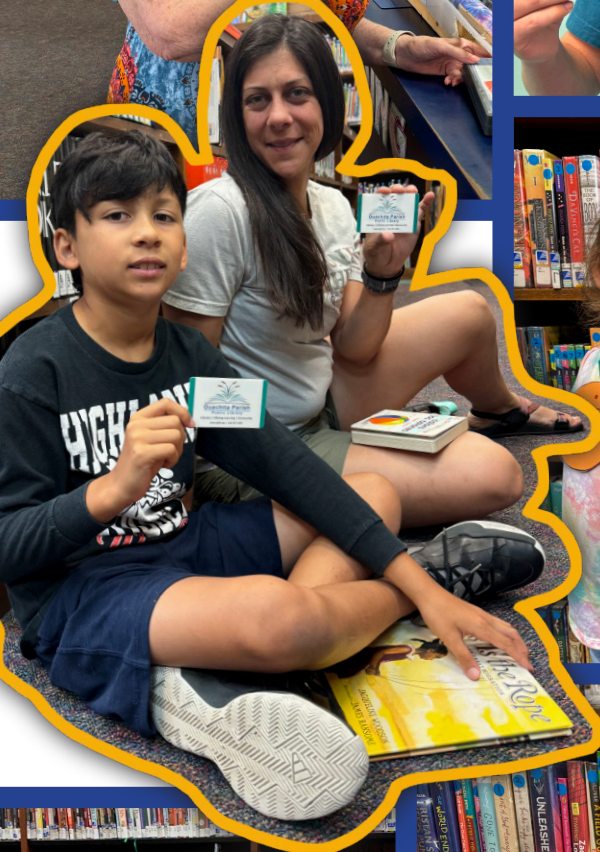


CATTAILS

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



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FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!



Our Bookworm, Billie, is hidden six times throughout these pages. See if you can find all six!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The book sale is cash only. All book sale proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming. The book sale is the last Friday and Saturday of each month except November and December.

August Booksale: Friday, Aug. 30th & Saturday, Aug. 31st from 9-3 p.m.
September Booksale: Friday, Sept. 27th & Saturday Sept. 28th from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Library branches close at 5 p.m. the day before a holiday closure.

LABOR DAY - Monday, September 2nd

LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH - WHAT WE OFFER

The Ouachita Parish Public Library celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. Started in 1987 by the American Library Association, a library card is the key to unlocking many adventures in your Library.



Our Library features 10 physical branches and a bookmobile stocked with thousands of books, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs available for checkout, along with access to computers, technology, and classes. Each branch offers a comprehensive calendar of events, workshops, and classes tailored for children, teens, and adults.

Each of the Library's branches features kid-friendly computers, interactive games, blocks, coloring pages, and other activities in the children's department. Every month, there are story times and a variety of activities designed to foster a love of reading and learning among children.

Teens at our library enjoy access to a wide range of resources including educational materials, crafts, STEM activities, virtual ACT practice tests, game nights, comics, and community service opportunities. Adults can participate in online and in-person book clubs, art sessions, attend guest speaker events, and take computer and typing classes. Our library also provides career and job services such as resume assistance and online tutoring. Additionally, a library card grants access to genealogy websites and historical databases.

To sign up for a library card, please visit any branch of the Ouachita Parish Public Library.

