



# Library Lagniappe

St. Mary Parish Library Newsletter

January-February 2026

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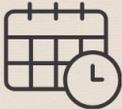
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Visit our Online Calendar



SCAN TO VIEW

View and register for upcoming events at [stmaryparishlibrary.libcal.com/calendars](http://stmaryparishlibrary.libcal.com/calendars).

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Amelia

Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Saturday-Sunday Closed

### Centerville

Monday Closed  
Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Friday-Sunday Closed

Bayou Vista • Berwick • Franklin • Patterson • West End

Monday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Tuesday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Wednesday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Thursday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Sunday Closed



ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY

# 2025 Year in Review

• Amelia • Bayou Vista • Berwick • Centerville • Franklin • Patterson • West End •



## Materials Borrowed

35,527 Books

6,269 E-Books

CloudLibrary, Hoopla

77 AudioBooks

7,916 E-Audiobooks

CloudLibrary, Hoopla

498 Magazines

11,259 DVDs

Physical & Streaming

44 Library of Things

61,590  
Total Circulation  
Physical & Digital Materials



710 New Cardholders



57,258 Total Library Visitors

## Library Events

1,824 Programs Offered

23,161 Attendance  
Children, Teens & Adults

## Outreach

Programs 449

Attendance 9,363

## Fun Facts

9,191 New books added to our collection

7,854 Items Renewed | 9,209 Holds placed

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library registrations. 788

## Top Items Checked Out



## Digital

9,558 Computer  
Public Computer Sessions



## Reference

1,029 Questions Answered

## Top Highlights

- Franklin Library has updated its Teen Area with video games, board games, and school supplies, with more branches to follow soon.
- Children's Areas received new play additions to enhance hands-on learning and creativity.
- LibCal and online meeting room booking officially launched, making reservations easier than ever.
- A new Spanish-language collection has been developed and will soon be available for checkout.
- Summer Reading Program earned support from 15 local businesses, making it our most successful year yet.

Thank you for supporting your library!

Your visits, participation, and engagement make our community stronger.

# SRP MERCH PREORDER



## St. Mary Parish Library 2026 Summer Reading Merch Pre-Order Form

St. Mary Parish Library is offering a limited-time presale for the 2026 Summer Reading Program merch! Exclusive *Unearth A Story* themed t-shirts will be available for preorder from February 2 through March 18, with all orders ready for pickup in May. Don't miss your chance to snag these items before the summer fun begins!



**Presale Begins: Monday, February 2, 2026**  
**Deadline: Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

Adults  
\$10.00  
Youth  
\$8.00

## Merch Order Form ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY

### T-Shirts

Adult & Youth sizes available

Size	Quantity	Price
Youth XS (4/5)	_____	\$ _____
Youth S (6/8)	_____	\$ _____
Youth M (10/12)	_____	\$ _____
Youth L (14/16)	_____	\$ _____
Youth XL (18/20)	_____	\$ _____
Adult S	_____	\$ _____
Adult M	_____	\$ _____
Adult L	_____	\$ _____
Adult XL	_____	\$ _____
Adult 2XL	_____	\$ _____
Adult 3XL	_____	\$ _____

### Customer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Pickup Location:

- Amelia  Bayou Vista  Berwick  Centerville  
 Franklin  Patterson  West End

### Total

T-Shirt Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

- Cash  Check  Card (4% service charge)

Please submit the completed forms and payments to any branch of the St. Mary Parish Library, or send them by mail to the Franklin Library at 206 Iberia St., Franklin, LA 70538.

### Staff Use Only

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

# CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

## All Ages

Friday, January 16

**Registration Required**

Popcorn Games

4:00 PM

To celebrate National Popcorn Day on January 19, join us for fun, interactive popcorn-themed games! All Ages.

Wednesday, January 21

Winter Slime

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 11

Mardi Gras Flag

4:00 PM

Celebrate the spirit of Mardi Gras by crafting a vibrant flag using beads, feathers, and glitter for a creative masterpiece! All Ages.

