



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

February 2021



Happy Library Lovers Month

You're just
our type!

You're Going to Love This ...

- Love in the Time of Corona: Library Lovers Month 2021
- Get Your Craft On with Creativebug
- PS5 & XBOX Series X: Get in the Game with Your Library

and So Much More Inside!

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All LPPL branches will be closed 02/13 - 02/17 for Mardi Gras. We will re-open on 02/18. Our digital library never closes at lafourche.org!

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STEPHANIE MELANCON

Big congratulations go out to Lockport Branch Assistant Stephanie for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Stephanie has been so helpful. I don't know what I would have done without her when I visited the branch recently. She is my all star - she really knows her job."

- Wildred Talbot, Lockport Patron

AMBER BOUFFANIE

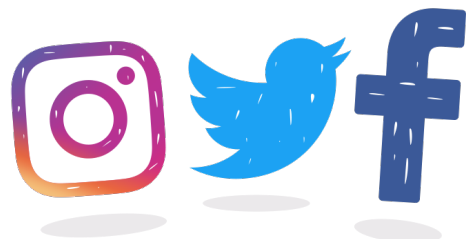


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"Amber is always at the desk ready to help out & she is so polite."

- Matthew Dominique, Lockport Patron

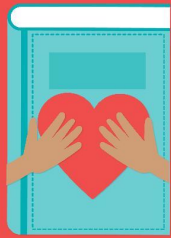
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WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



Love in the Time of Corona

Library Lovers Month 2021



Things may be a little different right now, but there's still so much to love about your library! Learn how you can get the most out of Library Lovers Month this February.



CURBSIDE HOLDS PICK UP

Can't come in? Place items on hold with your library card and get notified when they're ready for you. To place a hold, visit our Catalog at lafourche.org or give your home branch a call. Don't know what you want? Ask us for recommendations.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

We're bringing the library to you! Join us online – we have something for everyone. All online events take place on Facebook, YouTube, & at lafourche.org. Find our virtual programming schedule on our "Online Events" page at lafourche.org.



OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN

Access thousands of free online resources 24/7, including e-books, e-magazines, movies & TV shows, music and audiobooks, crafting classes, language learning, databases and more. Visit our Digital Library at lafourche.org for all of our offerings.



TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

Enjoy our crafts from the comfort and safety of home! Stop by each week for new take-home crafts for a variety of ages. New Take and Make crafts are put out each Monday at all branches, and are available throughout the week, while supplies last.



ASK A LIBRARIAN

Have a question? Need reading recommendations? You can contact us several ways:
Live chat: Chat with us at lafourche.org or message us on Facebook.
Call us: Visit lafourche.org & click on the "Locations & Contact" tab for branch numbers.
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Let us know how else we can help. Visit lafourche.org or follow us on Facebook.



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

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WOULDN'T IT BE FANTASTIC IF YOU COULD TAKE ARTS AND CRAFT CLASSES TAUGHT BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME FOR FREE? WELL GUESS WHAT? YOU CAN WITH CREATIVEBUG AND YOUR LPPLIBRARY CARD!



WHAT IS CREATIVEBUG?

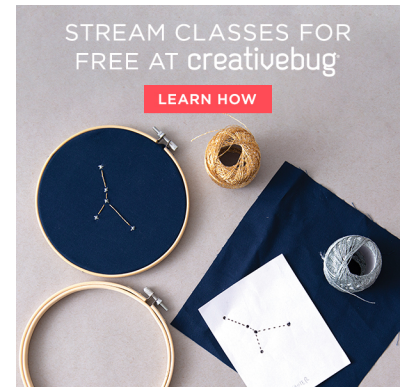
Creativebug is your go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts & crafts instructional videos. With your library card, you get unlimited, on-demand access to Creativebug's full library of thousands of arts & crafts classes for artists & makers of all levels. With your free library membership, you'll enjoy award-winning HD instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking, & more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily.

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- Drawing
- Mixed Media
- Printmaking
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- STEAM
- Embroidery
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And More!



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SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I START?

Head over to creativebug.com/lib/lafourche to create your FREE account using your library card number & PIN. Don't know your PIN? No problem? Contact us & we will set you up with a new one! Creativebug also has an app for iOS & Android if you would prefer to take classes on your mobile device. Find it in the App & Play Stores.

WHAT'S NEW!



GAMES NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT!

GOT A NEW PS5 OR XBOX SERIES X SYSTEM? LEAVE THE GAMES TO US!

You heard us right - your Lafourche Parish Public Library checks out video games for a variety of systems, including the new PS5 & Xbox Series X! We even take requests for games that you would like for us to add to our collection.

