

# CATTAILS

DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

FROM THE  
OUACHITA PARISH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE  
GREAT MUSIC RESOURCES  
AT YOUR LIBRARY!

## ALL THE FEELS:

JOIN A WINTER READING  
CHALLENGE!

## BOOK CLUB MEET & GREET

FIND YOUR PERFECT BOOK  
CLUB FOR 2023





## JOIN THE LIBRARY AS WE KICK OFF 2023 WITH OUR FIRST-EVER WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

This year's theme is **All the Feels**, and it's all about looking ahead to the new year, the future, and the feelings that come with it. The challenge encourages readers of any age to feel, experience, and dive into how reading enlivens our emotions by earning badges on a virtual bingo card! Track your progress in the Beanstack reading portal at [oplib.beanstack.org](http://oplib.beanstack.org) to earn fun, emoji-themed badges for logging the pages you read, completing activities, submitting book reviews, and earning bingo.

### 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.



Friday and Saturday, January 27th-28th from 9-3pm at the West Ouachita Library

### LIBRARY CLOSURES:

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

Christmas



- Thursday, December 22
- Friday, December 23
- Saturday, December 24
- Sunday, December 25
- Monday, December 26

New Year



- Friday, December 30
- Saturday, December 31
- Sunday, January 1
- Monday, January 2

MLK Jr. Day

- Monday, January 16

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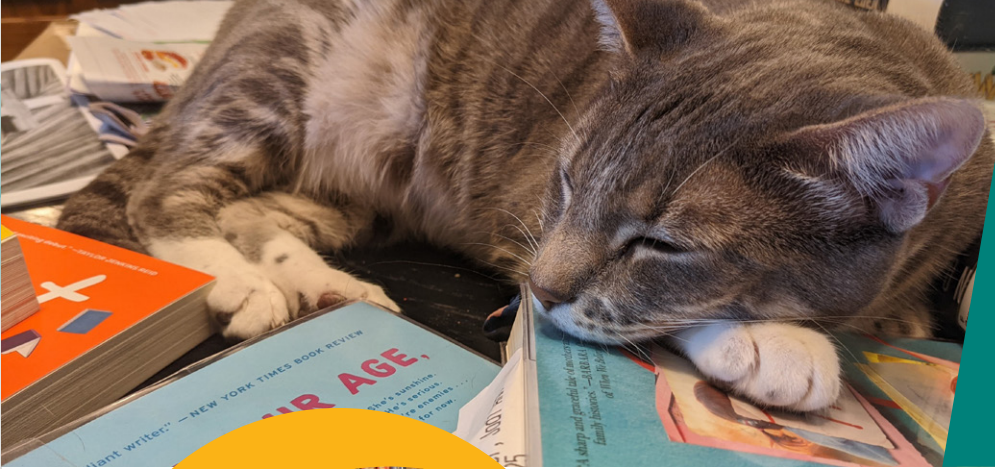


Congratulations to Katie Massey of the Ouachita Valley Branch Library for earning her Masters in Library and Information Science with a Certification in Archives and Special Collections from the University of Southern Mississippi!

### Find Billie the Bookworm!



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



# STAFF PICKS



## Giuseppe Riviella

CIRCULATION ASSISTANT, MAIN BRANCH

### *The Grimrose Girls* by Laura Pohl

I'm a big fan of fairy tale retellings, and this magical and mystical mystery had me turning the pages with bated breath. A girl winds up dead at the esteemed Grimrose Académie located in the Swiss Alps. Police ruled it a suicide. Her three roommates believe otherwise. They begin to investigate the death on their own with the help of their new roommate only to discover a history of mysterious deaths at the academy all linked to fairy tale curses. They soon discover their own lives are fated for a similar gruesome ending unless they can take back their narrative. This is an enthralling and thrilling story that will keep you on your toes. In the vein of *Pretty Little Liars* and *Twisted Tales*, this dark retelling is a good one to snuggle up with on a long winter's night.



## Janet Davis

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT ASSOCIATE, CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

### *Dead Flip* by Sara Farizan

Do you remember who your best friends were when you were 12 years old? Maybe it was someone you spent a lot of time with and thought you knew well? What if later you found out you didn't really know your friends at all? That is the case for the characters in *Dead Flip*. A mystery with twists and a surprise ending, *Dead Flip* reads like a cross between *Stranger Things* and *Jumanji*. It's a journey full of tricks that turns out to be a real treat. A great mystery for all teen readers.



## Candie Chatham

ART ASSOCIATE, MAIN BRANCH LIBRARY

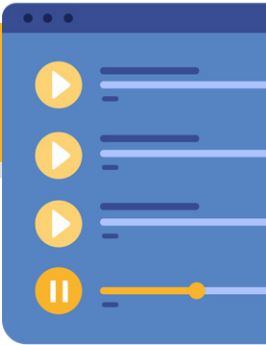
### *Alaskan Holiday* by Debbie Macomber

Josie Avery decides to take a summer job cooking at a lakeside lodge in the remote Alaskan town of Ponder. Loving the no-fluff living of the community, she quickly feels at home with a new place and people, and after spending many long summer days together, she is quickly falling for a man named Palmer. But it's just a summer job, and she knows that it all must end when she leaves for Seattle to pursue her dream job in the Fall.