Friday, February 13

Rose Petal Slime

4:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

Celebrating Black History: Augustus Jackson & The Legacy of Ice Cream

4:00 PM

Join us as we honor Augustus Jackson, a 19th-century African American innovator credited with revolutionizing ice cream making! Learn how his contributions shaped the sweet treat we all love today. All Ages.

## Teens

Friday, January 23

**Registration Required**

Donut Hand Warmers

4:00 PM

Join us for a fun craft and create sweet, donut-shaped handwarmers to keep your hands cozy! Teens.

Thursday, February 26

Bedazzled Books

4:00 PM

Add sparkle and style to book covers using rhinestones, stickers, glitter, and more! Teens.

## Tweens & Up

Thursday, January 29

New Year Vision Board

4:00 PM

Dream big and design your future! Join us for a fun and inspiring vision board workshop where you'll explore your goals, passions, and creativity. Tweens & Up.



Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

## All Ages

Friday, January 2

Video & Board Game Afternoon

2:00-5:00 PM

Enjoy a variety of board games, from classics to new favorites, and video games for casual play. Bring your own Switch if you like! All Ages.

Thursday, January 8

Snowy Pinecone Jar Candle

4:00 PM

Create magical winter centerpieces using pinecones, faux snow, glitter, and tealight candles. All Ages.

Monday, January 26

Kindness Rocks!

4:00 PM

Help us spread kindness by painting rocks for our Kindness Rock Garden! All Ages.

Friday, January 30 & Friday, February 27

Homeschool Hangout

11:00 AM

Join our Homeschool Hangout for a fun, relaxed meetup where kids can connect while parents exchange ideas, resources, and support. All Ages.

Thursday, February 5

**Registration Required**

DIY Mardi Gras Mask & Edible Necklace

4:00 PM

Design a dazzling Mardi Gras mask and string together a colorful, tasty edible necklace. All Ages.

Friday, February 13

Valentine Bingo

4:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

Celebrating Black History: George Crum & DIY Chip Clips & Chip Tasting

4:00 PM

Honoring the inventor of the potato chip, George Crum, join us in a blind taste test and make your own chip clip! All Ages.

## Teens

Thursday, January 22

Paint Your Pals

4:00 PM

Bring your favorite Labubu or Squishmallow to use as inspiration while you create your own artwork. Borrow a buddy from our collection if you need! Teens.

Thursday, February 12

**Registration Required**

Anti-Valentine Day Zombie Plushies

4:00 PM

Skip the hearts and roses and design a spooky zombie plushie adding stitches and unique details, for a playful charm. Teens.

# CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

## Children

Saturday, February 28

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Story Time**

10:00 AM

Celebrate Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with a book of the month story time featuring themed crafts, and family activities to inspire a lifelong love of reading, one book at a time! Children.

## All Ages

Friday, January 9

**Terracotta Winter Bug**

4:00 PM

Decorate terra cotta pots and transform them into whimsical winter bugs. All Ages.

Monday, January 12

**Coffee Creamer Snowman**

4:00 PM

Transform empty creamer containers into festive snowmen in this fun, eco-friendly craft! All Ages.

Friday, January 23

**Night Sky Slime**

4:00 PM

Monday, February 2

**Groundhog Day Cut & Paste Craft**

4:00 PM

Celebrate Groundhog Day with a fun, fuzzy cut-and-paste puppet! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 11

**Conversation Heart Slime**

4:00 PM

Thursday, February 12

**Registration Required**

**Valentine Treasure Box**

4:00 PM

Craft a Valentine Treasure Box with glitter, gems, and love-themed flair to hold your sweetest keepsakes. All Ages.

## Teens

Thursday, January 15

**Textured Tissue Paper Canvas Art**

4:00 PM

Explore texture and color in a vibrant art program using just tissue paper and imagination. Teens.

Monday, February 9

**Beaded Axolotl**

4:00 PM

Create a colorful axolotl with beads in this fun, creative project celebrating the species' unique charm. Teens.

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Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

## All Ages

Wednesday, January 7

**Winter Word Bingo**

3:15 PM

Thursday, January 8

**Thursday, February 5**

**Lego Club**

3:15 PM

Lego Club is a fun, creative space where you can build, design, and explore using LEGO bricks. All Ages.