GAMES FOR THESE SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE:

- PS3
- PS4
- PS5
- Xbox 360
- Xbox One
- Xbox Series X
- Nintendo Wii
- Nintendo Switch

CHECK THEM OUT AND GET IN THE GAME!



Meet Demetria Brooks!

Demetria is one of our newest staff members at the Thibodaux Branch - she joined the team three months ago! When we asked her what's her favorite thing about her new job, she said, "Everything! I enjoy my job." At the branch, you can find Demetria working the circulation desk, shelving, and helping patrons, among other things.

Outside of work, Demetria enjoys reading, watching different TV series, journaling, and trying new restaurants with her friends. In fact, when it comes to TV series, Demetria shares that everyone should take the time out to watch Grey's Anatomy - it's her favorite show. She also is excited that she officially only has one movie left in the Marvel series. However, her all-time favorite films are Doctor Strange and Because of Winn-Dixie. We will be sure to come to you, Demetria, for future binge watching recommendations! Demetria also enjoys a good book. Her favorites are The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah and The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. We're glad you're here, Demetria - welcome to the LPPL family!



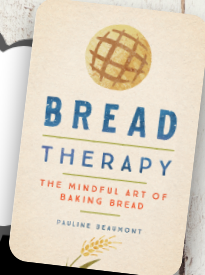
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Bread Therapy

By Pauline Beaumont



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"With the many stresses in everyday life today, baking bread can be a way to slow down, be creative, & help your mental health. Is there anything as soothing & uplifting as the smell of freshly baked bread? Even if you don't eat it, just the aroma can brighten your spirits. Knead away your aggravations & frustrations & create something that nourishes you. Try out various combinations of ingredients & find a new favorite bread. Part cookbook, part mindfulness manual, part self-help guide - *Bread Therapy* combines all three into the process of baking bread. Pauline Beaumont elaborates on various topics & then gives a recipe for a specific type of bread. I really liked the Dill & Beet Bread. It is a round loaf using raw beets, which gives a pinkish-red tint to the dough, but when baked, the bread is speckled with pink dots. Besides tasting wonderful, it is very pretty - & different! The loaf has to cool before cutting & serving - which can be difficult since it smells so good. Explore your bread-making skills in creating something wonderful to eat with this insightful & thought-provoking book!"

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



The Space Between Worlds

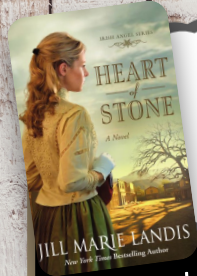
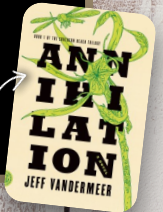
By Micaiah Johnson



Catherine's Pick: ★★★★★

"In the future of Micaiah Johnson's *The Space Between Worlds*, the secret of multiverse travel has been discovered, but there's a catch. Traveling to a universe where your counterpart is still alive will break your body so badly that every known case has equaled a very messy death. The most valuable traversers are people who have survived lives in which small variations have killed hundreds of their counterparts - people like Cara, born to a drug-addicted mother & raised in the brutality of Ashtown. Cara is an engaging heroine through which to view this intriguingly-built world, & Johnson juggles discussions of crossing class divides & crossing the borders of the multiverse with skill. With intricate plotting spiked with plenty of action, this novel runs along at a pace that makes it hard to look away. This is a great read for sci-fi fans who love the genre for its ability to get the mind working as much as it gets the blood pumping."

GENRE: Science Fiction; Thrillers & Suspense
CHARACTER: Culturally Diverse If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...
TONE: Thought-Provoking
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Thoughtful
STORYLINE: Action-Packed; Intricately Plotted



Irish Angels Series

By Jill Marie Landis



Lynette's Pick: ★★★★★

"The *Irish Angels* series is the story of four sisters who immigrated from Ireland to New Orleans' Irish Channel in the 1870s. When their parents contract yellow fever & die, the sisters are separated. Ten-year-old Lovie is sold to a brothel, eight-year-old Megan is sold to a street criminal who trains his 'tribe' to survive by any available means, & the two youngest girls are left at an orphanage. Each book in the series tells a sister's story. *Heart of Stone* is Lovie's story, & *Heart of Lies* is Megan's story. *Heart of Glass* continues the sisters' stories in Reconstruction-era New Orleans & at a sugar plantation outside the city. Talented narration & excellent story telling captivated my attention from beginning to end. Deep character development & careful attention to historical detail adeptly portray the struggles of life in the south during this era. Persistent love & faith & the indomitable human spirit evident in this clean, heartwarming historical romance series deserves a five-star rating."

