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St. Mary Parish Library Newsletter

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Visit our Online Calendar



SCAN TO VIEW

View and register for upcoming events at stmaryparishlibrary.libcal.com/calendars.



LIBRARY HOURS

Amelia

Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Saturday-Sunday Closed

Centerville

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM-5:30 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

September is

LIBRARY CARD

Sign Up Month

A library card HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!



ALA150
American Library Association

Library Champions

What can your library card do for you?



READ

New books are added daily, offering bestselling titles with minimal wait. Explore printed books, magazines, or enjoy e-books online.

Hit all the right notes with every page and explore everything your library card can offer! Discover all the resources, programs, and adventures waiting for you.



E-READ

Access the online library with your card, available 24/7.

- CloudLibrary
- NewsStand
- Hoopla
- Newsbank



BORROW

Material	Checkout Period
Books	28 days
Audiobooks	14 days
Magazines	7 days
DVDs	5 days
Cleanup Kits	5 days



LISTEN

Get 24/7 access to e-audiobooks using Hoopla and CloudLibrary.



WATCH

Enjoy free DVD rentals with no late fees, featuring popular TV series and documentaries, or stream content online via Hoopla.



LIBRARY OF THINGS

Explore our Library of Things collection, including Check Out LA State Park passes, museum passes, and more coming soon.

TECHNOLOGY

- Public computers
- Instant prints from your device with mobile printing
- Scan, Fax, and Copy services
- Wifi

RESOURCES

Discover and expand your knowledge by utilizing databases designed for research and educational purposes.

Scan for more information on how to get a St. Mary Parish Library card.

BACK TO SCHOOL



back to school

Get back to school ready with St. Mary Parish Library!

ABC Mouse

ABCmouse is a digital learning program for children ages 2–8, offering 13,000+ interactive activities covering reading, math, science, art, and social studies.
(Only accessible in-house)

BookFLix

BookFLix (Ages 3–8) combines animated stories with Scholastic nonfiction ebooks to boost literacy and vocabulary.

Homework Louisiana

Homework Louisiana provides free online tutoring, test prep, and job search assistance to eligible library card holders statewide.

Mango

Learn one of 70 world languages and 20 English courses, available anytime, anywhere.

Mometrix

Mometrix eLibrary offers study materials for over 1,400 standardized exams, covering high school, college, graduate admissions, and certifications. Resources include study guides, instructional videos, interactive flashcards, and practice tests.

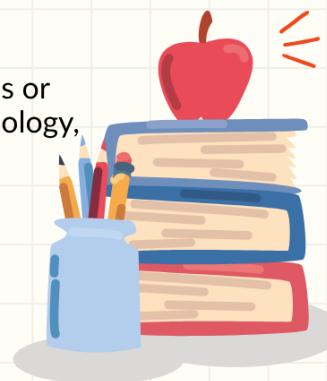
Udemy

Udemy offers thousands of on-demand video courses to build career skills or explore personal interests across 75 categories, including business, technology, and personal development.

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CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

All Ages

Wednesday, September 9

Build a Bear-y Cute Friend 4:00 PM

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day by designing your own adorable teddy bear using simple craft supplies and a sponge base. All Ages.

Friday, September 25

Leaves & Lattes Bingo 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 30

Maple Latte Slime 3:00-5:00 PM

Monday, October 12

Candy Corn Slime 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday, October 16

Balloon Painting 4:00 PM

Use balloons instead of traditional paintbrushes to create colorful, unique designs. All Ages.

Monday, October 26

Mason Jar Pumpkin Lamps 4:00 PM

Craft a glowing pumpkin masterpiece in celebration of National Pumpkin Day! All Ages.

Teens

Tuesday, September 15

Mini Piñata 4:00 PM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! Join us for a creative afternoon of making a mini piñata. Teens.

Wednesday, October 14

Spooktacular Shrinky Dinks 4:00 PM

Create Halloween-themed shrinky dinks and watch your designs transform into colorful charms, keychains, or fun accessories! Teens.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

All Ages

Friday, September 4

Clay Leaf Bowl 3:00-5:00 PM

Get creative with clay and make a festive leaf-shaped bowl! Drop in anytime between 3-5 PM for this fun craft. All Ages.

Thursday, September 10

Butterfly Bookmark 4:00 PM

Create a colorful paper butterfly bookmark to brighten your books and mark your place in style! All Ages.