Wednesday, January 14

**Clay Snowmen**

3:15 PM

Sculpt a snowman from air-dry clay, decorate it with fun accessories, and take home a frosty friend to brighten your winter days. All Ages.

Thursday, February 12

**Glitter Slime**

3:15 PM

Wednesday, February 18

**Paper Snowman Snow Globe**

3:15 PM

Craft a frosty friend using a clear plastic plate, paper cutouts, cotton balls, and a sprinkle of glitter, perfect to take home and display all season long. All Ages.

## Teens

Thursday, January 29

**Pom Penguins**

3:15 PM

Create adorable pom-pom penguins using yarn, felt, and a touch of imagination. Teens.

Wednesday, February 25

**Registration Required**

**Teen Glow Painting**

3:15 PM

Get ready to paint under black lights with neon colors that POP! Wear white or neon to glow even brighter! Teens.



# CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Franklin Library

337-828-5364

## Children

Saturday, January 24

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Story Time

10:00 AM

Celebrate Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with a book of the month story time featuring themed crafts, and family activities to inspire a lifelong love of reading, one book at a time! Children.

## All Ages

Wednesday, January 7

Wednesday, February 4

Pokémon Club

4:00 PM

Pokémon Club is a place for fans to connect, trade cards, battle, and share their love for all things Pokémon. Each meeting features fun activities like games, discussions, and strategy tips for trainers of all levels. All Ages.

Wednesday, January 14

Winter-Phant Toothpaste Experiment

4:00 PM

Create a giant foaming experiment using household ingredients and watch a spectacular winter-themed reaction come to life! All Ages.

Friday, January 16

Puzzle Piece Peace Wreath

4:00 PM

Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by creating a puzzle piece peace wreath symbolizing unity, diversity, and hope. All Ages.

Wednesday, January 21

Winter Fluff Slime

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 11

Registration Required

Cake Pop Valentine

4:00 PM

Make delicious Valentine-themed cake pops and create heartfelt cards for our local nursing home. All Ages.

Friday, February 13

Valentine Bingo

4:00 PM

Tuesday, February 24

Celebrating Black History: Garrett Morgan & LEGO Invention Challenge

4:00 PM

Honor Garrett Morgan, inventor of the modern traffic light, with a hands-on LEGO challenge and create your own edible stoplight! All Ages.

## Teens

Thursday, January 22

Thursday, February 26

Dungeons & Dragons

4:15 PM

Dungeons & Dragons is a tabletop role-playing game where players create characters, gain experience, and navigate a fantasy world led by a Dungeon Master. The campaign group is currently full. Teens.

Tuesday, January 27

Registration Required

Celebrating National Chocolate Day

4:00 PM

Enjoy a cozy, chocolate-filled afternoon making microwave chocolate mug cakes! While they cook, explore fun chocolate trivia and the science behind this sweet treat. Teens.

Wednesday, February 18

Beaded Banner

4:00 PM

Enjoy a colorful afternoon of creativity and community designing a beaded banner! Teens.

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

## All Ages

Tuesday, January 6

Winter Bingo

4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday, February 10

Lego Club

4:00 PM

Get ready to take on exciting LEGO challenges or build whatever you dream up! Drop by our LEGO Club for some hands-on fun and bring your ideas to life, one brick at a time. All Ages.

Saturday, January 17

Saturday, February 21

Pokémon Club

11:00 AM

The club engages in trading Pokémon cards, battling with other members using video games or cards, organizing tournaments, and cosplay contests. All Ages.

Thursday, January 22

Snowy Landscape Diorama

4:00 PM

Create a winter scene in a shoebox using cotton ball snow, trees, and tiny houses. All Ages.



# CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

## All Ages

Friday, January 30

**K-Pop Party**

4:00 PM

Have fun learning K-Pop terms, playing trivia games, enjoying photo ops, and making photo card holders of your favorite idols! All Ages.

Tuesday, February 3

**Shades of Love Paper Wreath**

4:00 PM

Create heart wreaths using paper plates and colorful heart cutouts! All Ages.

Friday, February 6

**Registration Required**

**Mardi Gras Duck-O-Rating**

4:00 PM

Decorate a rubber duck with beads, feathers, glitter, and all the flair of a parade! All Ages.