When she misses the last boat out of town and is trapped until the Spring thaw, all of her plans are put in jeopardy. Will love's embers grow to a blaze as she and Palmer keep warm through Winter? Does she give up her career and make Ponder her home? Though Josie's Alaskan holiday doesn't go as planned, it makes for a wonderful, cozy read!



# EXPLORE MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY!



## DID YOU KNOW HOOPLA HAS MUSIC?!

There are a few different ways to locate music in Hoopla. On the homepage of Hoopla, there is a section of Popular Music generated for you. You can also use the dropdown menu on Browse and select “music” to view genres generated by Hoopla; use the search feature to look up an artist’s name, album name, or genre in the search field; or you can select Advanced Search to filter, with “music” as the format and key in the “genre” in the genre field or artist in the “people” field.

Hoopla allows for 7 borrows a month. Each music borrow is available for 7 days after you borrow it. These titles are available for streaming and downloading (mobile devices only). Since this is an instant borrow digital service, you do not have to worry about late fees, the returning process, or waiting on a holds list!

**BLUES**  
*LIVE AT THE REGAL*  
B. B. KING



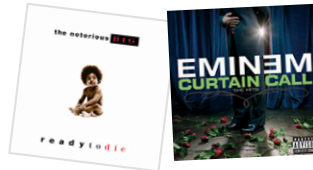
*AT NEWPORT 1960*  
MUDDY WATERS

**COUNTRY**  
*40 GREATEST HITS*  
HANK WILLIAMS



*THE DEFINITE COLLECTION*  
LORETTA LYNN

**RAP**  
*READY TO DIE*  
THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G.



*CURTAIN CALL: THE HITS*  
EMINEM

**JAZZ**  
*THE COMPLETE BIRTH OF THE COOL*  
MILES DAVIS



*NOTHING BUT THE BEST*  
FRANK SINATRA

**POP**  
*ABBA: GOLD*  
ABBA



*HOUNDS OF LOVE*  
KATE BUSH

**ROCK**  
*MOTHERSHIP*  
LED ZEPPELIN



*APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION*  
GUNS N' ROSES

**SINGER/ SONGWRITER**  
*PINK MOON*  
NICK DRAKE



*COME AWAY WITH ME*  
NORAH JONES

**R&B/SOUL**  
*SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE*  
STEVIE WONDER



*WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT*  
TINA TURNER

**ALTERNATIVE**  
*ELEPHANT*  
THE WHITE STRIPES



*MELON COLLIE AND THE INFINITE SADNESS*  
SMASHING PUMPKINS



# CD MUSIC LIST- SOUNDS FROM THE STACKS

## RAP



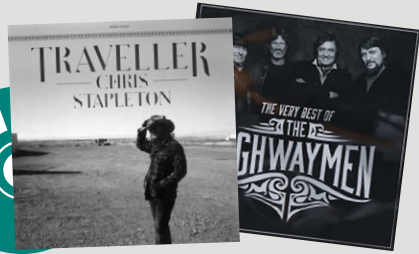
**MAGNA CARTA** JAY-Z  
**HOLY GRAIL** JAY-Z  
**PINK FRIDAY: ROMAN RELOADED** NICKI MINAJ

## BLUES



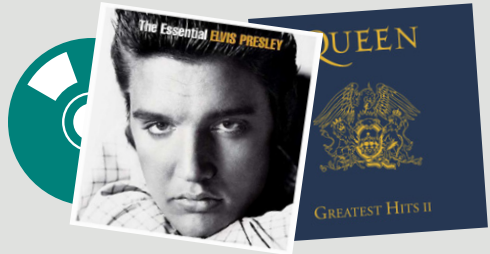
**REDEMPTION** JOE BONAMASSA  
**TRUTH** JEFF BECK

## COUNTRY



**TRAVELLER** CHRIS STAPLETON  
**THE VERY BEST OF THE HIGHWAYMEN** THE HIGHWAYMEN

## ROCK



**THE ESSENTIAL** ELVIS PRESLEY  
**GREATEST HITS I & II** QUEEN

## JAZZ



**A LOVE SUPREME** JOHN COLTRANE  
**MINGUS AH UM** CHARLES MINGUS

## POP



**DUA LIPA** DUA LIPA  
**NINE TRACK MIND** CHARLIE PUTH

## ALTERNATIVE



**DEATH OF A BACHELOR** PANIC! AT THE DISCO  
**EL CAMINO** THE BLACK KEYS

## SINGER/ SONGWRITER



**IMAGINE** JOHN LENNON  
**HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED** BOB DYLAN

## R&B/SOUL



**VERY BEST OF MARVIN GAYE** MARVIN GAYE  
**ARETHA'S BEST** ARETHA FRANKLIN

# JOIN A BOOK CLUB!



## THE BOOK WAS BETTER ANNA MEYER

The Book Was Better Book Club discusses books that have been adapted into movies and TV Shows.

**Fri., Dec. 9 at 5-6 p.m.**

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**Fri., Jan. 13 at 5-6 p.m.**

*Stardust* by Neil Gaiman



## MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrating stories of People of Color

**Mon., Dec. 5 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

**Mon., Jan. 9 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*Honey & Spice* by Bolu Babalola



## LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club.

**Tues., Dec. 13 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*Bowlaway* by Elizabeth McCracken

**Tues., Jan. 10 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead



## RAINBOW READS MAIN

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. For more information: [emasters@oplib.org](mailto:emasters@oplib.org)

**Mon., Dec. 12 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Join Rainbow Reads for our annual Christmas party, and the Pot O' Gold Awards! We'll recap our favorite (and least favorite) books and discuss our plans for the next year!