Monday, September 21

S'mores Slime 3:00-5:00 PM

Friday, October 2

Registration Required

Sweet Treat Popcorn Creations 4:00 PM

Satisfy your sweet tooth with a creative edible craft! Turn popcorn into a fun ice cream cone treat to enjoy. All Ages.

Friday, October 9

Fall Squishy Balls 4:00 PM

Get creative and make your very own squishy ball, a fun toy to take home and enjoy. All Ages.

Thursday, October 29

Fall Festivities 3:00-5:00 PM

Drop in anytime between 3:00 and 5:00 PM to celebrate the start of fall! Enjoy carnival-style games, light refreshments, and a fun seasonal craft for a festive afternoon at the library. All Ages.

Teens

Tuesday, September 1

Registration Required

Homecoming Corsages 4:00 PM

Get ready for Homecoming by creating your own beautiful corsage! Choose your colors, ribbons, and decorations to design a special keepsake for the big day. Teens.

Friday, September 25

Kooky Birds 4:00 PM

Turn simple cardboard shapes into colorful, one-of-a-kind birds using your own choice of colors, patterns, and details. Teens.

Thursday, October 22

Mini Apothecary 4:00 PM

Step into a world of imagination and create your own miniature apothecary! Teens.

Bilingual English/Spanish Available

Opción disponible de libros bilingües Inglés/Español

CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

Children

Saturday, October 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, September 2

Claude and Clawdette's Estuary Adventure 4:00 PM
Join Claude and Clawdette on an adventure through Louisiana's wetlands, swamps, and marshes! Learn about the animals that call these habitats home. Provided by the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program. All Ages.

Thursday, September 10

Warm Vanilla Sugar Slime

3:00-5:00 PM

Friday, September 18

Mushroom Fairy House

4:00 PM

Build a whimsical mushroom fairy house with popsicle sticks, paper plates, and paint! All Ages.

Friday, September 25

Scrape Painting

4:00 PM

Experiment with layers of paint and fun scraping techniques to create colorful artwork! All Ages.

Friday, October 9

Old Book Slime

11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Monday, October 12

Pom Pom Spiders

4:00 PM

Get creative and turn soft pom-poms into your own silly, spooky, or super-cute spiders! All Ages.

Thursday, October 29

Hayride Bingo

4:00 PM

Teens

Monday, September 14

Frosted Frames

4:00 PM

Design a textured frosted picture frame, perfect for displaying your favorite photo or artwork. Teens.

Thursday, October 15

Ghost Tea Light Covers

4:00 PM

Shape clay into a friendly or spooky ghost that glows over a battery-operated tea light, making a fun Halloween decoration. Teens.

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Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

All Ages

Thursday, September 3 & Thursday, October 1

Lego Club

4:00 PM

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

Wednesday, September 16

Nature Collage

4:00 PM

Bring the beauty of the outdoors to your artwork! Create a colorful nature collage using natural materials and your imagination. All Ages.

Monday, September 21

Popsicle Stick Puppy

4:00 PM

Join us for a paws-itively fun craft and create an adorable puppy using popsicle sticks! All Ages.

Wednesday, October 14

Tea Light Pumpkins

4:00 PM

Welcome fall with a festive craft! Create your own glowing pumpkin decoration to brighten up your room for the season. All Ages.

Thursday, October 29

Halloween Bingo

4:00 PM

Teens

Thursday, September 24

Pens with Personality

4:00 PM

Make your everyday pen a little more fun! Decorate and customize a fancy pen with beads, charms, ribbon, and more. Teens.

Monday, October 12

Frankenstein Keychains

2:30 PM

Get crafty with a creepy twist! Sculpt your own Frankenstein-inspired finger keychain from clay and create a spooky accessory to take home. Teens.

READ A BOOK DAY

SEPTEMBER 6

There's no better day to get lost in a good story. Stop by the library, find your next great read, and celebrate with us!



CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Franklin Library

337-828-5364

Children

Thursday, September 17, 24

Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, 22

Registration Required

Prime Time: Preschool Reading

6:00 PM

Prime Time Preschool is a fun, interactive story time for ages 3–5 that builds early literacy, comprehension, and critical thinking skills through books, discussion, and activities. Children (3–5).

Saturday, September 26

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, September 2 & Wednesday, October 7

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, and strategy tips for trainers of all levels. All Ages.

Friday, September 4

Back to School Bingo

4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 9

Boba Tea Slime

3:00–5:00 PM

Monday, September 14

Puzzle Tree Creations

4:00 PM

Give old puzzle pieces a new purpose by turning them into a colorful tree-inspired work of art! All Ages.

