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VOTE
SATURDAY,
12.12.26!

*Our Library's Future
Is On Your Ballot!*

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LAFOURCHE

PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Value Checks Out!

SAVE THE DATE: OUR LIBRARY'S FUTURE IS ON YOUR BALLOT

WHY THIS ELECTION DATE?

The upcoming Sat, Dec 12 election funds our library system for the next ten years, and determines if we can maintain current operations for the future. By Louisiana law, this date is a standard, regularly scheduled state election following a mandatory six-month waiting period after a previous vote, making it the soonest the millages could return to the ballot.

CHECK OUT OUR VALUE!

**LAFOURCHE.ORG/
MILLAGE-RENEWAL**

Learn more about the real value of your library and how our mission and vision connect and support our community for the future.

Visit lafourche.org/millage-renewal, drop by your local branch, or connect with us on social media.

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Our Value Checks Out:

The library's millages fund 96% of the system's daily operating budget, keeping every branch open, staffed, and accessible to all.

Look for TWO:

Your ballot will include two propositions for the library millage. Remember to look for both props!

A Proven Track Record:

Funding from the previous millage cycle expanded programming, enhanced resources and services for all residents, and modernized spaces to allow for community, creation, and connection parish-wide.

Zero-Cost Access:

The library millages allow us to provide every single item circulation, digital app access, and program we offer to our community at no cost.



2026 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Tue, Aug 4 | 1 PM (Diamond Art)
- **CHOCTAW:** Wed, Aug 12 | 1 PM (Informational)
- **GHEENS:** Tue, Aug 11 | 10 AM (STEM Paper Plane Lab)
- **LAROSE:** Mon, Aug 10 | 10 AM (Informational)
- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Aug 12 | 1 PM (Informational)
Wed, Aug 26 | 1 PM (Craft Catch-Up)
- **RACELAND:** Thu, Aug 13 | 2 PM (Gadgets & Gizmos)
- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Thu, Aug 13 | 1 PM (Informational)
Thu, Aug 27 | 1 PM (Board Games)
- **THIBODAUX:** Fri, Aug 14 | 10:30 AM (Informational)
Tue, Aug 25 | 2 PM (Lego Robotics)

What's Happening: Aug '26

READY, SET, LET'S HOMESCHOOL!

We're launching another year of the Homeschool Hangout at Lafourche Parish Public Library! Homeschooling families are invited to "hang out" with us at our branches every month throughout the school year:

- **Monthly Educational Themes:** Discover new academic topics through interactive, hands-on activities.
- **Curriculum Resource Spotlights:** Maximize powerful library tools to enhance your home lessons.
- **Socialization Time:** Connect with other families for idea-sharing while kids build lasting friendships.
- **Widespread Community Network:** Gather at your local library to learn, discover, & grow together.



LAFOURCHE.ORG/HOMESCHOOL-HANGOUT



KICK OFF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

It's that time again - back to school! Join us to celebrate the upcoming year with a mix of fun stories, songs, & games as we celebrate a new school year. Plus, everyone will craft their very own custom name zipper pull to personalize their school backpack!

- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:**
Sat, Aug 22 | 10:30 AM | All Ages

Craft your way into a new school year in Choctaw with these workshops!:

- **CHOCTAW:**
Beaded Bag Charm (Limit: 10)
Wed, Aug 5 | 10 AM | Ages 6-11

Edible School Bus (Limit: 10)
Tue, Aug 18 | 4 PM | Ages 6-11



CHOOSE YOUR NERF CHALLENGE!

Gear up for fast & fun blaster action with two NERF events this month! Choose your challenge, sharp-shoot your way to victory, & experience the library like never before in Thibodaux & South Lafourche!

*Scan the QR codes below or visit lafourche.librarycalendar.com to register.

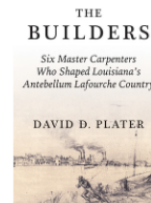
- **THIBODAUX:**
After-Hours Nerf Wars
Fri, Aug 7 | 5-7 PM
Ages 5-12

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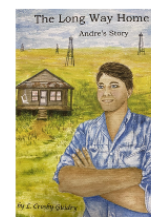


- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:**
Nerf Target Competition
Sat, Aug 29 | 1 PM
Ages 6-12

REGISTER NOW >



David D. Plater, *The Builders*



Louanna Crosby Guidry, *The Long Way Home*



LOCAL AUTHORS @ THE LIBRARY

Meet & enjoy the talents of two local authors at the library this August!

David D. Plater will discuss his book *The Builders: Six Master Carpenters Who Shaped the Antebellum Lafourche Country*. Discover the stories behind the buildings of Lafourche & the people who created them.

- **LOCKPORT:** Mon, Aug 3 | 1 PM

Louanna Crosby Guidry will discuss her new book, *The Long Way Home: Andre's Story*, following a young Cajun boy's emotional journey to manhood and his search for family. A book signing will follow the presentation.

- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Wed, Aug 5 | 2:30 PM

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MASTER THE TILES: MAHJONG MEET-UPS

Match tiles & make friends with Mahjong at the library! Walking into a new group can feel a little intimidating, but we promise you will feel right at home the second you step into our Mahjong Meet-Ups. We invite players who are completely new to the game, as well as those with some experience - we are all learning together! Plus, we provide handy tips, plenty of patience, & a room full of friendly faces ready to welcome you.