Friday, February 13

**Valentine Slime**

4:00 PM

## Teens

Wednesday, January 28

**Registration Required**

**Jumbo Mixed Media Pet Collage**

4:00 PM

Unleash your creativity using magazines, fabric, paint, and more to craft a unique pet portrait! Teens.

Friday, February 20

**Registration Required**

**National Love Your Pet Day: Sweet Treats**

4:00 PM

Join us for a paws-itively fun program where you'll craft homemade goodies your pets will adore! Teens.

## Tweens & Adults

Thursday, January 15

Thursday, February 19

**Registration Required**

**Beginner Crochet w/ Lelia Rock**

4:00 PM

Dive into the world of crochet guided by Lelia Rock at a beginner-friendly event! Explore the art of crochet in a fun and engaging atmosphere! Tweens-Adults.

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West End Branch

337-923-6205

## All Ages

Monday, January 5

**Tin Can Bird Feeder**

4:00 PM

Celebrate National Bird Day by upcycling old cans into charming bird feeders with paint, ribbon, wooden spoons, and birdseed. All Ages.

Thursday, January 8

Thursday, February 12

**Playdough Playdate**

4:00 PM

Squish, roll, sculpt, and creatively explore with this sensory activity while developing fine motor skills through open-ended play with Play-Doh. All Ages.

Friday, January 23

**Registration Required**

**Ice Cream Factory**

4:00 PM

Make homemade ice cream with simple ingredients and add a sprinkle of joy to your winter. All Ages.

Thursday, January 29

**Winter Bingo**

4:00 PM

Monday, February 2

**Paper Roosters**

4:00 PM

Using newspaper, glue, and a lot of imagination, create a paper rooster bursting with personality! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 11

**Sweetheart Bingo**

4:00 PM

Friday, February 27

**Registration Required**

**Librubru Sculpting Workshop**

4:00 PM

Create a Librubru with sculpting clay and design a friendship bracelet to match its passion for fashion! All Ages.

## Teens

Wednesday, January 7

**Registration Required**

**Himmelis Dancing Diamonds**

4:00 PM

Making himmelis is a fun way to use straws and string to create modern sculptural designs. Teens.

Friday, February 20

**Registration Required**

**National Love Your Pet Day: DIY Pet Toy**

4:00 PM

Celebrate National Pet Lovers Day by making DIY pet toys, perfect for playtime with your furry friend! Teens.

# BABY & TODDLER STORY TIMES

## AMELIA BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
MONDAYS 10:30 AM

January 5– Snow Birds

Story: No Two Alike

Activity: Pine cone bird feeder



January 26– Sleepy Bear

Story: Knock, Knock

Activity: Hibernating bear



February 2– Pop Goes the Groundhog

Story: Ten Grouchy Groundhogs

Activity: Groundhog finger puppet

February 23– Kaboom! A Volcanic Story Time

Story: Don't Blow Your Top!

Activity: Volcano eruption in a bag

## BAYOU VISTA BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
TUESDAYS 10:30 AM

January 6– On Top of Spaghetti

Story: More Spaghetti, I Say!

Activity: Spaghetti art



January 13– It's National Sticker Day

Story: Sticky People

Activity: Making a sticker book

January 20– Popping Popcorn

Story: The Popcorn Shop

Activity: Cotton ball popcorn



January 27– A Chocolatey Chip Story Day

Story: The Last Chocolate Chip Cookie

Activity: Mouse and cookie

February 3– Plenty of Pockets

Story: What Did You Put in Your Pocket?

Activity: Baby kangaroo



February 10– I Heart You

Story: The Day It Rained Hearts

Activity: Drip painted hearts

February 24– Leaping Leopards

Story: Put Me in the Zoo

Activity: Paper plate leopard



## CENTERVILLE BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM

January 8– Chilly Days

Story: Ruffles and the Cold, Cold Snow

Activity: Colorful cup of hot cocoa



February 12– Cuddle Up For a Story

Story: Cuddles For Mom

Activity: A cuddly sock friend

## BERWICK BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM

January 7– Over and Under

Story: In the Small, Small Pond

Activity: Pond pals

January 14– What Do You See?