**Mon., Jan. 30 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. Sometimes, coming into your second age doesn't look anything like you'd expect.



## COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

**Mon., Dec. 5 at 10-11 a.m.**

*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson

**Mon., Jan. 23 at 10-11 a.m.**

*A Holiday for Murder* by Agatha Christie



## TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

**Wed., Dec. 14 at 4-5 p.m.**

*The Most Dangerous Animal of all: Searching for my Father... and finding the Zodiac Killer* by Gary Stewart.

**Wed., Jan. 18 at 4-5 p.m.**

*A Serial Killer's Daughter: My story of Faith, Love, and Overcoming* by Kerri Rawson



## ANY GOOD BOOKS OUACHITA VALLEY

**Mon., Jan. 9 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.**

Come share your favorite/current reads.



## JUST READ SEARCY

**Thurs., Dec. 29 at 2-3 p.m.**

We will be discussing old and new Christmas reads.

**Thurs., Jan. 26 at 2-3 p.m.**

We will be discussing old and new titles with a winter theme.



## SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON

**Sat., Jan. 28 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Mort* by Terry Pratchett



## BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Beyond the Pages Book Club will meet to discuss their favorite books that they have been reading.

**Wed., Dec. 14 at 2-3 p.m.**

**Wed. Jan. 25 at 2-3 p.m.**



## ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Join at [facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary).

You can check out the e-book or e-audiobook through the free Hoopla or cloudLibrary apps, or you can check out a physical copy at your local branch.

**December:** *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub

**January:** TBD

# BOOK CLUB MEET & GREET

Thursday, January 19  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Main Branch Library

Looking for a book club to join in the new year? Meet members of Library book clubs and get in on the fun.

# HOBBIES & CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER



Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center offers how-to instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.

Explore it at [oplib.org/databases](https://oplib.org/databases) under “DIY & Repair”.

## Find a new hobby, or new tools to fuel yours:

Knitting? Ham Radio? Aquariums? Ceramics? Fishing? LEGO? Model Trains? Origami? Baking? Soapmaking? Video games? Trading Card Collecting? Rock Climbing? All can be found on Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center.

This resource is suited to any skill level and area of interest. It contains digital versions of leading hobby and craft magazines like Woodworker’s Journal, Pottery Making Illustrated, Bead & Button, Creative Knitting, Audubon, and many more. With detailed step-by-step instructions on over 140 topics and more than 720 video lessons, you’ll have the vegan cake recipe, juggling tricks and tips, felt pet bed pattern, or project you didn’t know you needed in no time!

## Put it into practice in-person:

Crocheters, knitters, and other connoisseurs of the fiber arts: After delving into Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, check out the Library’s two crochet groups that work on individual crochet and knitted projects, group charity crochet projects, and discuss their favorite crochet and knitting books. Participants say, “Crochet is a great way to unwind. The repetitive steps can be really relaxing!”

Both groups are open to crochet learners, beginners and experts alike. Both also provide some materials for crochet newbies, but please feel welcome to bring a project you have in progress.



### Crochet Club

Every 1st Thursday at 1:30 p.m.  
West Ouachita Branch  
Contact us at [kbyrd@oplib.org](mailto:kbyrd@oplib.org)

### Hooks and Books

Every 2nd Tuesday at 2 p.m.  
Main Branch  
Contact Holly at [hpriestley@oplib.org](mailto:hpriestley@oplib.org)

# KIDS PROGRAMS

Story times can be found at [oplib.org/calendar](http://oplib.org/calendar).



## STEM

### FAMILY STEM PROGRAM

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Hands-on exposure to science, technology, engineering and math to engage families and inspire students to pursue career opportunities in the STEM fields. We'll make a "Tornado in a Bottle."

Dec. 3  
at 1-2 p.m..  
Jan. 7  
at 1-2 p.m.

### CHEMICAL REACTIONS

**Carver McDonald Branch** • Participate in a variety of STEM activities. On Dec. 20, receive a stuffed animal/PJ's for Christmas while supplies last

Dec. 6, 13, & 20  
at 4-5 p.m.  
Jan. 10, 17, & 24  
at 4-5 p.m.

### KID'S WORLD

**West Monroe Branch** • Exploding Snowman Experiment

Jan. 17  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### STEMULATING THURSDAY

**Main Branch** • Dancing Robot

Jan. 19  
at 4-5 p.m.

### STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** • Can you build the tallest snowman? Join us for a STEM challenge to see who can build the tallest snowman with the provided materials.

Jan. 23  
at 4-5 p.m.

### SLIME TIME!

**Sterlington Branch** • Who wants to get a little messy? Come join us as we learn about the science of making slime!

Jan. 27  
at 4-5:30 p.m.



## MOVIES

### CHRISTMAS MATINEE

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Every day for the month of December until Christmas: watch a Christmas movie with your family.

Dec. 1-23  
at 3:30-5 p.m.

### FAMILY STORYTIME

**Main Branch** • Welcome back to the Family Storytime. Bring the entire family and enjoy *The Dog Who Saved Christmas Vacation*.