KIDS PROGRAMS

CRAFT  ACTIVITY 

STORYTIME  STEM 

GAMES  MOVIES 

HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS 



 CHILDREN TALK TECHNOLOGY	Tues., Aug. 6 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Carver McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for an enlightening session on STEM: How does Technology Work? Don't miss this chance to satisfy your curiosity and gain a deeper understanding of the technology we rely on!
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Aug. 19 10:30-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Homeschool Library Resource Fair. Homeschool families are invited to meet our community partners and receive valuable resources to assist with their homeschooling and other needs. Families will also receive the activity calendar for the 2024-2025 Homeschool Library Express Session.
 CHILDREN DISCUSS MUSIC	Tues., Aug. 20 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Carver McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for an exciting STEM session! We explore the mechanics of musical instruments and then put the knowledge into action by making functional instruments. Let's discover the science behind music!
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Sept. 3 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun Leaf Rubbing craft activity!
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Sept. 3 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Join us for a special crafting session to make cards for your grandparents! Show them how much you care with a handmade card.
 WILDLIFE CRAFT	Wed., Sept. 4 4-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Celebrate National Wildlife Day with a cute craft.
 CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Thurs., Sept. 5 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun crafting session to make your very own Squirrel Paper Bag puppet! Let your imagination run wild as you bring your squirrel puppet to life.
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 5 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Make & Take Back to School Crafts. DIY Back to School crafts that are sure to get a second look.
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 9 10:30-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Start the fun with a tour of the library and learn about resources to enhance your homeschool learning.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Sept. 10 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Let's create a colorful Fall Leaf Wreath together.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Sept. 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Join us for a fun Paint Along session! We'll watch a video led by an instructor and paint along step-by-step.
 LIBRARY DANCE PARTY	Wed., Sept. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Join us for an exciting time with music, dancing, parachute games, ribbon, scarf activities, and musical chairs. We'll also read and sing cool Pete the Cat books while we enjoy special treats!
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 12 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Back to School Fall Crafts.
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Thurs., Sept. 12 4-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>The Jungle Book</i> (1967-Rated G), with juice and snacks provided.
 BINGO!	Fri., Sept. 13 4-5:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Come play some BINGO with us! Get ready to win cool prizes, have some yummy snacks and have a lot of fun!
 POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Sept. 14 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of <i>Moana</i> (PG).
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Sept. 14 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Join us for a fun movie day and refreshments at the library! We'll be showing <i>Trolls Band Together</i> (PG), so get ready for some musical adventure with Poppy and Branch. Bring a friend along for double the fun.
 SATURDAY FUNDAY: BLOCK PARTY	Sat., Sept. 14 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY What can you create? Join us for colorful blocks and social creative play for all ages!
 FAMILY STORYTIME	Sat., Sept. 14 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Families that read together learn together. Share a morning of stories, crafts, fun and refreshments.
 PLAY-DOH PLAY DAY	Mon., Sept. 16 1-2:15 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 If you can imagine it, you can make it! Get hands-on and use your imagination to create with Play-Doh on National Play-Doh Day.
 STEMONDAY	Mon., Sept. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun animal-themed STEM challenge activity.

 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 16 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Sheila Kay Downhour from Ouachita Green will be here teaching us about recycling.
 KID'S MOVIE MANIA: TROLLS BAND TOGETHER	Mon., Sept. 16 4-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Join us for a fantastic movie, <i>Trolls Band Together</i> (PG) with cool and colorful refreshments!
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 16 10:30-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Fall S.T.E.M./S.T.E.A.M. Homeschoolers will share a time with various experiments and crafts.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Sept. 17 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us in crafting adorable scarecrows! We'll provide all the materials you need for a fun and creative experience.
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Sept. 17 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make a nursery rhyme/song cube.
 CRYSTALS ON DISPLAY	Tues., Sept. 17 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Carver McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for an exciting STEM session focused on crystal growing!
 CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Thurs., Sept. 19 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Craft a leafy autumn tree. All materials will be provided, so just bring your creativity and let's capture the essence of autumn together!
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 19 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Fall Marble Painted Flowerpots.
 FLOATING BALL STEMULATING EXPERIMENT	Fri., Sept. 20 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 9-12 Ever wondered about the secret behind magicians' tricks? Join us to discover the cool science behind flight and airflow through this hands-on, interactive experiment.
 FAMILY L.E.A.R.N.	Sat., Sept. 21 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for an essential STEM session where families will learn basic emergency skills, including CPR and how to use Epi-pens. Together, we'll empower ourselves with life-saving knowledge and skills.
 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Sept. 21 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Fall Crafts.
 FAMILY GAME NIGHT	Mon., Sept. 23 4-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Let the games begin! Join us for a thrilling evening of games and snacks.. From classic board games to the latest video games, there is fun for the entire family!
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 23 10:30-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Homeschoolers will celebrate the birthday of Johnny Appleseed with assorted apple crafts and refreshments.
 CHEMO CARE KITS	Mon., Sept. 23 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 We will be painting and filling canvas tote bags to give to a local clinic for Chemotherapy patients.
 TODDLER TIME	Tues., Sept. 24 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get creative building with blocks! Make tunnels for toy cars, barns for animals, or just stack a tower!
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Sept. 24 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us for a creative Fall Bean Leaf Mosaic craft session! We'll be using colorful beans to make beautiful mosaic designs.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Sept. 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Join us for Game Day at the library! Challenge your friends to classic board games or video games. Plus, snacks will be provided to keep you fueled for the fun!
 APPLE PRINT WREATH	Wed., Sept. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Welcome the season of Fall and make this delightful fun and easy make and take craft.
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 26 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Game Day.
 MOVIE FRIDAY	Fri., Sept. 27 4-5:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Get ready for an epic movie night featuring <i>Kung Fu Panda 4</i> (PG). Join us for an evening filled with laughter and adventure with plenty of popcorn, snacks, and loads of fun!
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 30 10:30-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Homeschoolers will have a field trip to the zoo. Registration is required for this event and must regularly attend sessions. Details were given at the session on Monday, September 9, 2024.