Story: Panda Bear, Panda Bear,

What Do You See?

Activity: Panda puppet



January 21– Snowy Day

Story: We Want Snow

Activity: Snowflake

January 28– Silly Monkey

Story: Monkey and Me

Activity: Monkey mask



February 4– Big Hugs

Story: I Need a Hug

Activity: Prickly porcupine



February 11– Mardi Gras

Story: The Little Purple Mardi Gras Bead

Activity: Mardi Gras bag

February 18– Zoo Surprise

Story: Dear Zoo

Activity: Craft tissue puppy



February 25– Tip, Tap, Stomp, Stomp

Story: Dancing Feet!

Activity: Musical instrument

## PATTERSON BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
MONDAYS 10:30 AM

January 12– Warm Winter Clothing

Story: The Helping Sweater

Activity: Winter clothing mobile



February 9– Yeti Tales

Story: Spaghetti With the Yeti

Activity: Cotton ball yeti



## WEST END BRANCH



TODDLER TIME  
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM

January 15– Snow Buddies

Story: Snow Friends

Activity: Snowman wreath

February 19– Kindness is Cool

Story: All Kinds of Kindness

Activity: Kindness bee



I am kind

## FRANKLIN LIBRARY



TODDLER TIME  
FRIDAYS 10:30 AM

January 2– Winter Nap

Story: Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!

Activity: Paper bag bear cave



January 9– Waddle, Waddle

Story: Little Penguins

Activity: Paper cup penguin

January 16– Snow Day

Story: The Snowflakes

Activity: Cotton ball snowflake



January 23– Swamp Story

Story: Mama's Bayou

Activity: Sticker story

January 30– What's That Sound?

Story: Who Hoots?

Activity: Pool noodle pig



February 6– Happy Valentine's

Story: Hap-Pea Valentine's Day

Activity: Valentine handprint

February 13– Mardi Gras Mambo

Story: Louisiana Baby

Activity: Mardi Gras crown

February 20– Chomp-Chomp

Story: The Hungry Little Gator

Activity: Green gator



February 27– Cookies for Mouse

Story: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Activity: Cookie craft

## Toddler Time

St. Mary Parish Library hosts weekly story time for infants to age four and their caregivers at various locations. This program promotes social skills and early literacy through singing, dancing, and storytelling, while toddlers engage in rhymes, art, and finger plays in an interactive environment.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

Friday, January 9

**New Year Memory Box**

10:30 AM

Create a New Year memory box, a creative and nostalgic way to start the year! Adults.

Friday, February 6

**Mardi Gras Bead Wreath**

10:30 AM

Design a Mardi Gras bead wreath, perfect for your door or as a gift! We'll provide the beads, ribbon, and all the sparkle you need to let the good times roll. Adults.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Monday, January 12

**Registration Required**

**DIY Aroma Stones**

10:30 AM

Create your own decorative aroma stones in this hands-on crafting session, using simple ingredients and your favorite essential oils. Adults.

Thursday, January 8

Thursday, February 5

**Bring Your Own Supplies**

**Diamond Art**

10:00 AM

Dazzle your canvas with rhinestones in a self-guided space for your diamond art projects. Participants must bring their own supplies. Adults.

Monday, February 9

**Mardi Gras Earrings**

10:30 AM

Craft festive earrings inspired by the colors and spirit of Carnival. Adults.

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

Saturday, January 3

**Registration Required**

**Gemstone Twisted Wire Tree**

10:30 AM

Create a miniature gemstone tree, an enchanting sculpture made from shimmering beads, twisted wire, and your imagination. Adults.

Tuesday, January 6,13,20,27

Tuesday, February 3,10,24

**Calm Coloring**

1:45 PM

Coloring is a great way to relax and enhance mental well-being. Join our coloring sessions on Tuesdays to experience the benefits. Adults.

Thursday, January 8

Thursday, February 12

**Bring Your Own Supplies**

**Crochet Corner**

10:30 AM

Join Crochet Corner to share your skills in a self-guided space. Participants must bring their own supplies, as it is not an instructional class. Adults.