Dec. 10  
at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### KID'S HOLIDAY MOVIE MARATHON

**Ollie Burns Branch** • We'll be showing a few of your holiday favorites to enjoy!

Dec. 10  
at 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### HOLIDAY MOVIE PAJAMA PARTY

**Sterlington Branch** • Wear your favorite holiday PJs as we watch *The Polar Express*!

Dec. 16  
at 4-5:30 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S CINEMA

**Anna Meyer Branch** • In Dec. bring your family & join in the Christmas spirit as we feature *Walt Disney Studios' A Christmas Carol*. In Jan., ring in the New Year with a flick the whole family is sure to love! We will feature *Space Jam A New Legacy*.

Dec. 17  
at 12-2 p.m.  
Jan. 14  
at 12-2 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S CINEMA

**Louise Williams Branch** • Come chill with your friends and family as we watch movies! In Dec., we'll watch *Ice Age*. In Jan., we'll watch *Frozen*.

Dec. 17  
at 1-3 p.m.  
Jan. 10  
at 5-6:30 p.m.

### FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

**Main Branch** • *Encanto*

Jan. 14  
at 10:30-11:30 a.m.



## BOOKISH

### STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** • Come join us for a story and STEM! We will be reading *Moosletoe*.

Dec. 5  
at 4-5 p.m.

### ELEPHANT EXTRAVAGANZA

**Louise Williams Branch** • Come out and enjoy a reading of Shirley's Story by local author Mary Helen Blanchard. Reading will be followed by elephant activities and crafts.

Dec. 10  
at 12-1 p.m.

### BEDTIME BUDDIES

**Main Branch** • Enjoy a family storytime with your parents and pajamas.

Jan. 17  
at 5-6 p.m.

### NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

**Main Branch** • Make a blanket to snuggle up with your family and read.

Jan. 24  
at 5-6 p.m.

### WINTER READ ALOUD

**Main Branch** • Bring your favorite winter story.

Jan. 31  
at 5-6 p.m.



## HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS

### CHRISTMAS STEM

**Main Branch** • STEM Homeschoolers will participate in a variety of Christmas themed STEM activities.

Dec. 5  
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**Main Branch** • Community service project. A representative from the Office of Children and Family Services will visit and talk about the need for foster parents. Each family is asked to bring a gender-neutral gift to give to a child in foster care..

Dec. 12  
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Main Branch** • Christmas Games and Gift Exchange

Dec. 19  
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL COMMUNITY GUEST

**Main Branch** • Special community guest from Northeast Louisiana Food Bank

Jan. 9  
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### WINTER STEM

**Main Branch** • STEM Homeschoolers will participate in a variety of winter themed activities.

Jan. 23  
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



## GAME ON

### STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** • Come join us for Rudolph Races! Will your Rudolph win?

Dec. 12  
at 4-5 p.m.

### MERRY & BRIGHT GAME NIGHT

**Searcy Branch** • Join us in playing holiday themed games using candy canes, stockings, and oven mitts.

Dec-15  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### KID'S WORLD

**West Monroe Branch** • Make snow and have a snowball "fight"

Jan-3  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### TWEENS CLUB (AGES 9-12)

**West Monroe Branch** • Make snow and have a snowball "fight"

Jan. 10  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### BOOK BINGO

**Main Branch** • Enjoy playing Bingo with books as prizes.

Jan 12  
at 4-5 p.m..

### LIFE SIZE CHUTES AND LADDERS

**Sterlington Branch** • Who will reach the top of the ladder first? Come join us as we play a life sized game of Chutes and Ladders!

Jan 13  
at 4-5:30 p.m.

### BOOK CHARACTER BINGO

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Let's play Bingo with some of your favorite storybook characters! We'll also have a prize table so that you can choose your very own prize!

Jan. 25  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.





# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**Louise Williams Branch** • Please come begin the Christmas season with the Louise Williams Staff. Help us trim our tree while listening to Christmas Music with saxophonist Rodney Brown.

Dec. 3  
at 1-3 p.m.

## HOLIDAY SINGALONG WITH THE OUACHITA STRUMMERS

**Ouachita Valley Branch** • Dec. 6 at 1-2 p.m.  
**West Ouachita Branch** • Dec. 13 at 1-2 p.m.

Come join a holiday singalong with the beautiful sounds of mountain dulcimers! Presented by The Ouachita Strummers.

## HOLLY JOLLY FUNTIME

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Join us for crafts, games and a little bit of caroling!

Dec. 14  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## HOLIDAY SONGS

**Anna Meyer Branch** • Join the fun as we sing holiday songs to ring in the holiday season with resident guitarist Alex McGarey.

Dec. 14  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## KID'S CRAFT: SNOWMAN

**Louise Williams Branch** • Join us for Christmas tunes and crafting! We will be creating a snowman craft.

Dec. 19  
at 1-2 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS HARP MUSIC

**Ouachita Valley Branch**  
Dec. 15 at 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Miriam, local eleven year old harpist, will share her musical talent with us as we listen to holiday music for the entire family to enjoy.



# CRAFT

## DIY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

**Main Branch** • Visit the children's room at Main for a variety of crafts each day. Fun for the family.

Dec. 1- 21  
at 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## CARDBOARD GINGERBREAD HOUSES

**Searcy Branch** • Join us to create a gingerbread house of cardboard, popsicle sticks, stickers, straws, and more.

Dec. 1  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS CARD CRAFT

**Main Branch** • Make your own Christmas cards to give to family and friends

Dec. 1  
at 4-5 p.m.

## CLAY POT ORNAMENTS

**Sterlington Branch** • Come join us as we make clay pot holiday ornaments! We will be making gingerbread houses and Christmas trees.

