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December 2025

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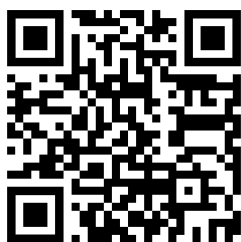


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Library Closure

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches
will be closed Dec 24-27 for Christmas and
Dec 31 - Jan 3 for New Year's.

See You at Book Club!

LibLuv Book Club - Thibodaux Branch

Tuesday, December 9 @ 1 PM

Join us to discuss Helene Hanff's 84 Charing Cross Road.

As the Page Turns - Lockport Branch

Friday, December 12 @ 10 AM

Join us for cookies + coffee as we discuss our
favorite authors and books from the holiday genre.





What's Happening: Dec '25

LOVED BAYOU SINCE 1935!



Happy Birthday ... to US! Celebrate 90 years of service and commitment with us this month at the library. You're invited to our **birthday parties** honoring this special milestone in our library system's history. Thank you for your support throughout our 90 years of serving as your Lafourche Parish Public Library. Join us for food, fun, and memories at our branches this month!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mon, Dec 1 at 11 AM (*Story Time - Music, Crafts, Games, Snacks, Birthday Card Contest*)
Tue, Dec 9 at 1 PM (*Homeschool Hangout - Mrs. Claus, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Birthday Card Contest*)
- **CHOCTAW:** Thu, Dec 11 at 4 PM (*Cupcakes, Chips, Punch, Crafts, Party Games*)
- **GHEENS:** Thu, Dec 11 at 4:15 PM (*Cupcakes + Punch, Crafts, Memory Lane*)
- **LAROSE:** Mon, Dec 22 at 1 PM (*Cake, Refreshments, Games + More*)
- **LOCKPORT:** Mon, Dec 22 at 10 AM-4 PM (*10-11: Blue Dog; 11-1: Refreshments; 1-2: Mrs. Claus; 2-4: Snoballs + Games*)
- **RACELAND:** Thu, Dec 11 at 4 PM (*Party Games, Refreshments, Memory Lane*)
- **THIBODAUX:** Thu, Dec 11 at 3:30 PM (*Reception*)
Tue, Dec 30 at 2 PM (*Games, Crafts, Refreshments, Book Giveaway, Photo Op with Garcon*)



LIVING WITH TOURETTE'S

Kevin Ford, a Galliano resident, is aiming to raise awareness and understanding within the community about living with **Tourette's Syndrome**, a neurological disorder that involves repetitive movements or unwanted sounds (tics) that cannot be easily controlled. Join us for educational presentations at our branches this month on how this diagnosis impacts daily life.

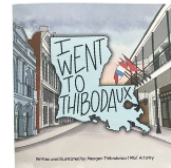
- **LAROSE:** Tue, Dec 2 at 2:30 PM
For Adults
- **LOCKPORT:** Fri, Dec 19 at 11:15 AM
For Adults



MAKE IT A DATE @ THE LIBRARY!

Your next date is on us! Libraries across the country are becoming THE hottest destination for fun & free **day dates & date nights**. Join us for these special upcoming date events for adults:

- **CHOCTAW:** *Booked for Two Day Date Watercolor Christmas Card Making*
Thu, Dec 4 at 10 AM
- **GHEENS:** *Bring a Date: Mocktails & Melodies*
Tue, Dec 30 at 10 AM
- **RACELAND:** *Date Night: Games*
Tue, Dec 23 at 4:30 PM



Meagan Thibodeaux



Sarah Williams



LOCAL AUTHORS @ THE LIBRARY

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

Meagan Thibodeaux will read her new children's book, *I Went to Thibodaux*, at story time at the Thibodaux Branch on Wednesday, December 3 at 11:15 AM.

Sarah Williams is back with the latest edition in the beloved *Honey the Golden* children's picture book series! Hear the holiday story of Honey and *The Rude Reindeer* on Saturday, December 20 at 2 PM at the Thibodaux Branch and on Monday, December 22 at 2 PM at the Choctaw Branch.

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MRS. CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Celebrate Christmas with Mrs. Claus this December at the library! Visit with Mrs. Claus, take your Christmas photos, & make merry memories this holiday season. Photo ops available at all visits.