Tuesday, January 20

**Aetna: Life 101**

11:00 AM

Letitia Butler from Aetna will present Life 101 General Education, covering the essentials of life insurance. Adults.

Saturday, February 7

**Registration Required**

**Wabi-Sabi Hearts**

10:30 AM

This project celebrates imperfection and happy accidents, guiding you to create mixed media artwork with layered textures and a beautifully aged, lived-in look. Adults.

## Celebrate Black History Month



Celebrate Black History Month with a curated list of inspiring books you can borrow from your library today!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

Centerville Branch 337-836-1717

**Tuesday, January 6**  
**Registration Required**  
**Vintage Book Stack Décor** 10:30 AM  
Step into a world of literary charm! Create your own vintage-inspired bookstack decor in this hands-on craft, perfect for reading nooks, gifts, or home accents. Adults.

**Tuesday, January 13**  
**Tuesday, February 10**  
**Adult Coloring** 10:30 AM  
Adult coloring is an easy and enjoyable way to unwind and tap into your creative side. Adults.

**Tuesday, February 3**  
**Registration Required**  
**Ocean Wings** 10:30 AM  
Let your imagination take flight by transforming oyster shells into shimmering butterfly wings using paint, wire, and a touch of creativity. Adults.

Franklin Library 337-828-5364

**Saturday, January 17**  
**Registration Required**  
**Glimmer Glass Bottles** 10:30 AM  
Transform ordinary bottles into shimmering works of art using mirror pieces and your imagination. Adults.

**Thursday, February 5**  
**Bring Your Own Supplies**  
**Crochet Corner** 10:30 AM  
Join Crochet Corner to share your crocheting skills in a welcoming, self-guided space. Participants must bring their own supplies, as it is not an instructional class. Adults.

**Monday, February 9**  
**Aetna: Life 101** 11:00 AM  
Letitia Butler from Aetna will present Life 101 General Education, covering the essentials of life insurance. Adults.

**Saturday, February 21**  
**DIY Textured Art** 10:30 AM  
Explore mixed media in this hands-on workshop for adults, experimenting with layering techniques and unique materials to create stunning textured masterpieces. Adults.

Patterson Branch 985-395-2777

**Monday, January 5**  
**Craft Catch Up** 5:30 PM  
Didn't get a chance to try a craft last year? Explore a variety of crafts and discover a new project to try! Adults.

**Monday, February 23**  
**Jute Basket** 5:30 PM  
Enjoy a cozy crafting session blending creativity and tradition. Learn to weave your own basket and take home a handmade treasure! Adults.

West End Branch 337-923-6205

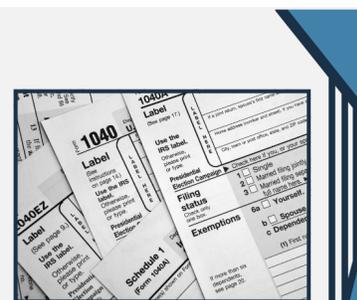
**Monday, January 5,12,26**  
**Monday, February 2,9,23**  
**Art Workshop** 1:30 PM  
The weekly art workshop welcomes artists of all levels to explore painting and drawing, providing a space to share ideas, and techniques while connecting with fellow art enthusiasts. Adults.

**Wednesday, January 21**  
**Registration Required**  
**Wooden Spoon & Jar Kitchen Decor** 1:30 PM  
Spruce up your kitchen by decorating jars and wooden spoons! Adults.

**Wednesday, February 4**  
**Registration Required**  
**DIY Mardi Gras Tote** 1:30 PM  
Get ready to parade your creativity with a festive craft program, designing your very own Mardi Gras-themed tote bag! Adults.

## FREE TAX FORMS

Skip the hassle and visit the library for complimentary printed tax forms! Each branch offers a selection of commonly used federal tax forms along with instructions.