STORYTIMES

Join us for story time at the same time every week at your local library branch.

**Storytime resumes in September.*

MAIN*

0-24 mo. Tues. at 9:45 a.m.
18-36 mo. Thurs. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.
9-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.
Family Second Sat. each mo. at 10:30 a.m.

ANNA MEYER*

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Wed. at 4 p.m.

CARVER-MCDONALD

0-5 yrs. Mon. at 4 p.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS*

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

OLLIE BURNS*

0-5 yrs. Tues. at 10 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

Ouachita Valley*

0-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL*

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Wed. at 3:45 p.m.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL*

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.
(STEM Storytime)

WEST MONROE*

(Storytime resumes in Sept.)

0-24 mo. Wed. at 10 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Thurs. at 3:30 p.m.

WEST OUACHITA*

18-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:45 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Wed. at 3:45 p.m.

HOMWORK LOUISIANA



Homework Louisiana offers free online tutoring and academic resources from tutor.com for Louisiana residents, kindergarten through adult learners. They also offer test preparation and job search assistance.

Students get one-on-one help in math, science, social studies or English from a qualified tutor. Tutors are available 7 days a week from 2-12 p.m. midnight. All services can be accessed from any Louisiana public library, from your home computer or from your mobile device. To learn more about Homework Louisiana, go to our website oplib.org, and look under online resources.



HOMWORK LOUISIANA

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1. Connect with a tutor.

Stand by to connect to one of our expert tutors shortly! We respond to requests in the order in which they are received.



2. Utilize all the online tools you need.

You'll communicate with your tutor in our online classrooms, where you can work on a whiteboard, use tools like a graphing calculator, and share files with your tutor as you work through your questions.



3. Get the expert help you need.

Your tutor will provide encouraging help to you gain confidence and understanding-for whatever you're working on.

Whiteboard 1

$$37 = 2 \times 5 + 3n$$

2 Participants Public Chat

0:00:00 The Smith family spends \$37 on lunch at the diner. They order 2 kids meals and 3 Chef Specials. The kids meal cost \$5. How much is the Chef's Special?

Classroom

Ishaan M (Tutor) has entered the room.

Ishaan M (Tutor) Hi! Hope you are doing well today!

Ishaan M (Tutor) What idea do you have to solve this question?

0:00:35 I know I need to write an equation

Ishaan M (Tutor) Yes correct!

0:00:41

0:01:24

Whiteboard 1

$$37 = (2 \times 5) + 3n$$
$$37 = 10 + 3n$$
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Ishaan M (Tutor) Kindly try to write equation

Ishaan M (Tutor) Well done!

Ishaan M (Tutor) Kindly try to solve this one.

Ishaan M (Tutor) Correct step!

0:01:24

0:01:30

0:02:13



LOUISIANA LEGAL FORMS

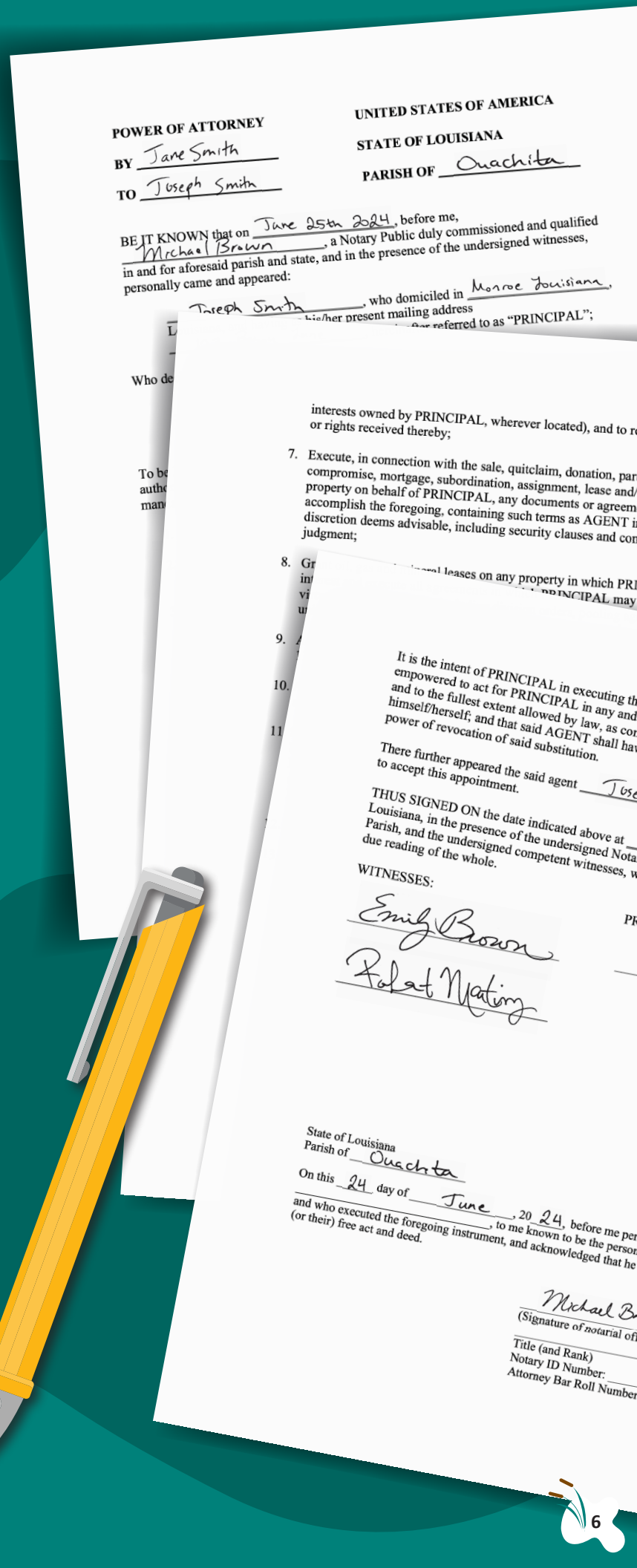
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If you don't know where to start, this resource can also help you understand legal terms and procedures and locate attorneys in your area for your legal needs. From adoptions to wills, find accurate and reliable answers all in one place.