Dec. 2  
at 4-5:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

**Main Branch** • Make and personalize a Christmas tree ornament for your tree.

Dec. 3  
at 2-3 p.m.

## PAPER STRIP CHRISTMAS CARDINAL

**Main Branch** • Make and take a red cardinal to brighten up your Christmas tree.

Dec. 6  
at 5-6 p.m.

## KID'S WORLD

**West Monroe Branch** • On Dec. 6, make a Santa Squishy. On Dec. 20, Make & Take Christmas Crafts.

Dec. 6 & 20  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## KID'S CRAFT

**Louise Williams Branch** • On Dec. 8, we'll listen to Christmas music and paint ornaments! On Dec. 19, we'll be creating a snowman craft. In Jan., we'll create a penguin craft to take home!

Dec. 8  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Dec. 19  
at 1-2 p.m.  
Jan. 18  
at 4-5 p.m.

## WOODEN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CRAFT

**Main Branch** • Paint and decorate a festive wooden Christmas ornament

Dec. 8  
at 4-5 p.m.

## YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT

**Main Branch** • Make a Santa countdown calendar.

Dec. 10  
at 2-3 p.m.

## GUMDROP TREES

**Anna Meyer Branch** • Get creative and make Christmas trees.

Dec. 12  
at 4-5 p.m.

## GOOD MANNERS MATTER

**Carver McDonald Branch** • Conversations centered around what to do, what to say, and polite behavior every day! Crafts will be incorporated. On December 19, receive a stuffed animal/PJ's while supplies last.

Part I: Dec. 12 &  
Jan. 9  
at 4-5 p.m.  
Part II: Dec. 19 &  
Jan. 23  
at 4-5 p.m.

## TWEENS CLUB (AGES 9-12)

**West Monroe Branch** • On Dec. 13, make salt paint art. On Dec. 27, make a Gingerbread House Ornament. In Jan., make embossed foil art.

Dec. 13 & 27  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 24  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SILHOUETTE

**Main Branch** • Family and crafts go together. Tap into your creative sides and make this a fun family activity.

Dec. 13  
at 5-6 p.m.

## WASHI TAPE CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFT

**Main Branch** • Design a festive Christmas tree ornament.

Dec. 15  
at 4-5 p.m.

## SUPER SIZZLIN

**Main Branch** • In December, make a Christmas Tree Craft. In January, make a snowman craft

Dec. 17  
at 2-3 p.m.  
Jan. 21  
at 2-3 p.m.

## KID'S HOLIDAY CRAFT: UGLY SWEATER ORNAMENTS

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Who can create the ugliest sweater ornament? Join in the fun!

Dec. 19  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT

**Main Branch** • Bring your family to build and decorate a gingerbread house.

Dec. 20  
at 5-6 p.m.

## FIREWORK SILHOUETTE PAINTING

**Main Branch** • Pop out the old year with these sparkly fireworks.

Dec. 27  
at 5-6 p.m.

## SNOW GLOBE

**Main Branch** • Create a festive winter scene and enjoy a special time with family.

Jan. 3  
at 5-6 p.m.

## NO SEW SOCK SNOWMAN

**Main Branch** • Make a snowman that will never melt.

Jan. 5  
at 4-5 p.m.

## PLAYFUL PENGUIN CRAFT

**Main Branch** • Design your penguin. He's ready to get dressed for dinner.

Jan. 7  
at 2-3 p.m.

## OLAF SNOWMAN CRAFT

**Anna Meyer Branch** • Make an adorable snowman keepsake!

Jan. 9  
at 4-5 p.m.

## STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** • Can you build a new fortress for the abominable snowman? His cave was taken over by bats, and he needs a new hide-out.

Jan. 9  
at 4-5 p.m.

## CRAYON RESISTANT WINTER ART

**Ollie Burns Branch** • Create something magical and so much fun. Your very own work of art!

Jan. 11  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## WINTER CRAFT

**Ouachita Valley Branch** • Come and create a winter craft.

Jan. 11  
at 4-5:30 p.m.

## CREATIVE COLLAGE WITH KIDS

**Searcy Branch** • Use glue, old magazines, and our imagination to put together a creative collage.

Jan. 19  
at 3:30-4:30 p.m.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## MOVIES

### CHRISTMAS CINEMA

**West Monroe Branch** | 16 Dec. 3:15-5:15 p.m.  
Nothing beats curling up with a blanket and watching a movie on those cold winter days! Come watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* with us.

### GREMLINS (1984)

**Sterlington Branch** | Dec. 21 at 3-5 p.m.  
Get in the holiday spirit with Gremlin shenanigans.

### TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

**Ollie Burns Branch** | Jan. 11 at 4-5:45 p.m.  
Take a break and come hang out and watch a movie with your friends.

### KEEPING IT REEL

**Louise Williams Branch** | Jan. 19 at 4-6 p.m.  
Was the book actually better? Come find out! This month we will be watching *Every Day*. Feel free to read the novel by David Levithan beforehand, or just come for the showing!

## STEM & LEARNING



### BANKING 101

**Carver McDonald Branch** | Dec. 1 at 4-5 p.m.  
Teens will hear about savings, apps, checking, and more from Kay Gray of Cross Keys Bank.

