharon shares.

When Sharon isn't at work, she enjoys watching Christian movies & copying recipes. You can also find her spending time with her family. In fact, you may already know Sharon's daughter, Tammy Pate, who is the manager of the South Lafourche Branch. When speaking of her family, Sharon says, "I have an awesome husband, and an Australian Shepherd named Fee Fee, who we love dearly. My children, grandchildren, & great-grandkids are my greatest blessing. Also, my mom is still with us, & we are very happy to have her still enjoying her family." Sharon feels truly blessed for her loving family and that she has a job that she really enjoys. She is especially excited these days because her family is not done growing - she is eagerly awaiting the birth of her second great-grandchild!



FUN FACTS: VALENTINE'S, MARDI GRAS, & ALL THAT JAZZ EDITION



- FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH - WHY ARE YOU A LIBRARY LOVER?: The library has so many resources that are available to us.
- WHICH BOOK/MOVIE/TV SHOW DO YOU LOVE MORE THAN ALL THE OTHERS: I love the series SWAT.
- VALENTINE'S DAY OR MARDI GRAS?: Valentine's Day
- WHEN EATING KING CAKE, DO YOU PREFER THE PURPLE, GREEN, OR GOLD SLICE?: Purple
- WHICH MARDI GRAS PARADE IS YOUR FAVORITE?: The Krewe of Petits Enfants (South Lafourche Branch's annual children's Mardi Gras parade)
- WHEN YOU PICK A CHOCOLATE FROM A BOX, WHICH FLAVOR DO YOU HOPE YOU GET?: Just plain chocolate
- WHAT IS SOMETHING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST THAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO DO THIS YEAR?: I really don't have anything in particular. I would like to be around to see my great-grandkids, grandkids, & children for as long as I am blessed to.





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Meet Shannon Hubbell Thibodaux Branch Assistant

Thibodaux Branch Assistant Shannon Hubbell loves so many different things about her job at LPPL, where she has worked for the past 4 years. Shannon, a former elementary school teacher, enjoys creating & implementing adult & children's programs, designing the calendars & events lists, & decorating displays throughout the Thibodaux Branch. You may also see her working in the circulation, children's, and reference departments!

When she's not working, Shannon enjoys watching science fiction & horror movies. She also loves to garden, travel, & do puzzles. Shannon has been married to her husband Jason for 22 years, & they have two kids - Jason (19) is a junior at Nicholls, & Catherine (17) is a senior at E.D. White. Her family recently took an "awesome" trip to Washington D.C., where they visited the Capital & Arlington National Cemetery.



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- VALENTINE'S DAY OR MARDI GRAS?: Mardi Gras
- WHEN EATING KING CAKE, DO YOU PREFER THE PURPLE, GREEN, OR GOLD SLICE?: Purple
- WHICH MARDI GRAS PARADE IS YOUR FAVORITE?: The Krewe of Cleophas
- WHEN YOU PICK A CHOCOLATE FROM A BOX, WHICH FLAVOR DO YOU HOPE YOU GET?: Caramel
- WHAT IS SOMETHING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST THAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO DO THIS YEAR?: I want to drive along the Northeast Coast during the Fall.



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Sewing for Teens
Thibodaux Branch



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Choctaw Branch



Sticker Day Mosaic
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Police Appreciation Day
Lockport Branch



Going to the Library Story Time
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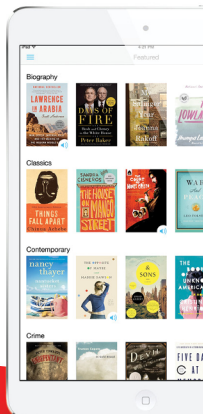
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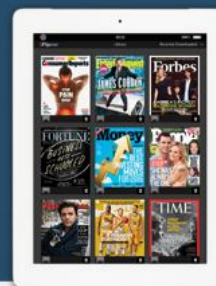
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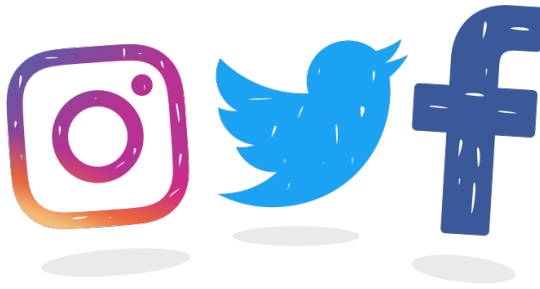
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