Commonly Used Legal Forms

- Bill of Sale
- Chapter 7 & 13 Bankruptcy
- Independent Contractor Agreement
- Last Will & Testament
- Lease Agreement
- Living Trust
- Name Change
- Petition for Divorce
- Power of Attorney
- Real Estate Closing Statement



TEEN PROGRAMS



ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



VIDEO GAMES



MOVIES & ACTIVITIES



GAMES



COMMUNITY SERVICE



BOARD GAME NIGHT	Tues., Aug. 6 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	We will have a selection of board games to choose from. Bring a friend or make new ones!
CD ART	Tues., Aug. 6 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create art with vintage CDs.
TEENS TALK TECHNOLOGY	Wed., Aug. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver McDonald	Join us as we explore the digital world in a STEM discussion about technology.
BACK2SCHOOL VIDEO GAME FREE PLAY	Thurs., Aug. 8 3:30-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Before school starts, come to the library for video game free play. Come play games together!
DIY JEWELRY	Thurs., Aug. 8 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Make your own necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.
UNO TOURNAMENT PT. 2	Mon., Aug. 12 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Come play part 2 of our UNO tournament.
BOOK SPINE POETRY	Tues., Aug. 13 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Pick out random books to form poetry from the titles.
GAMING GUILD	Wed., Aug. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild for a game of Dungeons & Dragons!
PAINTING	Thurs., Aug. 15 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Relax and paint with friends!
DIY PERLER BEAD COASTER	Mon., Aug. 19 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Make a DIY coaster for your drinks out of Perler beads.
BOARD GAMES	Tues., Aug. 20 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Bring a friend and give our old board games some much needed love!
MUSIC AND FUN	Wed., Aug. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver McDonald	Come celebrate the universal language of music with friends!
ORIGAMI PAPER STARS	Thurs., Aug. 22 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create a jar of origami paper stars for good luck.
TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Aug. 24 1:30-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come and watch <i>Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves</i> (PG-13).
BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY	Mon., Aug. 26 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Bring a friend and join us for one last summer party! We'll have cornhole, karaoke, and much more! Snacks provided.
CROCHET CLUB	Tues., Aug. 27 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to crochet a bookmark.
GIANT JENGA	Tues., Aug. 27 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Come play Jenga with a tower so big it looms over you!
VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Sept. 3 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Relax after school with some chill video games.
FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS	Tues., Sept. 3 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Want to show appreciation to your friends? Make them a bracelet.
PIZZA AND D&D INTEREST MEETING	Tues., Sept. 3 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Are you interested in starting D&D? Come join us for pizza and discuss D&D.
MOVIE MATINEE: FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S	Thurs., Sept. 5 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Watch a showing of <i>Five Nights at Freddy's</i> (PG-13) with friends.