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



GENRE: Christian Historical Romances
TONE: Heartwarming; Homespun; Moving



Beauty Water

By Teri Holmes



Shannon's Pick: ★★★★★

"There is no better way to invest in wellness on a daily basis than to make sure we are drinking enough water. Holistic nutritionist & wellness entrepreneur Teri Holmes has developed ways to turn the simple act of hydration into a self-care ritual. As part of a timely conversation on beauty by ways of nutrition & supplements, she created 50 recipes for water-based elixirs that improve vitality, support longevity, & aid our bodies' natural recovery mechanisms. She uses everything from common herbs like nettle, mint, & chamomile, to supplements like adaptogens, chlorophyll, & CBD oil to create elixirs for everyday use. Make her anti-aging Tocos Royal Jelly Plumper to aid youthfulness from within, Lion's Mane Matcha to provide cognitive clarity, or Ashwagandha Chai Calmer for a good night's rest. Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining wellness & beauty from within. The recipes in this book will take your water to new heights. Drink them with intention every day to detox, boost energy, support a strong immune system, improve sleep, & create a holistic approach to self-care through better hydration." If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



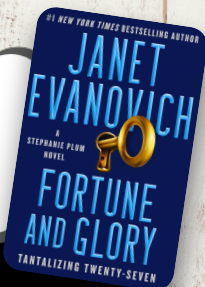


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Fortune & Glory By Janet Evanovich



Heather's Pick: ★★★★★

"Stephanie Plum is at it again! This time she & Grandma Mazer are on a treasure hunt despite resistance from family & friends. When these two team up, hilarity is sure to ensue, & the latest Janet Evanovich book, *Fortune and Glory*, did not disappoint. With all that is going on in this world, this book is an outlet for romance, comedy, & suspense, & a few destroyed cars. You will be laughing out loud as Stephanie & Lulu try to track down some skips that are not very willing to be caught, & as Grandma goes rogue to find her husband's hidden treasure. The plot-driven nature of the book will also have you guessing right up to the very end, which is typical for this series. After the twenty-seventh book, you would think this series would have run out of steam, but Janet always finds a way to stay true to her characters & has created a world in which we all want to revisit. I enjoy catching up with this cast of characters every year. It's like coming home."

GENRE: Chick Lit; First Person Narratives; Mysteries
TONE: Funny; Upbeat
CHARACTER: Sassy

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



Chick Lit



Convenience Store Woman By Sayaka Murata



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Thirty-six year old Keiko Furukura is tired of people insisting that she either get married or get a 'real job.' Keiko has worked at Smile Mart since she was 18 years old. She loves her job & she does it well, so she doesn't understand why the meddlers in her life just can't be happy for her. When a new male coworker starts at Keiko's store, her whole world is shaken up. Will Keiko risk getting close to him, & what will be the consequences if she does? *Convenience Store Woman* is a big read in a small package. Translated from its original Japanese, this novel is an engaging, comical read about a woman who does not fit the mold, & even better, has no desire to conform. Readers will root for Keiko as she attempts to ward off the pressures of society & strives to prove to the world that her life has meaning."

AWARDS: Library Journal Best Books: 2018 Fiction
GENRE: Literary Fiction; Psychological Fiction; Translations
THEME: Go Your Own Way
WRITING STYLE: Engaging
TONE: Moving; Offbeat
STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Own Voices
CHARACTER: Culturally Diverse; Likeable; Quirky

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Literary

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Love Your Life By Sophie Kinsella



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

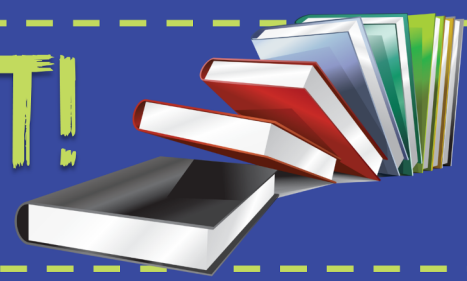
"*Love Your Life* was one of my last books of 2020, & I found it to be just the light-hearted & funny read that I needed at the end of the tumultuous year. Ava's friends may be just fine with finding love on dating apps, but Ava prefers to make a connection the old-fashioned way - in person. So it is no surprise that she falls for a guy insta-love style at a writer's retreat in beautiful & romantic coastal Italy. Once Ava & her new love interest return to the real world, however, they find out they are complete opposites & keep bumping heads over a myriad of issues. Should they try to make their new relationship work or is their love affair bound to be over as quickly as it started? *Love Your Life* is a refreshing entry in the chick lit/romance genres. It was nice to read an entertaining & humorous story where the main character & love interest don't exactly click & have to realistically work through relationship problems that most of us face in the real world."

