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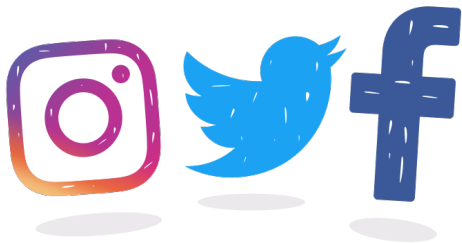


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EXPERIENCE 2021

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Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux Reference Librarian Van for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Today, I had the opportunity to watch Mr. Van Viator assist multiple people with various levels of need. His concern, compassion, & professionalism are outstanding, as is his patience. Van never responds in kind to negative behavior, but maintains the utmost excellence in his response."

- Lisa Webre, Thibodaux Patron

ALLISON VERDIN

Big congratulations go out to South Lafourche Branch Assistant Allison for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Allison does a fabulous job in the children's section of the library. My grandkids enjoy spending time in this area."

- Kay Perry, South Lafourche Patron

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LIBRARY CLOSURE



All LPPL branches will be closed Saturday, July 3 - Monday, July 5 in celebration of Independence Day. We will re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, July 6. Our digital library is always open at lafourche.org!



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



SUMMER EXPERIENCE 2021

June 1 - July 31

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!



Beanstack

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Summer Experience Registration

We are using Beanstack again this year to register, log participation, earn badges, & win prizes. Whether you participate in our Summer Experience in-person or from home, you will use Beanstack to keep track of your participation. It's not too late to register - download the Beanstack Tracker app or head over to lafourche.beanstack.org!

Second Harvest Frozen Meals Pick-Up

In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of South Louisiana, we are providing frozen meals to school-aged children through August 12! There is no cost & no registration required. Children do not need to be present for pick-up.

Mondays - Thursdays from 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Available at all branches except Gheens, while supplies last



Page Turner Animal Adventures

The fun continues online with Page Turner Adventures through July 23! There's something "pawsome" happening every day this summer with Page Turner Adventures, so get ready for more animal-themed comedy shows and field trips, crafts, recipes, games, and more!

How To Watch:

- Page Turner Animal Adventures' virtual event runs through 7/23, 5 days a week (Mon - Fri). Shows premiere daily at 11 AM. Tune in every day because there's always something new to enjoy!
- A link to exclusive content will be shared daily at 11 AM on our Facebook & website at lafourche.org.
- To access the day's content, click on the provided link. You will log in with the following information:
- Username: lafourche - Password: summer2021
- Content will also be available to view any time after the 11 AM premiere.



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



Brag Tags for Kids

New to Summer Experience 2021 are brag tags! Kids are awarded with brag tags when they achieve milestone rewards by participating in our Summer Experience & logging their reading & activity in Beanstack. Once achieved, brag tags can be picked up at your home branch. Collect them all!



In-Person Story Times

We are excited to bring back in-person story time for Summer Experience 2021! Join us weekly at our branches for stories, crafts, activities, songs, & more!

Bayou Blue: Thursdays at 11 AM
Choctaw: Thursdays at 10 AM
Gheens: Mondays at 10:30 AM
Golden Meadow: Wednesdays at 2 PM
Larose: Thursdays at 1 PM

Lockport: Thursdays at 10:30 AM
Raceland: Tuesdays at 11 AM
South Lafourche: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Thibodaux: Wednesdays at 11:15 AM
No registration required!

Cajun Story Time with Roxanna LeBlanc

Join Lafourche native & author Roxanna LeBlanc as she shares her passion for Cajun French culture & storytelling with her new book *A Tail of Blue*.

Gheens: July 12 at 10:30 AM
Golden Meadow: July 21 at 2 PM
Larose: July 22 at 1 PM
Lockport: July 15 at 10:30 AM

Raceland: July 20 at 11 AM
South Lafourche: July 13 at 10:30 AM
Thibodaux: July 14 at 11:15 AM

No registration required!



Guest Artist Workshops

Pom Pom Peacock with Missy Lirette
Ages 8-12 *Registration Required



Bayou Blue: July 14 at 3 PM
Choctaw: July 15 at 1 PM
Golden Meadow: July 12 at 1 PM
Larose: July 13 at 1 PM
Lockport: July 13 at 3 PM
Raceland: July 14 at 1 PM
South Lafourche: July 12 at 3 PM
Thibodaux: July 15 at 3 PM

Upcycled Magazine Weaving with Jessica Cassel
Teens & Adults, Ages 13+ *Registration Required



Bayou Blue: July 26 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Choctaw: July 28 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Gheens: July 15 at 2:30 PM & 4 PM
Golden Meadow: July 19 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Larose: July 27 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Lockport: July 21 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Raceland: July 29 at 10 AM & 1 PM
South Lafourche: July 22 at 10 AM & 1 PM
Thibodaux: July 20 at 10 AM & 1 PM

Visit our website at lafourche.org & check us out on Facebook for all the Summer Experience 2021 details, including photos, schedules, & how-to guides!