 COMMUNITY SERVICE: CRAFTS FOR CATS	Tues., Sept. 10 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Make cat toys to be donated to the River Cities Humane Society for Cats. Call 327-1240 to register.
 COLLAGE BOOKMARKS	Tues., Sept. 10 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make your own personalized bookmark using magazines, book pages, and other embellishments!
 CATAPULTS	Tues., Sept. 10 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn to make catapults of different sizes and play tossing games.
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: CARE KITS	Tues., Sept. 10 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be making chemo care kits to deliver to a local clinic for chemotherapy patients.
 GAMING GUILD	Wed., Sept. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild for a game of Dungeons & Dragons!
 JEWELRY IS JOY	Wed., Sept. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver McDonald	Let your style shine with your own joyful jewelry creation!
 MOVIE MATINEE: WONKA	Wed., Sept. 11 3:30-5:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy an afternoon showing of <i>Wonka</i> (PG).
 AFTER SCHOOL GAMING	Thurs., Sept. 12 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Come play games on the Nintendo Switch!
 AFTERNOON CHILL: BOARD GAMES	Mon., Sept. 16 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Come play some board games with strangers or bring your friends!
 AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE	Tues., Sept. 17 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Swing by after school for a screening of <i>Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse</i> (PG).
 BOARD GAME NIGHT	Tues., Sept. 17 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Choose from our board game stash and play with friends.
 COLORING	Tues., Sept. 17 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Let your stress go and just color.
 BOARD GAME NIGHT	Tues., Sept. 17 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games!
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: DIY CAT TOYS	Thurs., Sept. 19 4-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Make cat toys to donate to the River Cities Humane Society for Cats for 1 hour of community service.
 COLLABORATIVE COMIC	Tues., Sept. 24 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Join forces with other comic book enthusiasts to tell a story with pictures.
 CROCHET CLUB	Tues., Sept. 24 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to crochet a scrunchie.
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: BASIC ENGINEERING	Tues., Sept. 24 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get creative and build super complicated structures.
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: SEED OF SUCCESS	Wed., Sept. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver McDonald	Learn basics of community service, hard work, money management and home ownership.
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: FOOD DRIVE	Wed., Sept. 25 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Help put together a food drive to be donated to the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Items needed are peanut butter in plastic jars, beans (canned or dried), canned fruits/vegetables, cereal, and canned soups. Space is limited so please call 327-1365 to register.
 PROCESSED ART	Wed., Sept. 25 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	DIY a colorful design with Sara Beth Howard, retired art teacher and local artist.
 TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Sept. 28 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come and watch <i>The Princess Bride</i> (PG).



JOIN A BOOK CLUB



ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Check online to see what book we will be reading and discussing. Join us at facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary



MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

Mon., Aug. 5 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Fri., Aug. 9 at 4-5 p.m.

I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

Fri., Sept. 13 at 4-5 p.m.

The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper by Hallie Rubenhold

READ ANYTHING BOOK CLUBS

These book clubs have open dialog about any book the reader wants to discuss. This is a great way to share your thoughts on your latest read as well as find your next one!



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Join Beyond the Pages Book Club as we discuss our favorite books over coffee and cookies.

Wed., Aug. 28 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 25 at 2-3 p.m.



JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

Thurs., Aug. 29 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we discuss old and new summer favorites with coffee and snacks.

Thurs., Sept. 26 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we discuss old and new fall titles with coffee and snacks.



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

Spans genres with member selected titles, this is where books and friends meet.

Tues., Aug. 13 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Tues., Sept. 10 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII by Chester Nez and Judith Schiess Avila



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

Thrilling Thursdays discusses books with twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat.

Thurs., Aug. 15 at 5:30-7 p.m.

First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston

Thurs., Sept. 19 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides



RAINBOW READS MAIN

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. For more information: emasters@oplib.org

Mon., Aug. 26 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

Mon., Sept. 30 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Rana Joon and the One & Only Now by Shideh Etaat



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

Join us as we discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books.

Thurs., Aug. 9 at 2-3 p.m.

When We Were Silent by Fiona McPhillips

Thurs., Sept. 13 at 2-3 p.m.

In the Middle of the Night by Riley Sager



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Tues., Aug. 20 at 10-11 a.m.

Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney

Tues., Sept. 24 at 10-11 a.m.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

We read and discuss great scifi and fantasy books with others that enjoy them too!

Sat., Aug. 24 at 2-3 p.m.

Wool by Hugh Howey

Sat., Sept. 28 at 2-3 p.m.

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

BOOKS OF THE BOOK CLUBS

Preview the books of the book clubs to see what you'll be reading. If you're not in a book club yet, these titles will inspire you to join!



MOCHA MONDAY

***Dial A for Aunties* by Jesse Q. Sutanto**

After a bad date results in an accidental murder, Meddy Chan, her mother, and her three outspoken, bickering aunties must hide the body—and keep it hidden—all while working a high-profile wedding.

TRUE CRIME

***I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer* by Michelle McNamara**

This true crime book explores the investigation of the Golden State Killer.