### GET FINANCIALLY AND PHYSICALLY FIT IN 2023

**Carver McDonald Branch** | Jan. 12 at 4-5 p.m.  
Teens will find out how to become physically and financially fit by Christmas 2023 with Jonathan Wilhite (Profit) and Kay Gray (Cross Keys Bank).

### STEM: MARSHMALLOW TOWERS

**Sterlington Branch** | Jan. 25 at 3-4:30 p.m.  
Build structures with marshmallows and toothpicks/straws.

## GAME ON



### D&D WORKSHOP

**Searcy Branch** | Dec. 6 at 4-6:30 p.m.  
Learn how to create a custom player character for Dungeons and Dragons (5e) from start to finish.

### GAMING GUILD: BOARD GAMES

**Anna Meyer Branch** | Dec. 13 at 3-5 p.m.  
Come join the Gaming Guild! This month we're playing board games together!

### GAME NIGHT

**West Ouachita Branch** | Dec. 13 at 4-5 p.m.  
Come join us for game night! We will be playing board games.

### MERRY & BRIGHT GAME NIGHT

**Searcy Branch** | Dec. 13 at 4-5:30 p.m.  
Join us in playing holiday-themed party games.

### GAMES GALORE!

**West Monroe Branch** | Jan. 9 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Imagine Twister, just jumbo sized. Join us for Giant Twister, board games, Wii video gaming, and other activities.

### GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING

**Anna Meyer Branch** | Jan. 10 at 3-5 p.m.  
Come join the Gaming Guild! This month we're playing Magic the Gathering!

### D&D WORKSHOP

**Searcy Branch** | Jan. 17 at 4-6:30 p.m.  
Learn which dice to roll and why as we cover the basic game mechanics of Dungeons and Dragons (5e).

# ARTS & CRAFTS



## DIY RETRO ORNAMENTS

**Louise Williams Branch** | Dec. 1 at 4-5 p.m.

Join us in making retro paper ornaments to celebrate the holidays!

## 3D CHRISTMAS CARDS

**Ollie Burns Branch** | Dec. 1 at 4-5 p.m.

Make your own Christmas cards to give to family and friends

## DIY GINGERBREAD HOUSE

**West Monroe Branch** | Dec. 5 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays with a classic gingerbread house (minus the actual gingerbread).

## PAINTING WITH A POP

**West Ouachita Branch** | Dec. 6 at 4-5 p.m.

Come join us for a cute winter painting class!

## GIANT SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENTS

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | Dec. 6 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Part art project, part building challenge! Join us to transform popsicle sticks into your own GIANT snowflake. Create your design, build, then decorate with paint, glitter, and more.

## DIY ORNAMENTS

**Sterlington Branch** | Dec. 7 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Express yourself with holiday decorations.

## UPCYCLE ORNAMENTS

**Ollie Burns Branch** | Dec. 7 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be making Christmas ornaments from salt and pepper shakers.

## GLASS CACTUS ORNAMENTS

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | Dec. 13 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

You don't need a green thumb to grow this cactus! Make your own no-maintenance plant decoration from a round glass ornament. Limit: first eight teens.

## DIY UPCYCLED CHRISTMAS DECORATION

**Louise Williams Branch** | Dec 15. at 4-5 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit by upcycling books into a Christmas decoration. All materials will be provided.

## FOLDED BOOK CHRISTMAS TREE

**West Monroe Branch** | Dec 19 at. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Upcycle some of our old books and create a fun Christmas decoration for all to see! Books are provided.

## PAINT THE SEASONS

**Sterlington Branch** | Jan. 4 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Create a painting that will hang up for everyone to see in our branch.

## PAINTED WOOD ART

**Ollie Burns Branch** | Jan. 4 at 4-5 p.m.

This is a fun craft to make and add to your decor.

## VISION BOARD

**Louise Williams Branch** | Jan. 9 at 4-5 p.m.

Get creative and make a vision board to start your year off right!

## VISION BOARD

**West Ouachita Branch** | Jan. 10 at 4-5 p.m.

Come join us and start the new year off with vision boards!

## 3D THE SEASONS

**Sterlington Branch** | Jan. 18 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Detail and snazz up our displayed painting.

## DIY CORK SNOWMAN

**West Monroe Branch** | Jan. 23 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the winter season with a crafty snowman made out of corks!

## SNOWFLAKE LANTERNS

**West Ouachita Branch** | Jan. 24 at 4-5 p.m.

Come join us for a wintery craft! We will be making snowflake lanterns.

## CHINESE ZODIAC ORIGAMI

**Searcy Branch** | Jan. 24 at 4-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit by making origami animals from the Chinese Zodiac.

## DUCT TAPE ZIPPER POUCH

**Ollie Burns Branch** | Jan. 25 at 4-5 p.m.

This craft can be used as a makeup pouch, pencil pouch, and so much more.

## DROP-IN CRAFT SPACE

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Stop by the game room anytime Saturday to color a bookmark, paint a rock, make a perler bead keychain or magnet, fold origami stars, or just hang out and watch a movie.

## PAPER BEADS

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | Jan. 31 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn to create beads from rolled paper and Mod Podge. For a literary look, we'll use recycled book pages! Take the finished product home to make into jewelry, a keychain, or whatever you can imagine.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

-  HEALTH & WELLNESS
-  LECTURE
-  CRAFT
-  GAME ON
-  SOCIAL EVENT
-  CHRISTMAS



## COMPUTER CLASSES

### CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
at 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Anna Meyer Branch

Core classes are meant for people with little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer with our computer instructor. Space is limited.  
Call to register: 318-327-1351

### BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday  
at 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Anna Meyer Branch

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. Space is limited.  
Call to register: 318-327-1351

### ONE-ON-ONE TECH TUTORING

Register by Appointment

Main Branch & Sterlington Branch

Schedule one-on-one personalized computer help sessions to learn at your own pace.