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mon, Dec 8 at 11 AM (*Story Time*)
Tue, Dec 9 at 1 PM (*Homeschool Hangout*)
- **CHOCTAW:** Wed, Dec 3 at 4 PM (*Stories + Carols*)
- **LAROSE:** Thu, Dec 11 at 1 PM (*Story Time*)
- **LOCKPORT:** Sat, Dec 13 at 11 AM (*Christmas Photos*)
Mon, Dec 22 at 1 PM (*Visit*)
- **RACELAND:** Tue, Dec 16 at 10 AM (*Story Time*)
- **THIBODAUX:** Sat, Dec 6 at 10:30 AM (*Stories, Crafts, Food, Fun+*)



SAVE SANTA! ESCAPE ROOMS

Santa needs your help! Can you give him a holly jolly hand & help us save Christmas at our holiday **escape room** experiences this month? Follow the clues, solve riddles, & decipher puzzles to crack the Christmas code!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Tue, Dec 23 at 1 PM for Kids + Teens
- **GHEENS:** Tue, Dec 16 at 10 AM (*Homeschool Hangout*)
Mon, Dec 22 at 2 PM for All Ages
- **LAROSE:** Mon, Dec 15 at 4:15 PM for Ages 8-16 (10 participant limit)
- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Dec 3 at 1 PM (*Homeschool Hangout*)
Mon, Dec 8 at 5 PM & Mon Dec 29 at 11 AM for Kids
- **RACELAND:** Mon, Dec 8 at 4 PM for All Ages
- **THIBODAUX:** Mon, Dec 8 at 2 PM (*Homeschool Hangout*)



MAKE MERRY WITH REINDEER GAMES + MORE!

Join us for a merry mix of **festive games** at the library this month in celebration of the holiday season! Jingle all the way to the library for some Christmas competition (& cheer!)

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Christmas Bingo - Mon, Dec 22 at 1 PM for All Ages
- **CHOCTAW:** Family Holiday Minute to Win It - Tue, Dec 23 at 2 PM for All Ages
Santa's Sleigh Dice Game - Tue, Dec 23 at 3 PM for Ages 6+
- **LAROSE:** Reindeer Games - Tue, Dec 23 at 11 AM for Ages 3-13
- **LOCKPORT:** Grinch Bingo Battle - Wed, Dec 10 at 4:30 PM for All Ages
- **RACELAND:** Christmas Bingo - Mon, Dec 1 at 4:30 PM for All Ages
- **THIBODAUX:** Homeschool Hangout Reindeer Games - Fri, Dec 19 at 11 AM for All Ages
Christmas Bingo - Tue, Dec 23 at 5 PM for All Ages



HOLIDAY TREATS AND SWEETS

Delight in the flavors of Christmas with these **fun food events** at the library this month!

- **CHOCTAW:** Magic Reindeer Food - Mon, Dec 22 at 1:30 PM for All Ages
Snowman Pudding - Tue, Dec 30 at 2 PM for All Ages (20 participant limit)
- **GHEENS:** Hot Cocoa Ornaments - Tue, Dec 2 at 4 PM for Ages 12-17
Children's Advocacy Cookie Decorating - Mon, Dec 8 at 4:15 PM for All Ages
Bring a Date: Mocktails + Melodies - Tue, Dec 30 at 10 AM for Adults
- **LAROSE:** Christmas Cookie Decorating - Tue, Dec 23 at 1 PM for Ages 3-18
- **LOCKPORT:** Holiday Cookie Decorating - Tue, Dec 16 at 5 PM for Ages 0-12
- **RACELAND:** Cozy Holiday Film + Cocoa - Wed, Dec 17 at 4:30 PM for All Ages