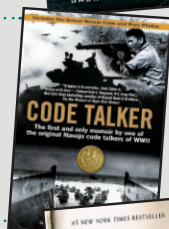
***The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold**

The book examines the lives of the “canonical five”, the five women largely believed to have been killed by Jack the Ripper in the Whitechapel murders.

LOST IN STACKS

***Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano**

Experience the journey of a teenage girl who survives a plane crash and must rebuild her life, finding beauty in unlikely places.



***Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII* by Chester Nez and Judith Schiess Avila**

This memoir details the experiences of Nez as a Navajo code talker during World War II.

THRILLING THURSDAYS

***First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston**

Evie Porter navigates a web of deceit, past identities, and secrets, all while racing to outwit her adversaries and protect her true identity.



***The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides**

A gripping psychological thriller, *The Silent Patient* follows the story of Alicia Berenson, a woman who murders her husband and then stops speaking.

RAINBOW READS

***Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman**

Heartstopper tells the story of Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson – two British schoolboys who attend the fictional Truham Grammar School – as they meet and fall in love.



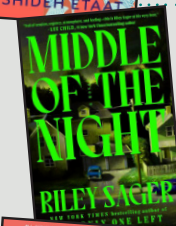
***Rana Joon and the One & Only Now* by Shideh Etaat**

This coming-of-age novel is set in Southern California in 1996, and follows a teen who wants to honor her deceased friend's legacy by entering a rap contest.

PAGE TURNERS

***When We Were Silent* by Fiona McPhillips**

Working-class girl, Louise, is called upon to testify against exclusive Dublin school called Highfield Manor in a new lawsuit that parallels charges she brought against the school 30 years earlier.



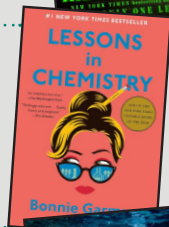
***In the Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager**

A man must contend with the long-ago disappearance of his childhood best friend—and the dark secrets lurking just beyond the safe confines of his picture-perfect neighborhood.

COMMUNITY READERS

***Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney**

Mr. and Mrs. Wright's relationship has been troubled for a while. When Adam and Amelia win a weekend getaway to Scotland, it might be just what their marriage needs.



***Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus**

Set in 1960s California, a female scientist whose career faces constant obstacles due to societal expectations transitions into hosting a popular TV cooking show despite these challenges.

SCIFI-FANTASY

***Wool* by Hugh Howey**

Wool takes place in the world of the silo, a 144-floor underground community of humans, hundreds of years after an unknown event has caused the air above ground to become toxic.



***The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman**

A young boy accidentally brings an evil entity from another reality into his world, and he needs the help of three mysterious women to try to get rid of the threat.

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



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MALWARE PART 1: IDENTITY FRAUD

Wed., Aug. 14 at 10-11 a.m.

Cybersecurity experts have discovered a new mobile Trojan that attempts to steal people's facial features to gain access to their accounts. Come learn more about malware threats.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Wed., Aug. 28 at 10-11 a.m.

Come learn the basic parts of a desktop computer: the monitor, keyboard, and mouse.

EASE YOUR FEARS ABOUT TYPING

Thurs., Sept. 12 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of typing. A beginner's typing class is the key to mastering the keyboard. Test your skills.

MALWARE PART 2: PROTECTION

Thurs., Sept. 26 at 10-11 a.m.

Discover various types of malware, their methods of infection, and their impact on computer systems. Additionally, explore effective ways to prevent malware attacks and protect your system.

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MICROSOFT WORD

Thurs., Aug. 8 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn computer basics like how to use a mouse, save and re-open a file, and create a folder.

COMPUTER BASICS

Wed., Sept. 11 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn to create, save, and print documents in Microsoft Word.

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BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Thurs., Aug. 1 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join our beginner's class to learn the parts of a desktop computer.

BEGINNER'S WORD CLASS

Fri., Aug. 2 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join our beginner's class to learn basic word processing.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Thurs., Sept. 5 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join our beginner's class to learn about the parts of a desktop computer.

BEGINNER'S WORD CLASS

Fri., Sept. 6 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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Every Tuesday & Thursday
Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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Core classes are meant for people with little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer with our computer instructor.

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Beginner classes build your computer knowledge by teaching you new things and reinforcing what you already know. If you have some computer knowledge already then, this class is for you.