GENRE: Romantic Comedies
THEME: Love Abroad; Love in Disguise
TONE: Funny; Heartwarming; Upbeat
WRITING STYLE: Engaging
CHARACTER: Likeable

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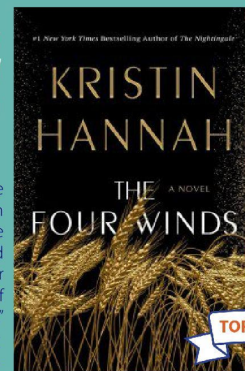
Romance



The Four Winds
A Novel
by Kristin Hannah
(St. Martin's Press)

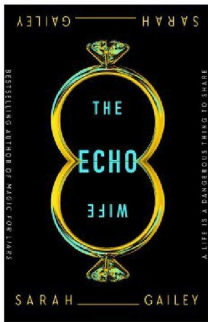
"Elsa, abandoned by her husband, leaves Texas with her two children to save her young son from dust pneumonia. Beautifully written historical fiction about a mother's love and strength holding a family together as they leave the Dust Bowl and head West to fulfill dreams of green lands, only to find themselves unwelcome and with conditions worse than what they left. For readers who enjoy historical fiction with unforgettable characters, and fans of *The Giver of Stars* and *Cilka's Journey*."

—Michele Coleman, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, NC
NovelList read-alike: *I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows



TOP PICK

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



The Echo Wife
by Sarah Gailey
(Tor Books)

"This book asks questions about identity, morality, and genetics, and resists giving easy answers. The man Evelyn and Martine claim as "husband" is lying dead. Gailey invites us to consider a world where clone technology is almost perfect, and its creations are regarded as little more than cattle. What happens when a clone rejects her programming? And what happens when a woman can't resist the influence of her upbringing? For fans of *Black Mirror* and *Orphan Black*."

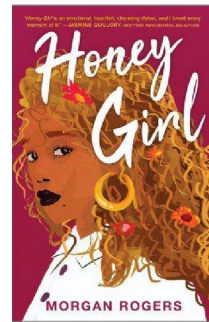
—Krista Feick, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Foe* by Iain Reid



Finlay Donovan Is Killing It
by Elle Cosimano
(Minotaur Books)

"What a fun, enjoyable romp! Finlay Donovan is mistaken for a hit woman, a desperate wife hires her to kill her husband, and it gets crazy from there. An entertaining, hilarious distraction. Perfect for all the Stephanie Plum fans out there."

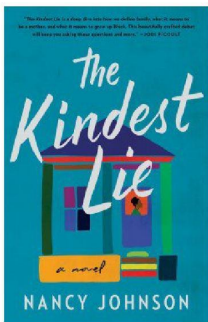
—Rosemarie Borsody, Lee Library Association, Lee, MA
NovelList read-alike: *A Bad Day for Sunshine* by Darynda Jones



Honey Girl
A Novel
by Morgan Rogers
(Park Row)

"One of the best parts of this book is the friendships. These friends listen to, support, and love each other. Grace Porter has just finished her PhD in astronomy and goes to Las Vegas to celebrate. She meets a beautiful woman, Yuki, and by the end of the night, they are drunk and married. When Grace goes to New York to visit Yuki, they fall in love all over again. For fans of *The Queenie* and *The Bride Test*."

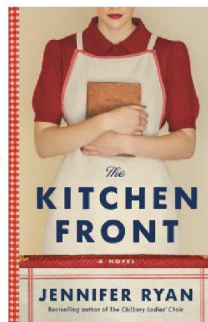
—Patti Lang, Pima County Public Library, Tucson, AZ
NovelList read-alike: *Written in the Stars* by Alexandria Bellefleur



The Kindest Lie
A Novel
by Nancy Johnson
(William Morrow)

"This novel begins on the eve of the 2008 election at a watch party hosted by Ruth and Xavier. Ruth must soon confess a secret: she had a child as a teenager, but walked away to begin a new life. When she returns to her hometown, she begins a friendship with a troubled 11-year-old white boy. Their connected paths are brilliantly told and explore themes of race, money, and finding your way back home. For fans of Tayari Jones and Jacqueline Woodson."

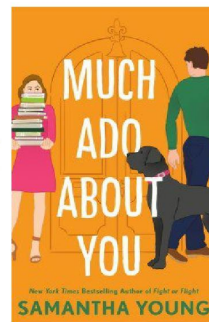
—Ron Block, Cuyahoga Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH
NovelList read-alike: *he Mothers* by Brit Bennett



The Kitchen Front
A Novel
by Jennifer Ryan
(Ballantine Books)

"WWII era, Great Britain, four women vie for the chance to co-present a BBC radio program helping housewives create tasty meals with their war rations. As these women compete against themselves and each other, the contest threatens to tear the community apart unless they can find common ground and work together for a common good. For readers who enjoyed *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* and *The Ship of Brides*."