Wednesday, September 16 & Wednesday, October 21

Play-Doh Club

4:00 PM

Create with Play-Doh, encouraging creativity, imagination, and artistic expression. All Ages.

Tuesday, October 13

Ceramic Ornament Painting

4:00 PM

Add a little spooky charm to your Halloween season by creating a festive ornament to display! All Ages.

Monday, October 26

Pony Bead Pumpkin

4:00 PM

Celebrate National Pumpkin Day by creating a colorful pony bead pumpkin! All Ages.

Friday, October 30

Registration Required

Haunted Treat Art

4:00 PM

Create a festive Halloween treat with your own spooky style and enjoy a little sweet fun. All Ages.

Teens

Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, October 24

Dungeons & Dragons

10:00 AM

DND 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, September 29

Nail Polish Flowers

4:00 PM

Create beautiful wire flowers using colorful nail polish and fun crafting techniques! Teens.

Friday, October 16

Ghostly Wood Slice Creations

4:00 PM

Design a spooky-cute floating ghost using Mod Podge, cheesecloth, and decorated wood slices. Teens.

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

All Ages

Tuesday, September 1

Funny Fish

4:00 PM

Upcycle a water bottle into a colorful, silly fish with plenty of personality! All Ages.

Tuesday, September 8 & Tuesday, October 13

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.

Friday, September 11

Squishy Balls

4:00 PM

Get creative and make your very own squishy ball, a fun toy to take home and enjoy. All Ages.

Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, October 17

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.

Wednesday, September 23

Fall Bracelet

4:00 PM

Welcome the first day of fall by creating a festive bracelet with autumn-inspired colors and charms! All Ages.

CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

All Ages

Monday, October 12

Witch's Brew Slime

12:00-4:00 PM

Thursday, October 22

Franken-Spoons

4:00 PM

Turn a wooden spoon into a spooky-cute Frankenstein! Paint, decorate, and bring your own silly monster pal to life. All Ages.

Tuesday, October 27

Registration Required

Ghost in a Jar

4:00 PM

Create your own spooky, boo-tiful, ghostly masterpiece and let your imagination shine. All Ages.

Teens

Wednesday, September 9

Floating Butterflies

4:00 PM

Capture the beauty and movement of butterflies in flight as you create a colorful piece of art using a variety of materials. Teens.

Tuesday, October 6

Creepy Clay

4:00 PM

Invent a creature of your very own! Mix colors, shapes, and fun details to bring an imaginary creature to life. Teens.

Tweens & Adults

Thursday, September 17 & Thursday, October 15

Registration Required

Beginner Crochet w/ Lelia Rock

4:00 PM

Learn the basics of crochet with Lelia Rock in a welcoming, beginner-friendly workshop designed to be fun and engaging. Tweens-Adults.



West End Branch

337-923-6205

All Ages

Tuesday, September 1

Registration Required

Library Card Factory: Roald Dahl Day

4:00 PM

Celebrate Roald Dahl with a sweet experience inspired by his famous chocolate factory! Be sure to sign up for a library card! All Ages.

Thursday, September 10 & Thursday, October 8

Play-Doh Playdate

4:00 PM

Squish, roll, and sculpt! Explore your creativity while building fine motor skills through hands-on, open-ended play. All Ages.

Friday, September 11

Jiggly Jellyfish

4:00 PM

Create an underwater masterpiece by turning a paper plate into a colorful jellyfish.! All Ages.

Friday, September 25

Boba Slime

3:00-5:00 PM

Tuesday, October 20

Haunted Pumpkin Painting

4:00 PM

Paint and decorate a ceramic pumpkin for a spooky Halloween touch! All Ages.

Wednesday, October 28

Registration Required

DIY Halloween Tote

4:00 PM

Create a festive Halloween tote bag by adding creepy-cute details for trick or treating! All Ages.

Thursday, October 29

Witch's Brew

4:00 PM

Cook up some Halloween fun by making edible witch hats filled with gooey "guts" and brewing your own spooky potion! All Ages.

Teens

Wednesday, September 2

Registration Required

Homecoming Corsages

4:00 PM

Get ready for Homecoming by creating your own beautiful corsage! Choose your colors, ribbons, and decorations to design a one-of-a-kind keepsake for the big day. Teens.

Thursday, September 24

Tin Can Desk Organizer

4:00 PM

Give an ordinary tin can a stylish makeover and turn it into a handy desk organizer! Teens.

Wednesday, October 7

Boho Bangles

4:00 PM

Design your own wearable art with colors, patterns, and styles that reflect your personality. Teens.