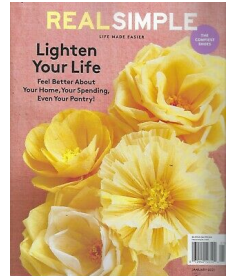
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Prayers for Sale By Sandra Dallas

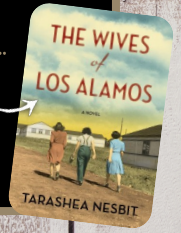


Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"After reading *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, I wanted to read another Depression-era book. My search led me to *Prayers for Sale*. This was a fantastic book about friendship & a tight-knit community. Set in the high country of Colorado during the Depression, this is the story of an unforgettable friendship between two women - eighty-six-year-old Hennie Comfort & seventeen-year-old Nit Spindle - & the deepest hardships & darkest secrets they shared with each other. This was my first Sandra Dallas book. I enjoyed it so much that I read another - *Westering Women*. Her writing is so easy to follow & her characters are very likeable. *Prayers for Sale* was a heartwarming, cozy read filled with secrets that kept me turning the pages."

Historical

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



GENRE: Gentle Reads; Historical Fiction
TONE: Bittersweet; Heartwarming
Homespun; Moving
STORYLINE: Character-Driven



Flight By Laura Griffin



Dione's Pick: ★★★★★

"*Flight* is the 2nd book of the *Texas Murder Files* series. Although this book is part of a series, it can be read as a stand-alone novel. Set on a small island in Texas, a nature photographer is taking photos when she stumbles upon an abandoned canoe holding an obviously dead couple. The photographer happens to be Miranda Moore, a former CSI forensic photographer staying on the island. She quickly realizes that this couple is not the only murder victims of this serial killer. Miranda gets pulled into the murder investigation with Detective Joel Breda, who will do anything to find the killer on his island. With Joel & Miranda teaming up, they hope to solve the case without becoming the next victims. I thoroughly enjoyed the mystery/thriller aspect of this book. I was pleasantly surprised that I could not guess the murderer until the end. I always like a little romance thrown in & Griffin did a good job with that aspect. If you are in the mood for a good mystery, try this book!"

Suspense

GENRE: Romantic Suspense
THEME: New in Town
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
TONE: Suspenseful

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The Wicked & the Dead By Melissa Marr

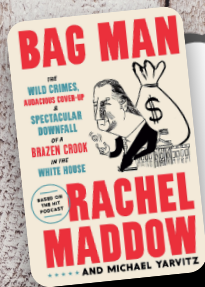


Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"There's no other city quite like New Orleans, full of dark mystery & intrigue. It's no surprise that Melissa Marr chose our great city as the backdrop for her newest adult urban fantasy series, *Faery Bargains*. I absolutely loved the first installment titled *The Wicked & the Dead*. Genevieve Crowe, a Jewish Wiccan woman, beheads the dead in a near-future New Orleans. When her magic goes sideways, the only person strong enough to help her is Eli Stonecroft, a faery who chose to be a bar-owner in New Orleans over a life in Elphame. Main character Genevieve Crowe is fascinating. She's a witch of mixed supernatural heritage with an affinity for the dead. Plus, she's one kick-butt heroine. Although she portrays herself as hard & unfeeling, there's a certain charming vulnerability to her once she opens up to her friend Eli. The story was compelling & fresh, as well. Prior to *Faery Bargains: Book 1: The Wicked & the Dead*, I had not encountered such creatures as the Scandinavian draugr. Melissa Marr does a brilliant job of weaving obscure folklore into a modern story. If you enjoyed Laurell K. Hamilton's *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* series, you'll enjoy this novel."