# BOOK CLUB

# Book CLUB

## Adult



### Amelia Branch

2nd Tuesday of each month 10:45 AM

**January 13**-The Lost Book Shop by Evie Woods  
**February 10**-She Started It by Sian Gilbert



### Berwick Branch

3rd Wednesday of each month 2:00 PM

**January 21**-The Secret of Snow by Viola Shipman  
**February 18**-Biloxi by Mary Miller



### Centerville Branch

3rd Tuesday of each month 10:30 AM

**January 20**-When You Are Near by Tracie Peterson  
**February 24**-A Family Affair by Robyn Carr



*\*Due to Mardi Gras, the club will meet on the 4th Tuesday in February.*



### Franklin Library

2nd Thursday of each month 4:00 PM

**January 8**-Alaskan Holiday by Debbie Macomber  
**February 12**- Seven Days in June by Tia Williams



## Youth



### Berwick Branch

Teens | Grades 6-8  
4th Thursday of each month 4:00 PM

**January 22**- Join the Berwick Teen Book Club! All book suggestions are welcome!  
**February 26**- The Night Librarian by Christopher Lincoln



# MEMORIALS

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memory*



**-Ricky Chauvin**

*Growing Green: A First Book of Gardening*

*Keep Our World Green: Why Humans Need  
Gardens, Parks and Public Green Spaces  
by Frieda Wishinsky*

*Step-By-Step Gardening For Kids:  
Fantastic Gardening Ideas for 5-12 Year  
Olds, From Growing Fruit and Vegetables  
to Fun with Flowers to Wildlife Gardening  
and Craft Projects by Jenny Hendy*

Donor: Anne LeJeune

## *Memorials*

The Library's Memorial program is a special way to remember loved ones and friends who have passed away. Patrons may donate funds to purchase library books in someone's memory while making general suggestions regarding the subject or genre. Materials are selected and bought by the acquisitions department. A memorial plaque is placed in the book and after processing, the donor and the honoree's family are notified. Direct donation of actual materials is discouraged as these are often not in compliance with the collection selection policy. For more information, please contact your local library.





St. Mary Parish Library  
206 Iberia Street  
Franklin, LA 70538

## Upcoming Library Closures

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19
Mardi Gras	February 16-17



### Main Library—Alex P. Allain

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Franklin, LA 70538  
Phone 337-828-5364  
Fax 337-413-0145  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

### Library Headquarters

206 Iberia St  
Franklin, LA 70538  
Phone 337-828-1624  
Fax 337-828-2329  
Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Sat Closed

### Amelia Branch

625 Lake Palourde Rd  
Amelia, LA 70340  
Phone 985-631-2262  
Fax 985-631-2632  
Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat Closed

### Bayou Vista Branch

1325 Belleview Dr  
Bayou Vista, LA 70380  
Phone 985-399-9866  
Fax 985-399-4232  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

### Berwick Branch

3512 Fifth St  
Berwick, LA 70342  
Phone 985-385-2943  
Fax 985-385-6474  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

### Centerville Branch

9340 Hwy 182  
Centerville, LA 70522  
Phone 337-836-1717  
Fax 337-836-1718  
Tues-Thurs 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Mon, Fri-Sun Closed

### Patterson Branch

521 Catherine St  
Patterson, LA 70392  
Phone 985-395-2777  
Fax 985-399-4469  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

### West End Branch

100 Charenton Rd  
Baldwin, LA 70514  
Phone 337-923-6205  
Fax 337-923-4507  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

This February, we honor the contributions of African Americans who shaped library services and access to knowledge:

- Booker T. Washington (1856–1915) – Founder of the Tuskegee Institute, he advocated for education for African Americans, which included the development of libraries and access to learning resources.
- Marian Wright Edelman (born 1939) – While primarily an activist for children's rights, she has been a strong advocate for literacy programs and library access for underserved communities.
- Carla Hayden (born 1952) – The first African American and first woman to serve as Librarian of Congress, she has emphasized modernizing libraries and expanding access to digital resources.
- Augusta Baker (1911–1998) – A pioneer in children's librarianship, she worked at the New York Public Library and promoted storytelling, literacy, and culturally relevant materials for Black children.
- Edward C. Williams (1871–1929) – The first professionally trained Black librarian in the U.S.; joined the ALA in 1896 and served as a university librarian.
- Virginia Proctor Powell Florence (1897–1991) – First Black woman to earn a library science degree and pass the New York state exam for high school librarians.

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