Main Branch: Call to register (318) 327-1490 or email to register [bpearce@oplib.org](mailto:bpearce@oplib.org)

Sterlington Branch: Call to register (318) 327-1382 or email to register [ccalhoun@oplib.org](mailto:ccalhoun@oplib.org)

### ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER CLASSES

Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Anna Meyer Branch

Schedule a one-hour session with our computer instructor for a personalized computer lesson. Space is limited.  
Call to register (318) 327-1351

### ONLINE JOB SKILLS

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn how to create a resume and search for jobs online.

### VIDEO CONFERENCES & YOU

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn the basics of navigating video conferences for your Telehealth appointments.

	<b>CROCHET CLUB</b>	Dec. 1 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come crochet at the library! All skill levels are welcome. Basic supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring a project. Call (318) 327-5414 to register.
	<b>FESTIVE FOLDING</b>	Dec. 1 at 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Decorate your home with these inexpensive, festive paper trees.
	<b>CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE</b>	Dec. 3 at 1-3 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Begin the Christmas season with the Louise Williams Staff. Help us trim our tree while listening to Christmas Music with saxophonist Rodney Brown.
	<b>HOLIDAY SINGALONG WITH THE OUACHITA STRUMMERS</b>	Dec. 6 at 1-2 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join a holiday singalong with the beautiful sounds of mountain dulcimers! Presented by The Ouachita Strummers.
	<b>PRESERVATION 101: CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREASURES</b>	Dec. 7 at 2-3 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	If you have family treasures, the holiday season can be a great time to learn the best ways to care for them. Join Cyndy Robertson, Head of Genealogy/Special Collections at Ouachita Parish Public Library, for an introduction to basic preservation of printed heirlooms such as books and letters.
	<b>DAILY HARVEST! LET'S ADD WHOLE GRAINS TO THE WORKOUT!</b>	Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Owner of Daily Harvest, Davis Rennick, will discuss the benefits of adding whole grains as important sources of nutrients to a healthy eating routine. Christmas music played by Rodney Brown
	<b>OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Dec. 8 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Searcy</b>	Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas party with a Christmas trivia game and sing old familiar Christmas carols.
	<b>ARTSY CHRISTMAS WITH THE MASUR MUSEUM</b>	Dec. 13 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Join Alyssa Guidry of the Masur Museum as she teaches us how to create a special Christmas craft.
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	<b>HOOKS &amp; BOOKS</b>	Dec. 13 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Hooks & Books: Learn the basics of crochet or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome.
	<b>HOLIDAY SONGS</b>	Dec. 14 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Get in the holiday spirit by singing along to Holiday songs with resident guitar player, Alex McGarey!
	<b>HOLIDAY BOOK BINGO!</b>	Dec. 15 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Join us for holiday fun at the library! For adults only.
	<b>SOUP RECIPE SWAP</b>	All January	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Share your favorite soup recipe and pick up a new one to try.
	<b>CROCHET CLUB</b>	Jan. 5 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come crochet at the library! All skill levels are welcome. Basic supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring a project. Call (318) 327-5414 to register.
	<b>HOOKS &amp; BOOKS</b>	Jan. 10 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Hooks & Books: Learn the basics of crochet or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome.
	<b>PREVENTION OF ELDERLY FRAUD AND SCAMS</b>	Jan. 11 at 2-3 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Join Laura Seabaugh from the Louisiana Department of Justice for a presentation on ways to prevent elderly fraud and scams.
	<b>GAME DAY!</b>	Jan. 12 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Searcy</b>	Join us for a fun time of playing Spinner (a variation of dominoes) or other board and dice games.
	<b>KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH NUTRITION &amp; VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS!</b>	Jan. 19 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Markaye Russell, LSU Ag Center Agent, will discuss tips and simple changes to help you get started on healthy living, improve eating habits, and add more exercise into your daily routine.
	<b>THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB</b>	Jan. 19 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Paint a fleur-de-lis to decorate for Mardi Gras! Supplies provided. Space is limited. Call (318) 327-5414 to register.
	<b>BOOK CLUB MEET &amp; GREET</b>	Jan. 19 at 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Looking for a book club to join in the new year? Meet members of Library book clubs and get in on the fun.
	<b>CELEBRATE NATIONAL SOUP MONTH</b>	Jan. 26 at 1-2:30 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Markaye Russell from LSU Ag will talk about the origins of soup and demonstrate a healthy soup. Please come celebrate with us.
	<b>KELBY OUCHLEY'S BAYOU D'ARBONNE SWAMP</b>	Jan. 26 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Retired US Fish & Wildlife Service biologist Kelby Ouchley will discuss his new book <i>Bayou D'Arbonne Swamp: A Naturalist's Memoir of Place</i> .
	<b>PUB-STYLE TRIVIA</b>	Jan. 26 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Pub-Style Trivia. Theme: Melt



# 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](http://oplib.org/family-local-history).



## VITAL RECORDS WHAT THEY ARE, HOW TO GET THEM AND WHERE ELSE TO FIND THE INFORMATION?

Vital records usually refer to records of life events created by some governing authority. Vital records include birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees and wills. They are often stored in a safe place such as a special file or safe deposit box. But, what if that record you need is not where you thought it was? It may be possible to get duplicate vital records, some from as far back as the early 1900's when Louisiana began recording births and deaths.