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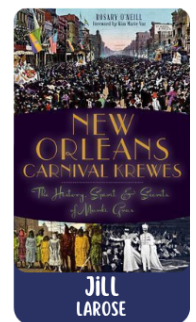
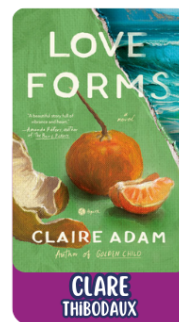
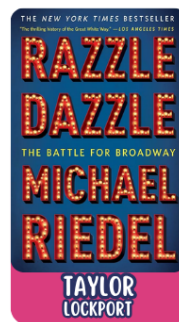
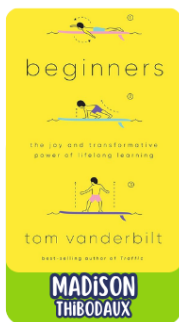
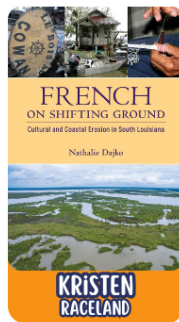
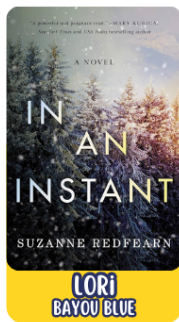
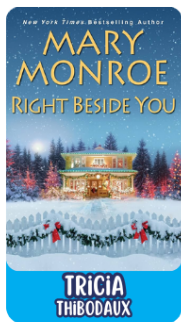
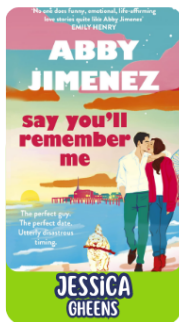
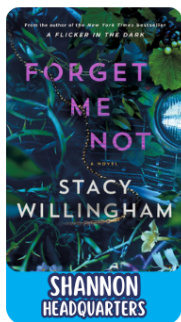
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Check out our favorites!



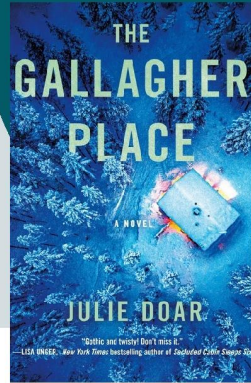


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The Top Ten Adult Fiction and Nonfiction Chosen Monthly by America's Library Staff

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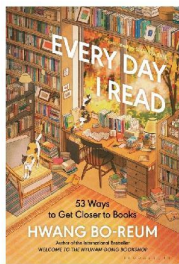
TOP PICK



The Gallagher Place
Julie Doar
(Zibby Publishing)

Marlowe is used to the drama that comes with spending holidays with her family, but nothing's come as close to blowing her world apart like this visit. When she and her brothers stumble upon a dead body, it leads to an investigation that may be tied to the decades old disappearance of her childhood best friend. Soon, no one's secrets will be safe.

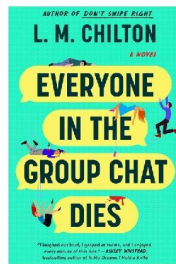
—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Kala* by Colin Walsh



Every Day I Read: 53 Ways to Get Closer to Books
Hwang Bo-reum
(Bloomsbury)

This is a thought-provoking book all about the various aspects of books and reading. It's impossible to read this short book of essays without reflecting on the joys and comfort that reading brings. So many books are recommended in the essays that readers will want their TBR tracker handy!

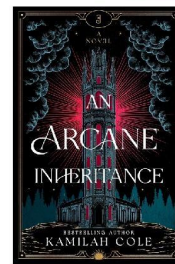
—Kelly Davis, Waukesha Public Library, WI
NovelList read-alike: *On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page Before Lights Out* by Shannon Reed



Everyone in the Group Chat Dies
L.M. Chilton
(Gallery/Scout Press)

Kirby gets a message from a friend she's sure is dead. As she tries to connect with her other friends to figure out what's going on, disasters befall her and the group until she's in a race for her life. Witty, clever and creepy, this true-crime thriller is a fun, easy read for readers looking for something murderous that doesn't take itself too seriously.

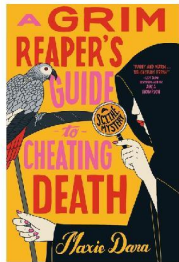
—Carri Genovese, Indianapolis Public Library, IN
NovelList read-alike: *A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage* by Asia Mackay



An Arcane Inheritance
Kamilah Cole
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Ellory gets a full ride to an Ivy League university and isn't sure why. Within weeks she's dog-tired and feels like she's losing her mind. Strange things are afoot, and she has a nagging sense of déjà vu. Exploring themes of racism and elitism, this dark academia delight stands out for great character development, a fast-moving plot, and unexpected twists.