BABY & TODDLER STORY TIMES

AMELIA BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
MONDAYS 10:30 AM

September 21- Toadstool Tales
Story: Mushroom in the Rain
Activity: Happy mushroom
October 5- Sunny Sunflowers
Story: Seeds Grow
Activity: Bubble wrap sunflower
October 19- A Harvest of Stories
Story: Amara's Farm
Activity: Harvest wreath



BAYOU VISTA BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
TUESDAYS 10:30 AM

September 1- I Love Being Me!
Story: I Like Myself!
Activity: Life-sized me
September 8- "Peas" Read Me a Story
Story: Roll, Roll, Little Pea
Activity: Pea pals
September 15- Cluck, Cluck Read
Story: Chicken Story Time
Activity: Blow-up chicken
September 22- Amazing Autumn
Story: My Autumn Book
Activity: Autumn bouquet
September 29- Vroom, Vroom
Story: Little Blue Truck and Racer Red
Activity: Little blue truck puppet
October 6- Cozy Fall
Story: Hello, Fall!
Activity: Tissue paper pumpkin
October 13- Busy Tractors
Story: Go, Go, Tractors!
Activity: Popsicle stick tractor
October 20- Silly Monster Mayhem
Story: Monster Mess!
Activity: Wrap a mummy
October 27- Costume Capers
Story: Vegetables in Halloween Costumes
Activity: What costume would you wear?



BERWICK BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM

September 2- One, Two, Three
Story: The Three Little Gators
Activity: Gator puppet
September 9- Colors
Story: The Crayon Box That Talked
Activity: Kaleidoscope
September 16- Art
Story: Don't Draw in This Book!
Activity: Canvas coloring
September 23- Kindness
Story: Be Kind, Kangaroo
Activity: Thank you card
September 30- Big Machines
Story: Dig! Dump! Beep!
Activity: Construction hat
October 7- On the Farm
Story: Little Red: Autumn on the Farm
Activity: Farm garden
October 14- Fall
Story: Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
Activity: Leaf Book
October 21- Pumpkins
Story: Grumpkin
Activity: Pumpkin face
October 28- Sweet Treats
Story: Just Say Boo!
Activity: Treat bag



CENTERVILLE BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM

September 10- Star Filled Stories
Story: I See a Star
Activity: Shooting star
October 8- "Orange" You Glad It's October?
Story: Is That an Orange Cat?
Activity: Paper plate fox



PATTERSON BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
MONDAYS 10:30 AM

September 14- Home is Where the Heart Is
Story: There's No Place Like Home
Activity: How will I decorate my house?
October 12- Once Upon an Apple
Story: Apple Vs. Pumpkin
Activity: Paper plate apple



FRANKLIN LIBRARY



TODDLER TIME
FRIDAYS 10:30 AM

September 4- School Time
Story: Time for School, Little Blue Truck
Activity: School bus tissue art
September 11- Apples
Story: Tap the Magic Tree
Activity: Pom-pom tree
September 18- Counting
Story: Chicka, Chicka 1,2,3
Activity: Number book
September 25- Fall Colors
Story: Every Color Soup
Activity: Sticker garden
October 2- Pumpkins
Story: Five Little Pumpkins
Activity: Pumpkin painting
October 9- Time to Fly
Story: Room on the Broom
Activity: Paper bag broom
October 16- Dancing Bones
Story: Shake Dem Halloween Bones
Activity: Ribbon wand
October 30- Party Time
Story: Heebie-Jeebie Jamboree
Activity: Party hat



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

WEST END BRANCH



TODDLER TIME
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM

September 17- It's "Shoe" Time
Story: Pete the Cat and the Missing Shoes
Activity: Design a groovy shoe
October 15- Firefighters
Story: Firefighters and What They Do
Activity: Fire truck shape 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

Thursday, September 3 & Thursday, October 1
Threaded Tales 11:00 AM

Bring Your Own Supplies

Love knitting or crocheting and chatting about books? Join us to share your latest project while discussing books and stitching together. Adults.

Friday, September 18
Long Lasting Lavender 10:30 AM

Create a charming, everlasting bouquet of lavender flowers, no gardening experience required! Adults.

Friday, October 9
Registration Required
Spellbinding Paper Witches 10:30 AM

Turn old books into charming paper witches for a fun, creative craft perfect for seasonal decorating or year-round display! Adults.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Thursday, September 3 & Thursday, October 1
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.