Fantasy

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Bag Man By Rachel Maddow & Michael Yarvitz



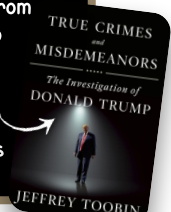
Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

"Not too many people remember Spiro T. Agnew. In *Bag Man*, authors Rachel Maddow & Michael Yarvitz revisit Agnew's time as Vice President of the United States, a brash & brazen criminal who was literally days away from inheriting the role of the President of the United States. In *Bag Man*, Maddow & Yarvitz chronicle the race to get Agnew out of the White House before whatever fate would befall the beleaguered President Richard Nixon would occur & before Agnew would become the highest leader in the land. The backstory: The Watergate investigation was in full force, & Nixon was in scalding hot water. For decades, the crimes of Spiro T. Agnew were overshadowed by those of Nixon. *Bag Man* brings those crimes to light, & in the process, brings to the forefront the work of those who brought him down & likely, saved the United States from another constitutional crisis. For those readers who appreciate political history, it's a good read."

History

GENRE: History Writing; Life Stories; Media Tie-Ins
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Well-Researched

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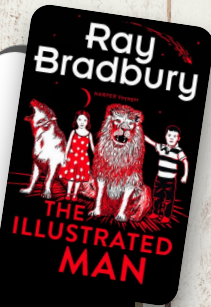


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The Illustrated Man By Ray Bradbury



Van's Pick: ★★★★★

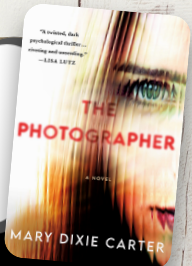
"Ray Bradbury has been called one of the greatest science fiction/fantasy/horror writers of the past century. He is best known for his collections of short stories & *The Illustrated Man* is one of his all-time masterpieces. The novel consists of eighteen stories & won the International Fantasy Award in 1952. 'These imaginative science fiction stories range from the not-so-ordinary world of middle America to the vast reaches of outer space as they explore themes of love, madness, & death.' Bradbury's writing style is easy to follow & his story ideas are indeed creative & original. Because of the length of the stories, the author moves the action forward quickly. Many of the stories contain endings that will surprise & sometimes shock the reader. Bradbury's themes are still as relevant today as they were 70 years ago."

GENRE: Book to Movies; Horror; Science Fantasy; Science Fiction Classics; Short Stories
TONE: Disturbing; Haunting; Melancholy; Thought-Provoking
WRITING STYLE: Descriptive
STORYLINE: Character-Driven

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



The Photographer By Mary Dixie Carter



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Delta Dawn is a NYC photographer who spends her days taking pictures of the lives of the city's upper crust denizens, & her nights manipulating pictures in Photoshop to insert herself into the lives of the people she photographs. *The Photographer* is about her obsession with one particular family & how she infiltrates their lives. From the very first page of this unsettling novel, I was hooked on Carter's writing style & tone, & soon realized that this wasn't the same worn out suspense plot that has been recycled over & over again throughout the years in this genre. Carter brings something dark, disturbing, & fresh to her character of Delta Dawn. While Delta seems 'almost normal,' readers know that something is off with this woman ... the question is just how deranged is she?"

GENRE: First Person; Narratives; Psychological Suspense
THEME: Too Good to Be True; Unreliable Narrator
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
TONE: Creepy; Suspenseful
CHARACTER: Twisted
STORYLINE: Character-Driven

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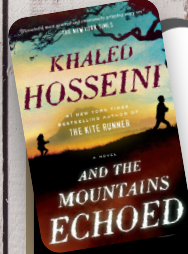
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And the Mountains Echoed By Khaled Hosseini

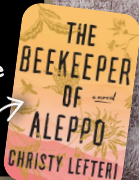


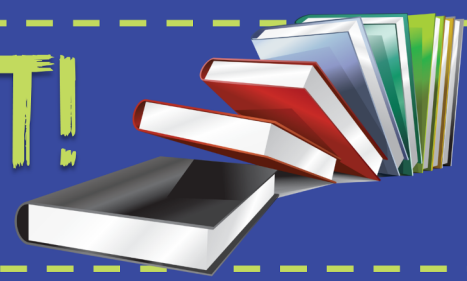
Ashley's Pick: ★★★★★

"After finishing *And the Mountains Echoed*, I remembered just how much I love Hosseini's style of writing. It left me aching for more of his deeply felt understanding of family sacrifice, & what it truly means to be human in a broken & war-torn world. In this book, we see a multi-generational family saga unfold & read about how Hosseini's characters' lives intertwine in the forms of love, loyalty, & loss. Hosseini's goal in this particular novel was to get the reader to think of his characters' intentions more along the lines of 'gray' rather than 'black & white.' Furthermore, his understanding of the reality that we are victims of time is also a prominent theme as we see some of his characters' lives unfold from a young age. Hosseini is truly a master storyteller, & I would certainly recommend this book to anyone who desires to see understanding in its various forms on a deeper level."