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 CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., Aug. 1 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for D&D one-shots! Have questions? Email Ellen at emasters@oplib.org.
 MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS	Mon., Aug. 5 10-11 a.m.	Ollie Burns	A representative from the Ouachita Parish Health Unit will answer general topics and health concerns.
 ADVENTURES OF YESTERDAY: THE STORY OF THE OUACHITA RIVER SURVEY OF 1804-1805	Thurs., Aug. 8 3-4 p.m.	West Monroe	Join Cyndy Robertson, OPPL Head of Special Collections and Genealogy, as she shares information from the papers of William Dunbar and Dr. George Hunter who, at the request of Thomas Jefferson, led the Ouachita River Survey into the Louisiana Purchase areas of southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana.
 WRITE CLUB	Mon., Aug. 12 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Whether you are a novice or an expert, join the Write Club and hone your craft.
 HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB	Tues., Aug. 13 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.
 MONEY SMART	Thurs., Aug. 15 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about Financial Literacy.
 A SHORT STEP TOWARD JUSTICE!	Thurs., Aug. 15 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Join artist and author Dr. Bernard Menyweather for a book talk and signing of his new book, <i>Out Of Africa: A Long Road To Justice</i> . Prints will be available.
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., Aug. 15 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	What's not to love about an old wooden barn? Come paint one with us! Space is limited; call to register at 327-5414.
 ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., Aug. 19 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join in the adventure as we play Dungeons & Dragons. Both new and experienced players are welcome!
 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., Aug. 22 1:30-4 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for the movie, <i>Hidalgo</i> (PG-13), starring Viggo Mortensen. The story of Frank Hopkins, a former Pony Express courier, who travels to Arabia with his Mustang, Hidalgo, to compete in a dangerous endurance race in 1890.
 CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., Sept. 5 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for D&D one-shots! Have questions? Email Ellen at emasters@oplib.org.
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 EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP WITH CALLIE PARKS	Wed., Sept. 11 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join local artist, Callie Parks, as she teaches us how to start hand embroidery as a hobby. Workshop is limited to 12 learners. Please register in person or by calling 327-1382.
 HERBS & SPICES POP UP WITH MARKAYE!	Thurs., Sept. 12 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, uses a new herb or spice instead of salt to reduce sodium intake.
 FRAUD PREVENTION DISCUSSION	Thurs., Sept. 12 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Kathy Ray, Outreach Representative from the LA Department of Justice, will be speaking on Avoiding Contractor Fraud and Elderly Fraud Prevention. Join us for this important message from our Attorney General Liz Murrell's office.
 ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., Sept. 16 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join in the adventure as we play Dungeons & Dragons. Both new and experienced players are welcome!
 WRITE CLUB	Mon., Sept. 16 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Whether you are a novice or an expert, join the Write Club and hone your craft.
 MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS	Wed., Sept. 18 10-11 a.m.	Ollie Burns	A representative from the Ouachita Parish Health Unit will answer general topics and health concerns.
 LOUISIANA SUPER PLANTS OF 2024	Wed., Sept. 18 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Horticulturist Kerry Heafner, LSU AgCenter Agent, will discuss the Louisiana Super Plants of 2024. These are reliable and beautiful plants selected for superior performance under Louisiana growing conditions.
 MONEY SMART	Thurs., Sept. 19 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about Financial Literacy.
 INSURANCE: BE PREPARED FOR THE UNKNOWN!	Thurs., Sept. 19 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Jeremy Lowe, Vice President and Senior Mortgage Loan Officer at Cross Keys Bank, will be speaking on the ends, outs, and rising costs of insurance and mortgages.
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., Sept. 19 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	This month we will be doing a craft! Get ready for Autumn with pretty tealight leaf votive candle holders. Space is limited. Registration opens on September 2; register by calling 327-5414 or visit in person.
 WEBINAR WITH US: POWER UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES	Wed., Sept. 25 3-4:15 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn about the range of electric vehicles available and consider whether an EV is right for you. Webinar hosted by AARP.
 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., Sept. 26 1:30-4 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come watch <i>Wonka</i> (PG) with us, the story of young Willy Wonka, chocked full of ideas and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time.
 PICKING UP THE PIECES PUZZLE CONTEST	Thurs., Sept. 26 3-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come and enjoy some friendly competition while teams race to finish their puzzles first. Registration is required; call 327-1470 to register or visit in person.
 LEARNING LAB BY LSU AGCENTER AGENTS	Fri., Sept. 27 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	LSU AgCenter Agents share their expertise with cooking tips and kitchen hacks. Space is limited; register by calling 327-5422 or visit in person.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Library's Genealogy and Special Collections Department helps patrons research local and family history. Learn more about how to explore your own family history at oplib.org/family-local-history.



TBS Driver delivers books to academic librarian

LONG LIVE TRAIL BLAZER!

Trail Blazer Library System is a regional consortium of public libraries from the northeast Louisiana parishes of Caldwell, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll and from academic libraries at Grambling University, Louisiana Tech University and the University of Louisiana Monroe. This consortium provides reciprocal borrowing privileges and a delivery service that greatly enhances library services in the area.