Thursday, September 10
Registration Required
Butterfly Window Hanger 10:30 AM

Brighten your space with a colorful butterfly window hanger designed to catch the sunlight and add a little sparkle to your home! Adults.

Monday, September 14 & Monday, October 12
Mahjong Monday 10:30 AM

Bring your friends and your favorite Mahjong set for a relaxed morning of tiles, conversation, and fun at the library! Adults.

Monday, October 5
Registration Required
Boo-tiful Resin Trays 10:30 AM

Get into the spooky spirit by creating your own ghost-themed resin trinket tray! Add a festive touch to your space while making a handy little holder for jewelry, keys, coins, or other treasures. Adults.

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

Tuesday, September 1,8,15,22,29
Tuesday, October 6,13,20,27
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.

Saturday, September 5
Registration Required
Mystical Mirrors 10:30 AM

Add a touch of magic to your décor by transforming a simple mirror into a beautiful, imaginative creation! Adults.

Tuesday, September 8,22
Tuesday, October 13,27
Bring Your Own Supplies
Sewing Club 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Join a friendly sewing group where participants sew together and help one another. Get assistance with machines, threading, bobbins, or fabric cutting. This is a supportive space for your sewing journey, not an instructional class. Adults.

Saturday, October 3
Registration Required
Forage Brooms 10:30 AM

Use twigs, florals, and other natural materials to craft a charming decorative broom with a rustic, seasonal feel. Adults.

Adult Program

BABY SAFETY

Join us for a special day focused on keeping babies safe, healthy, and happy! Parents, caregivers, and families can connect with local resources, learn helpful safety tips, and discover valuable information, all in one place.

- ✓ Local Presenters
- ✓ Community Resources
- ✓ Raffle Prizes
- ✓ Story Time

BERWICK BRANCH

- 📅 Saturday, September 19
- 🕒 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 📍 3512 Fifth St., Berwick, LA 70342

Car Seat Giveaway

Parents and child must be present with their vehicle for installation.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Centerville Branch 337-836-1717

Tuesday, September 8 & Tuesday, October 13
Adult Coloring 10:30 AM
Adult coloring is an easy and enjoyable way to unwind and tap into your creative side. Adults.

Tuesday, September 22
Registration Required
Wooden Owl Art 10:30 AM
Create a charming wooden owl decoration to hang on your porch, fence, patio, or indoor wall. Adults.

Tuesday, October 6
Registration Required
Scrappy Old Ghost 10:30 AM
Create a spooky ghost using an embroidery hoop, cheesecloth, twine, and more. Perfect for adding a vintage touch to your fall décor! Adults.

Franklin Library 337-828-5364

Monday, September 14, 21, 28
Monday, October 5, 12, 19, 26
Bring Your Own Supplies
Quilters' Club w/ St. Mary Quilters 9:00 AM–2:00 PM
Quilters' Club welcomes all sewing lovers to a weekly self-guided meetup. Bring your supplies, share your expertise, and connect with other enthusiasts. Adults.

Thursday, September 3 & Thursday, October 1
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.

Saturday, September 19
Registration Required
Vintage Decoupage Birds 10:30 AM
Create charming vintage-inspired birds using book pages, napkins, and paper towels. A simple craft with a beautiful, timeless look! Adults.

Saturday, October 3
Registration Required
Baby & Me Art 10:30 AM
Little ones and their caregivers can explore color, texture, and creativity through a fun, hands-on art experience designed for ages 0–24 months. Adults.

Saturday, October 10
Self Expression & Cognitive Block with Dr. Teneka Gash, LPC, NCC, RSW 10:30 AM
Join Dr. Teneka Gash, LPC, NCC, RSW, for a thoughtful conversation on unspoken feelings, resentment, and the ways they can affect our thoughts, relationships, and well-being. Adults.

Saturday, October 17
Registration Required
Pinecone Bouquet 10:30 AM
Bring a touch of nature indoors creating a beautiful piece of rustic art to display in your home. Adults.

Monday, October 26
Registration Required for individual private session
Lawyers in Libraries 1:00–3:00 PM
Discuss your civil legal concerns with a lawyer for free! Get answers to your questions about custody, bankruptcy, Medicaid, taxes, wills & more. Adults.

Patterson Branch 985-395-2777

Saturday, September 5 & Saturday October 3
Calm Coloring 10:00 AM
Take a break, unwind and bring your creativity. Enjoy time coloring and connecting with others. Adults.