The State Registrar with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court are possible sources for vital records. There are some privacy considerations as Louisiana is a "closed record" state, which means birth records are confidential until 100 years after the year of birth and death records are confidential until 50 years after the year of death. Individuals who are legally entitled to the records may request them through the Louisiana Department of Health at [ldh.la.gov](http://ldh.la.gov) or the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court at [opclerkofcourt.com](http://opclerkofcourt.com).

Other vital records that are no longer considered private may be accessible through the Louisiana

Secretary of State's Office. The Louisiana Vital Records Index contains Louisiana Death Records from 1911-1971, Louisiana Birth Records from as early as 1918 and Orleans parish marriage records. Each of these has a name index that is searchable online at [sos.la.gov](http://sos.la.gov). If the record is available, photocopies and certified copies can be ordered to be delivered by mail. The Fee is \$5 for each photocopy and \$10 for each certified copy.

The Ouachita Parish Public Library Genealogy department does not have actual vital records but provides access to resources that do; **Ancestry.com** has some records, and **Newspapers.com** can be used to find some birth, death and marriage information if it was published in an included newspaper. The Genealogy department has indexes that can be used to find out more about an ancestor's birth, death or marriage. Online searching of the Obituary Index is now possible from the link on the Ouachita Parish Public Library Home Family and Local History web page. Print sources for the following records are available at the Ouachita Parish Public Library.

Riverside Sanitarium (circa 1935-1943, Louisiana Digital Library)



Peter's Undertaker sign on side of building with advertisement from the Monroe Steam Laundry on a truck in front of the building. (October 1922, Louisiana Digital Library)



## DEATH RECORDS:

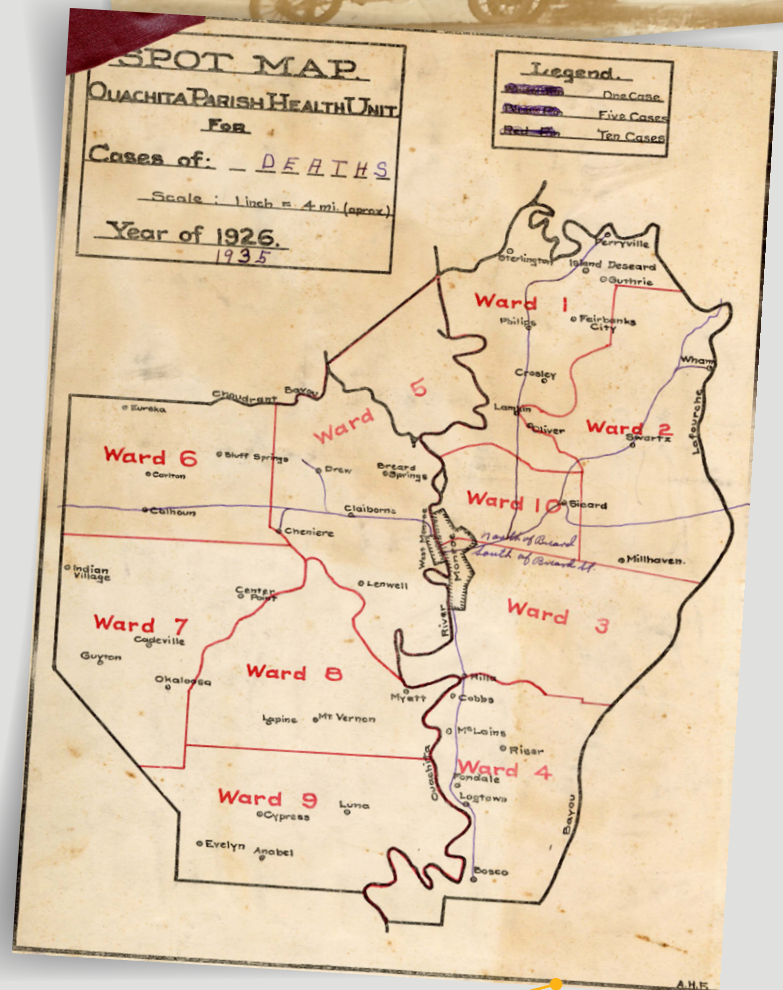
- Obituary Indexes (1825-1991) and online at <https://oplib.org/death-records>
- Cemetery Indexes for most cemeteries in Ouachita Parish
- African American Funeral Home Programs Collection (64 volumes and counting)
- Index of Ouachita Parish Probates (1800-1870)
- Abstracts of Ouachita Parish Coroners Records (1862-1929)

## FUNERAL HOME RECORDS:

- Peters Funeral Home Records with Name Index 1918-1966
- Good Citizen / Burton Funeral Home Records 1954-1978
- Richardson Funeral Home Records with Name Index 1954-1976

## MARRIAGE AND BIRTH RECORDS:

- Index of Marriages of Ouachita parish to 1899
- Indexes of Newspaper Marriage Notices from 1909-1991
- Birth Records
- Indexes to the Record of Births: Riverside Sanitarium 1925-1954



Ouachita Parish Spot Map with Wards from Peter's Funeral Home Books (1926-1935, Louisiana Digital Library)



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