Trail Blazer began in 1970 as a pilot project of the State Library of Louisiana supported with federal funds from the Library Services and Construction Act. Ouachita Parish Public Library was the center of the pilot system in northeast Louisiana. The project began with a staff of 5.5 people which included Frances Flanders, director of Ouachita Parish Public Library, providing half of her time as director of the Center. The idea

of a regional system was first suggested in 1965 and the Louisiana Library Association study committee on Library Development recommended the pilot system to provide services in 1968. Ms. Flanders reported that during the first six months of the project, July – December 1970, 4,924 items from the Center, academic libraries, member libraries, the Louisiana State Library and other libraries were supplied to patrons.

Trail Blazer operated in this manner until the early 1980s when an expected decrease in federal and state funds led to discussions on ways to fund Trail Blazer. Mrs. Agnes Harris, director of Ouachita Parish Public Library, realized the value of Trail Blazer and recommended changes to save money and still provide needed services. The Executive Council and Board of Commissioners from member libraries agreed upon these changes. By 1988, many Trail

Blazer libraries had access to LAsernet, a statewide interlibrary loan service, so the role of Trail Blazer changed. Mrs. Harris was instrumental in planning and presenting proposals that would retain the Trail Blazer courier service, allow for reciprocal borrowing between member libraries and provide professional development opportunities for librarians and staff. In 1988, Mrs. Harris and her husband Mr. G.C. Harris, Jr., donated funds to the Trail Blazer Library System for the purpose of purchasing an automobile. Mrs. Harris wrote in the letter that accompanied the check, "Long Live Trail blazer".

Libraries and Trail Blazer have continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of library patrons. Digital resources and online databases have created new ways to access resources. Trail Blazer provides opportunities for member libraries to share in the cost of databases and for training in the use of new technologies. Today, Trail Blazer shares the cost of cloudLibrary which provides ebooks and eaudiobooks for twelve Northeast Louisiana parishes. During the first week of June 2024, over 400 patrons registered for new Trail Blazer cards so they could access this free service. Trail Blazer still provides reciprocal borrowing privileges and a delivery service. A scrapbook detailing the work involved in the establishment of Trail Blazer was prepared for entry in the 1971 John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest. The Trail Blazer Pilot Library System scrapbook has been scanned and added to the Louisiana Digital Library. It can be found by browsing the Ouachita Parish Public Library Archives Collection of the LDL or at the link below.



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Parish librarians participating in Trail Blazer, 1970 News Star



Submitting The final approved applications for individual parish participation in the Trail Blazer Library System of Northeast Louisiana are (standing, left to right) Mrs. Evelyn Cammack, East Carroll parish, Mrs. Ann Cross, Concordia parish, Miss Bess Vaughan, Lincoln and Jackson parishes, and Mrs. G. G. Harris, Union parish. Receiving the applications is Miss Frances Planders, Ouachita Parish librarian and director of the newly created Library System. One of the main programs of the system will allow free access of all resources at all libraries in Northeast Louisiana to all citizens of this area.

TRAIL BLAZER PILOT LIBRARY SYSTEM OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Ouachita Parish Public Library was fortunate to be selected along with 12 other parish libraries and 3 academic libraries to institute a pilot project which was to bring to residents of this area a much wider range of library materials and increased reference service. The chief emphasis of the system has been on reference and inter-library loans. Patrons make requests at their local libraries. If the book they want is not there, it is referred by telephone to the Library Center. If we can fill it, we do so. If not, the request is sent to an academic member library or to the Louisiana State Library by TWX. Many requests are sent to other libraries outside the state. Most important in rapid service is the station wagon which visits every member library twice each week. By using a Trail Blazer System Library Card, a patron may walk into any library in Northeast Louisiana and borrow a book. This gives him a selection from more than 800,000 books.

Books Supplied on Inter-Library Loan July - December, 1970

From Library Center	2,227
From Member Academic Libraries	313
From Other Member Public Libraries	389
From Louisiana State Library	1,896
From Other Libraries	99
TOTAL	4,924

MEMBER LIBRARIES IN TRAIL BLAZER PILOT LIBRARY SYSTEM

Public Libraries	
Caldwell Parish	Morehouse Parish
Concordia Parish	Ouachita Parish Public Library
East Carroll Parish	Richland Parish
Franklin Parish	Tensas Parish
Jackson Parish	West Carroll Parish
Lincoln Parish	Union Parish
Madison Parish	
Academic Libraries	
Grambling College	Northeast Louisiana University
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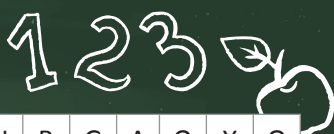


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