- **THIBODAUX (ADULTS):**

Mon, Aug 3 | 1 PM | 24 Limit
Mon, Aug 10 | 5 PM | 24 Limit
Mon, Aug 17 | 1 PM | 24 Limit
Mon, Aug 24 | 5 PM | 24 Limit
Mon, Aug 31 | 1 PM | 24 Limit



- **RACELAND (ADULTS):**

Thu, Aug 6 | 10 AM



- **LOCKPORT (AGES 13+):**

Sat, Aug 1 | 10 AM
Sat, Aug 15 | 10 AM
Mon, Aug 17 | 4 PM
Sat, Aug 29 | 10 AM

- **S. LAFORCHE (ADULTS):**

Wed, Aug 5 | 10:30 AM
Sat, Aug 22 | 1 PM
Wed, Aug 26 | 5 PM



BETTER WITH EVERY CHAPTER: SENIOR DAY 2026

Our seniors are a vital part of Lafourche Parish, and just like a book, life simply gets better with every chapter! This year, our library branches are celebrating our incredible seniors with a lineup of special events! Connect with friends, discover new library resources, and celebrate this wonderful chapter of life with us at the library.



- **BAYOU BLUE: Wed, Aug 12 | 11 AM | Adults**

Jammin' to the Oldies Bingo - Enjoy bingo with an oldies music theme in celebration of Senior Citizens Day!

- **CHOCTAW: Thu, Aug 6 & 20 | 10 AM | Adults | 12 Participant Limit**

Senior Cardio Drumming - Cardio Drumming is a fun, low-impact exercise that blends rhythmic beats, dancing, & cardio. Get your heart pumping, body swaying, arms moving, & feet tapping to upbeat music while building upper-body strength, elevating your heart rate gently, & sharpening your mind. You can even do it from a chair!

- **GHEENS: Thu, Aug 13 & 27 | 10 AM | Adults**

Senior Cardio Drumming - Get your heart pumping & your spirits lifted with Senior Cardio Drumming! This fun, low-impact class combines upbeat music, rhythmic drumming, & simple movements to improve coordination, balance, strength, & cardiovascular health. It's a great way to stay active, sharpen the mind, & enjoy exercising with friends!

- **LAROSE: Wed, Aug 19 | 10 AM | Adults**

Ancestry.com Genealogy Workshop - Begin the search for finding information about your family tree at the library for free with Ancestry.com in honor of National Senior Citizens Day.

- **LOCKPORT: Mon, Aug 10 | 2 PM | Adults**

Mahjong Memory Matching - National Senior Citizens Day is around the corner. Join us for a round of Mahjong matching where the goal is to clear a board by pairing identical tiles.

- **RACELAND: Mon, Aug 10 | 9:30 AM | Adults | Location: Raceland Senior Center - 206 Senior Citizen Dr, Raceland, LA**

Sunny Days Refresh Crafting - We love our seniors & will be treating them to a morning of sunflower painting, refreshments, & relaxation in honor of National Senior Citizens Day.

- **S.LAFORCHE: Fri, Aug 21 | 9:30 AM | Adults**

Call Out Bingo: 50's & 60's Music - We are celebrating our senior citizens by playing music bingo from the past for fun, laughs, & making memories.

- **THIBODAUX: Fri, Aug 21 | 10 AM | Adults | 20 Participant Limit**

Intro to Genealogy - Have you ever wanted to uncover your family's history but didn't know where to begin? This introductory genealogy class covers how to get started. We will explore how to use vital records, the U.S. Census, and free research resources offered by the library. We'll also be exploring pedigree charts! Perfect for complete beginners!



SENIOR PLANET: MEET NEW PEOPLE, LEARN NEW TECH @ THE LIBRARY!

We are thrilled to have teamed up with Senior Planet from AARP to bring our 55+ community together at the Thibodaux & South Lafourche libraries! Join us for fun & free classes every month on technology basics, health & wellness, socialization & more. Explore the schedule at lafourche.librarycalendar.com!

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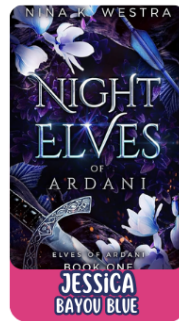
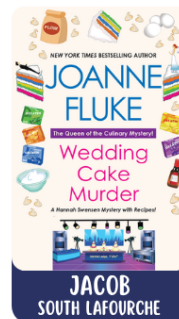
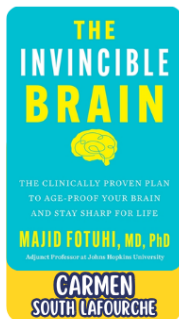
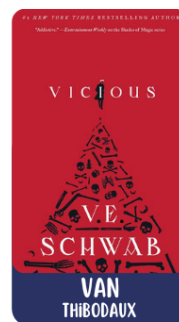
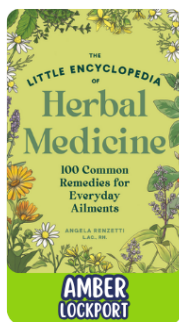
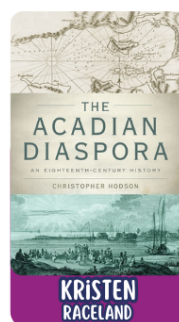
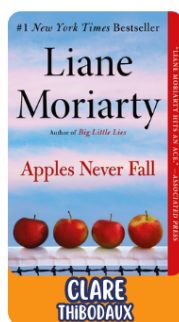
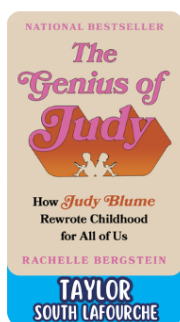
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Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
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Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
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Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-693-3336
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Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-532-3158
Fax: 985-532-0270

RACELAND

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 6 PM
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Phone: 985-537-6875
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SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-632-7140
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Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
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