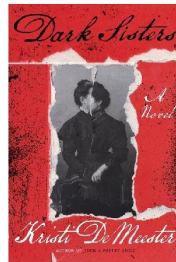
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Babel* by RF Kuang



A Grim Reaper's Guide to Cheating Death
Maxie Dara
(Berkley)

Nora is terrified of death but works for S.C.Y.T.H.E., a company that employs grim reapers. To complicate things further, her twin brother's file has shown up on her desk. To save him, the siblings go on the run with a parrot named Jessica. They find the perfect place to hide until she realizes it isn't just Capital-D Death after her brother, but someone else trying to kill him. An enjoyable romp.

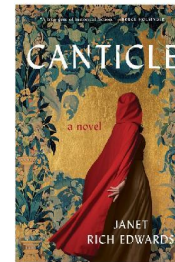
—Vanneshia Crane, Love County Library, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Ruby and Cordelia* mysteries by Olivia Blacke



Dark Sisters
Kristi DeMeester
(St. Martin's Press)

This fast-paced, terrifying work of historical horror is unapologetically feminist and told in alternating chapters across three timelines: Camilla in 2207, Mary in 1953, and Anna in 1750. Readers will be compelled to learn the women's secrets and the origin of the powerful church called The Patch. Recommended for fans of books about witches and women's power.

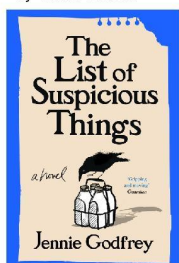
—Lila Denning, St. Petersburg Library System, FL
NovelList read-alike: *The Bewitching* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



Canticle: A Novel
Janet Rich Edwards
(Spiegel & Grau)

An intriguing historical fiction about a woman who, from a young age, is called to God. Set in 13th century Bruges, this is a particularly timely look at gender politics, especially as they relate to religion—how far will men go to hold on to their power and standing, and to what lengths will a woman go to serve her god? A great pick for book clubs.

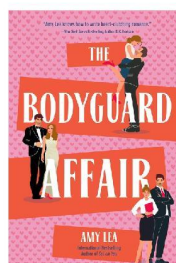
—Jayna McDaniel-Browning, Delaware County District Library, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Matrix* by Lauren Groff



The List of Suspicious Things
Jennie Godfrey
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

In the late 1970s, the Yorkshire Ripper casts a shadow of fear over the locals. A young girl, Miv, makes a list of suspicious things in hopes of capturing the Ripper. As Miv and her best friends focus on the secrets, hopes, and tragedies of her neighbors' lives, she discovers the links that connect them all. Will be good for book clubs.

—Joan Hipp, LibraryReads Ambassador, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* by Joanna Cannon



The Bodyguard Affair
Amy Lea
(Berkley)

In this slow-burn dual POV romance, Andi is the assistant to the Canadian Prime Minister's wife by day and writes steamy romances under a pen name by night. When her novel, *The Prime Minister and Me*, comes out, people assume it is based in truth. In order to manage the PR disaster, Andi starts fake-dating the PM's bodyguard with whom she happens to have an awkward past. Very cute and cinematic.

—Cate Daily, Columbus Metropolitan Library, OH
NovelList read-alike: *The Bodyguard* by Katharine Center

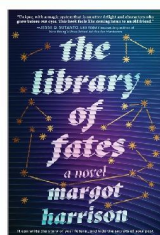


We Who Will Die
Stacia Stark
(Avon)

One of Arvelle's brothers needs life-saving medicine, and the only way to get it is to make an unbreakable pact with a vampire. Now she must survive gladiator-style games and get close enough to the King to fulfill her vow, or her brothers die. But why has the Primus taken a dislike to her, and why is he always masked? A great plot twist will hook readers.

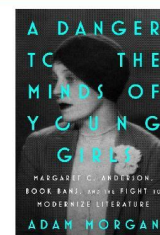
—Laura Sanders, Lafourche Parish Public Library, LA
NovelList read-alike: *Crowns of Nyxia* duology by Carissa Broadbent

Bonus pick:



The Library of Fates
Margot Harrison
(Graydon House)

Notable Nonfiction:



A Danger to the Minds of Young Girls: Margaret C. Anderson, Book Bans, and the Fight to Modernize Literature
Adam Morgan
(Atria/One Signal)

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