GENRE: Family Sagas; Political Fiction
THEME: Immigrant Experiences
TONE: Dramatic; Heartwrenching; Strong Sense of Place
STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Intricately Plotted
CHARACTER: Culturally Diverse
WRITING STYLE: Lyrical

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...

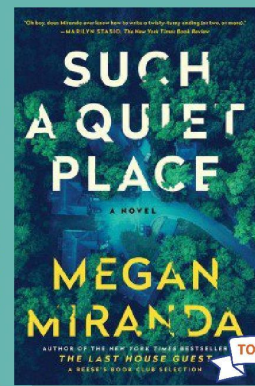




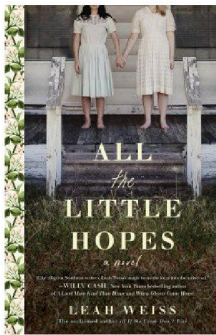
Such a Quiet Place
A Novel
by Megan Miranda
(Simon & Schuster)

"The tight-knit neighborhood of Hollow's Edge is supposed to be a safe, private place where the neighbors all know each other. But secrets lie behind every door. Miranda creates a vivid setting where the characters develop quickly, and the twisty plot will keep readers guessing until the end. For fans of psychological thrillers like *The Other Mrs.*, *Into the Water*, and *Every Secret Thing*."

—Leslie Hagel, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: *A Good Marriage* by Kimberly McCreight



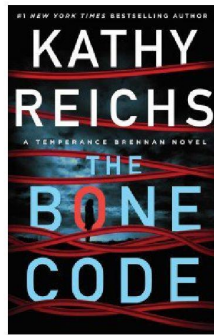
July 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



All the Little Hopes
A Novel
by Leah Weiss
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"In WW II-era North Carolina, two best friends use their love of Nancy Drew mysteries to help find a missing man, while tending honeybees for the war effort and working on the family's tobacco farm alongside Nazi POWs. This coming-of-age story is heartfelt, mystical, and full of love and family. Reminiscent of *Summer of My German Soldier* and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*."

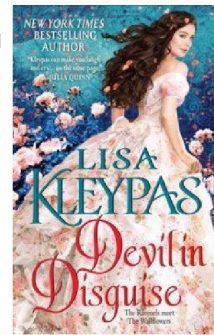
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna



The Bone Code
A Temperance Brennan Novel
by Kathy Reichs
(Scribner)

"Set in 2021, with some references to Covid, this thrilling read has a very contemporary feel, combining current scientific and forensic terminology with a sinister plot. A waste container turns up with two bodies, similar to an old unsolved case of Brennan's. For fans of fast-paced, suspenseful mysteries like *Prime Suspect* and *Carved in Bone*."

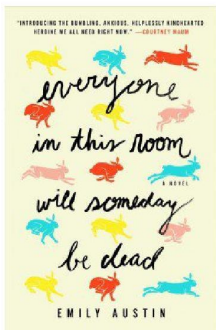
—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Nikki Heat* mysteries by Richard Castle



Devil in Disguise
by Lisa Kleypas
(Avon)

"In this addition to the Ravenels series, Merritt, a young London widow, shares an instant attraction with a Scottish whiskey distiller named Keir, and they begin a steamy and passionate romance. But someone wants him dead. And Sebastian, aka Lord St. Vincent, is also in the picture. For fans of the *Brides of Redemption* and the *Hellions of Havisham* series."

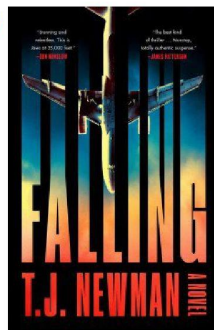
—Leah Cummings, Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale, IA
NovelList read-alike: *Seduction Diaries* series by Jennifer McQuiston



Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead
A Novel
by Emily Austin
(Atria Books)

"In need of a short novel with a unique and lovable character, genuine LOL moments, and an ending that is richly deserved, hopeful, and joyful? Then this is for you. It's brilliantly written and also a brutally honest depiction of what it's like to have severe anxiety. For fans of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *Mostly Dead Things*."

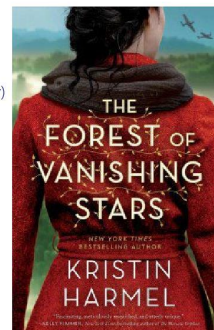
—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Goodbye, Vitamin* by Rachel Khong



Falling
A Novel
by T. J. Newman
(Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster)

"A pilot is given an impossible choice: crash the airplane that he is flying, killing everyone on board, or his family will be murdered. A tense, white-knuckle thriller with all the makings of a summer blockbuster. Perfect for fans of *The Chain*."