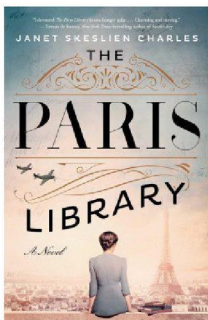
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce



Much Ado About You
by Samantha Young
(Berkley)

"Feeling overlooked in her career and her personal life, Shakespeare-loving Evie Starling takes a leap of faith and goes to Northern England to run the Much Ado About Books bookstore. There, she meets a very sexy farmer who makes her want to break her one and only rule for her trip: no men. For readers who loved *The Tourist Attraction* and *Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune*."

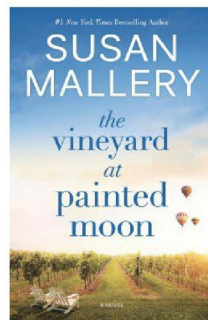
—Laura Collins, Lexington Main Library, Lexington, SC
NovelList read-alike: *Paris is Always a Good Idea* by Jenn McKinlay



The Paris Library
A Novel
by Janet Skeslien Charles
(Atria Books)

"Parallel narratives, one set in WWII Paris and the other in the U.S. in the 1980s, both featuring librarians and bookstore owners. Your patrons will love it. For fans of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* (Davis) and *Sarah's Key* (de Rosnay)."

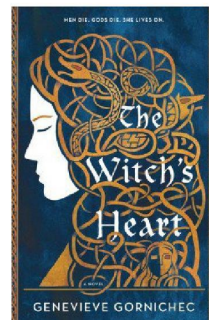
—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier County Public Library, Warrenton, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini



The Vineyard at Painted Moon
by Susan Mallery
(HQN)

"Mackenzie is abruptly divorced, loses her job as winemaker at a prestigious family winery. She hasn't had to be on her own in years. Now she has all kinds of decisions to make. Great relationship fiction with the bonus of learning the inner workings of the wine industry. For fans of Kristin Hannah."

—Gail Christensen, Kitsap Regional Library, Bremerton, WA
NovelList read-alike: *The Future She Left Behind* by Marin Thomas



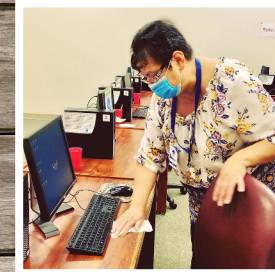
The Witch's Heart
by Genieve Gornichec
(Ace)

"Weaves the rich story of the witch who taught the magic of prophecy to Odin and Freya, married Loki the trickster, and raised the "monsters" who would help bring down Asgard's mightiest rulers. For fans of *Circe* and *The Mists of Avalon*."

—Stacy Lienemann, Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library System, Waseca, MN
NovelList read-alike: *The Gods of Jade and Shadow* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



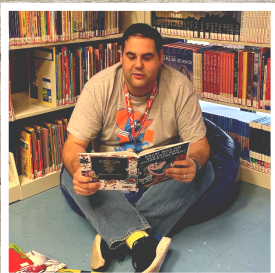
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to Graham & Jane from our Thibodaux Branch, who have reached the 800 benchmark of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!



Our Thibodaux Branch renovations are nearing completion! The branch is closed through 02/20 this month as we add the finishing touches to the renovations. The branch is tentatively scheduled to re-open on Monday, 02/22. We can't wait for you to see the improvements!



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Fax: 985-580-9640

CHOCTAW

Mon - Fri: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sat - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
Fax: 985-633-8873

GHEENS

M, W, F: 10 AM - 6 PM
Tue & Thu: 2 - 6 PM
Sat - Sun: Closed
Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

GOLDEN MEADOW

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

LAROSE

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

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Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
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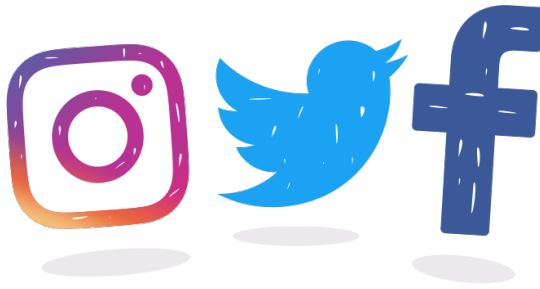
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Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
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