Saturday, September 26
Conflict & De-escalation with Dr. Teneka Gash, LPC, NCC, RSW 10:30 AM
Join Dr. Teneka Gash, LPC, NCC, RSW, for a thoughtful discussion on recognizing invalidation, navigating conflict, and developing healthier ways to communicate and respond. Adults.

Monday, September 28
Peace Wreath 5:30 PM
Celebrate kindness, hope, and community by creating a handmade peace wreath to brighten your home or share with someone special. Adults.

Monday, October 19
CD Keyholder 5:30 PM
Give old CDs a new purpose by turning them into colorful, functional wall keyholders! Adults.

West End Branch 337-923-6205

Wednesday, September 2
Kokedama Hanging Plant 1:00 PM
Learn the Japanese art of kokedama and create a beautiful moss-covered hanging plant! Adults.

Monday, September 14, 21, 28
Monday, October 5, 12, 19, 26
The Creative Cup Art Workshop 1:30 PM
The weekly art workshop welcomes artists of all levels to explore painting and drawing while sharing ideas and techniques with fellow art enthusiasts. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with good conversation, creativity, and refreshments! Adults.

Wednesday, October 14
Leaf Trinket Dish 1:00 PM
Bring the beauty of nature indoors by creating a leaf-shaped trinket dish for jewelry, keys, and other small treasures! Adults.

BOOK CLUB

Book CLUB

Adult



Amelia Branch

2nd Tuesday of each month 10:45 AM

September 8-Dear Debbie by Frieda McFadden

October 13-The Surrogate Mother by Frieda McFadden



Bayou Vista Branch

3rd Thursday of each month 5:30 PM

NEW

September 17-Introducing Stirring the Plot Cookbook Club-Meet & Greet

October 15-Warm Your Bones by Vanessa Seder



Berwick Branch

3rd Wednesday of each month 2:00 PM

September 16- My Husband's Wife by Alice Feeney

October 21-Booked for Murder by P.J. Nelson



Centerville Branch

3rd Tuesday of each month 10:30 AM

September 15-The Frontiersman's Daughter by Laura Frantz

October 20-Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



Franklin Library

2nd Thursday of each month 4:00 PM

September 10-Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

October 8- The Hacienda by Isabel Canas

Youth



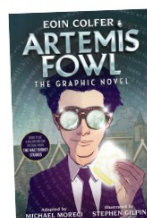
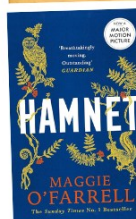
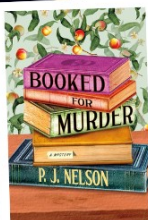
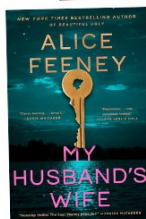
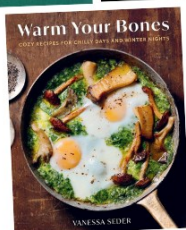
Berwick Branch

Teens | Grades 6-8

4th Thursday of each month 4:00 PM

September 24- Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel by Eoin Colfer

October 22- Mooncakes: The Graphic Novel by Suzanne Walker



MEMORIALS



•Penny Gianfala

Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for a Long and Healthy Life by Ezeikel Emanuel

Mobility for Life: Healthy Joints, Strong Bones, and a Peaceful Mind with Avita Yoga by Jeff Bailey

Science of Swimming: Transform Your Stroke, Improve Strength, Revolutionize Your Training by Brett Hawke

Donor: Virginia Thibodeaux

•Sylvia Chauvin Borne

Bible Promises for Mom: Scriptural Devotions for a Mother's Life

The Postpartum Nutrition Cookbook: Postpartum Gifts for Mom by Diana Licalzi

You're in Good Company: The Gift of Friendship, Motherhood, and Showing Up by Ashlee Gadd

Donor: Suzanne E. Wiltz



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Labor Day	September 7
Staff Training Day	October 23



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Amelia, LA 70340
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Bayou Vista, LA 70380
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Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Centerville, LA 70522
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Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM



Hispanic & Latino Voices in Libraries

- Pura Belpré — Puerto Rican librarian, author, and storyteller who pioneered bilingual children's library services.
- Ernestine Rose — Advocate for multilingual and immigrant-focused library services.
- Luis Herrera — Former San Francisco City Librarian and advocate for equitable access.
- Camila Alire — Mexican American librarian and diversity advocate.
- Claudia Lux — Cuban American library leader and advocate for information access.
- Margarita Vázquez de Coronado — Latina library leader and diversity advocate.
- José A. Ramírez — Mexican American librarian who expanded services for Latino communities.

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