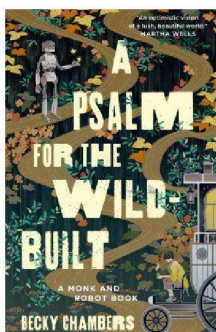
—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Flight or Fright* eds. Stephen King and Bev Vincent



The Forest of Vanishing Stars
A Novel
by Kristin Harmel
(Gallery Books)

"Stolen from her parents at two years old, Yona learns to survive in the forest. Years later, Yona teaches Jews fleeing the Holocaust to survive in the forest. A tale of personal responsibility, betrayals, loss, and love that stays with you long after you've read it. For readers who enjoyed *The Nightingale*, *Salt to the Sea*, and *The Baker's Secret*."

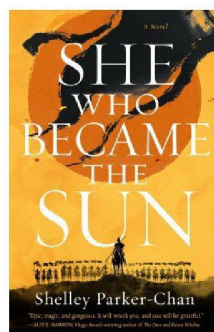
—Cynthia Hunt, Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo, TX
NovelList read-alike: *The Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton



A Psalm for the Wild-Built
by Becky Chambers
(Tor.com)

"The quiet life of a tea monk is interrupted when a robot arrives after centuries to honor a promise to check in. The robot cannot return to the wilderness until the question of "what do people need?" is answered. This is a book I will be recommending to everyone! For readers who enjoyed *The Bear and The House in the Cerulean Sea*."

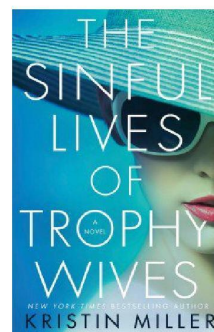
—Liz Alshunas, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO
NovelList read-alike: *The Sol Majestic* by Ferrett Steinmetz



She Who Became the Sun
by Shelley Parker-Chan
(Tor Books)

"In her intense, wonderfully written, and completely absorbing debut, Parker-Chan gives 14th century China a stunner of a rewrite. When her father and brother die as a consequence of a brutal attack, Zhu leaves her impoverished village and takes on her brother's identity and his fate. For readers who enjoyed *Priory of the Orange Tree*, *Gideon the Ninth*, and *The Poppy War*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Empire of Sand* by Tasha Suri



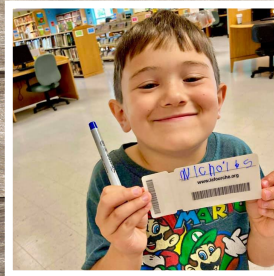
The Sinful Lives of Trophy Wives
A Novel
by Kristin Miller
(Ballantine Books)

"When Brooke moves to the exclusive California neighborhood of Presidio Terrace, she befriends both Erin and Georgia. She finds out much more than she ever expected. Readers will be so wrapped up in the drama, privilege, and mystery, they might finish in one sitting. For readers who enjoyed *Big Little Lies* and *Never Have I Ever*."

—Danielle Aronowitz, South Plainfield Public Library, South Plainfield, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins



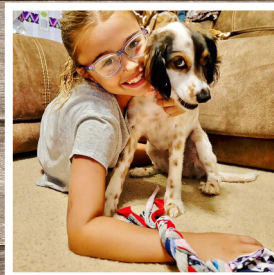
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A \$4,990 Lorio Foundation Grant written by Van Viator has been awarded for the purchase of a GlowForge 3D Laser Printer for use in our Makerspace! Van (left) is pictured accepting the grant award from Camille Morvant of the Lorio Foundation.



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 Fax: 985-580-9640

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 Fri - Sun: Closed
 Phone: 985-633-6453
 Fax: 985-633-8873

GHEENS

Mon & Wed: 10 AM - 6 PM
 Tue & Thu: 2 - 6 PM
 Fri - Sun: Closed
 Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

GOLDEN MEADOW

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
 Fri - Sun: Closed
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LAROSE

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
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LOCKPORT

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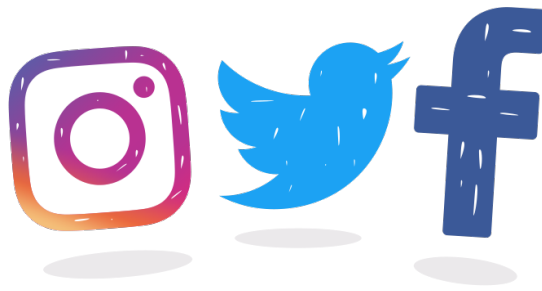
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