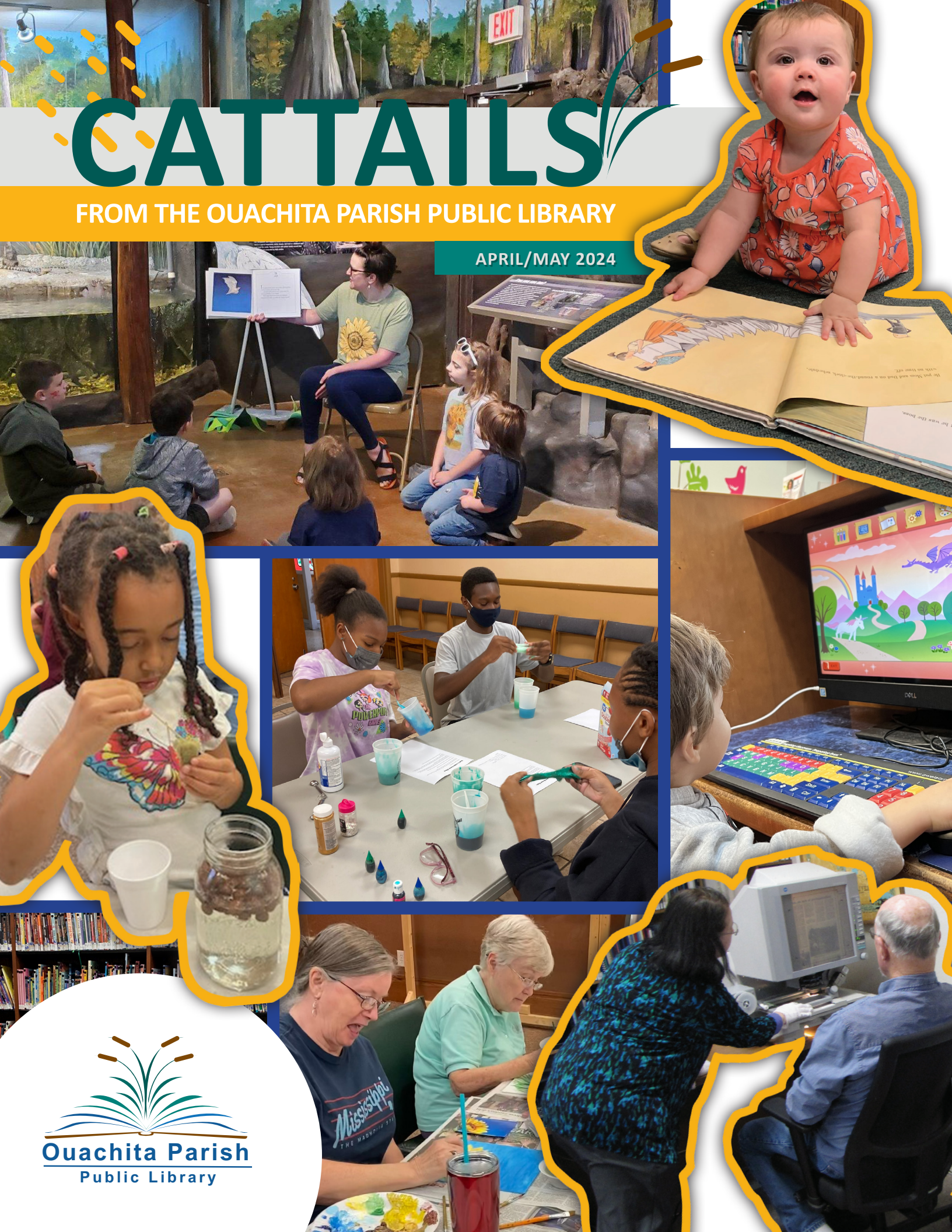


CATTAILS

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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.

April Booksale: Friday, Apr. 26th & Saturday, Apr. 27th from 9-3 p.m.
May Booksale: Friday, May 24th & Saturday May 25th from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Library branches close at 5 p.m. the day before a holiday closure.
MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 27th

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTEST WINNERS



Ouachita Parish teens were tasked with writing their favorite Black History quote related to Visual Arts, Music, or a Cultural Movement on a note card, along with an explanation of what it means to them.

CULTURAL MOVEMENT

Makayla Campbell	1st Place	Neville High School
Keldriqye Butler	2nd Place	Neville High School
Kristen Stanley	3rd Place	Ouachita Parish High School

MUSIC

Janaiya Carradine	1st Place	Neville High School
Angelique Glenn	2nd Place	Neville High School
Shaliya McLaurin	3rd Place	Neville High School

VISUAL ARTS

My'Najae Robinson	1st Place	Neville High School
Bre'Jae Jones	2nd Place	Ouachita Parish Junior High School
Isabella Vielman	3rd Place	NELA Christian Homeschool Association

HEAR FROM OUR FIRST PLACE CONTEST WINNERS

CULTURAL MOVEMENTS

MaKayla Campbell
Neville High School

“Desegregation has made an everlasting impact on my life. Reading and watching old events made it hard for me to even think about how life was for African Americans. I love having the chance to feel comfortable around others and being myself. I also loved how it felt to be a kid making friends who do not look like me, all without being judged. The world is still a harsh place, but without segregation around, many people of my color have gotten through life and have lived a positive one.”

MUSIC

Janaiya Carradine
Neville High School

“Cynthia Erivo wrote the song, ‘Stand Up.’ I love the song, but there is one part of the song that extremely means everything to me. She said, ‘I do what I can while I can for my people. While the clouds roll back and the stars fill the night, that’s when I’m gonna stand up, take my people with me. TOGETHER, we are going to a brand-new home.’ These lyrics symbolize FAITH! Through all the hardship, they never gave up. It also symbolizes LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. In the Bible God said, ‘A new commandment I give unto you, love one another. This shows how our people kept faith and love among each other.’”

VISUAL ARTS

My'Najae Robinson
Neville High School

“For my choice of black history, I am choosing visual arts. The movie that I am choosing is, ‘The Princess and the Frog.’ I chose this movie because this was the first black Disney Princess, and I was excited to finally see a Princess who looks like me. This movie inspired me to never give up on my dreams. Tiana went through so much just to accomplish her dreams. She was a strong black woman. Tiana also made sure that she made her father happy by never giving up on his dreams. Also, she got a restaurant and made sure that she gave her friends work there. Leah Chase also relates to her. They both were chasing their dreams. This is why I chose Visual Arts.”

LIBRARY OF

THINGS

What is a Library of Things?

The library is more than books! Patrons can borrow a variety of non-traditional items from our Library of Things. A Library of Things can inspire lifelong learning by offering hands-on experience and strengthen our community through collaborative consumption. Borrow before you buy, or let us help you with your next project!

Check out oplib.org/library-things for more information.

- Art Prints
- Baking Pans
- Hot Spots
- Litter Kits
- Recreation Set
- STEM Kits
- Storytime to-go kit

Who can borrow from the Library of Things?

Adult patrons of the Ouachita Parish Public Library and Trailblazer patrons can borrow these things.



Art Prints

Where can I borrow?

Art prints are available at every branch and can be placed on hold.

How many can I borrow?

Up to 2 art prints per card can be borrowed at one time.

How long can I borrow?

Art prints have a lending period of 6 weeks and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?

Return art prints to any branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)



Baking Pans

Where can I borrow?

Baking pans are available at the West Ouachita branch and cannot be placed on hold.

How many can I borrow?

Only 1 baking pan per household can be borrowed at one time.

How long can I borrow?

Baking pans have a lending period of 1 week and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?

Return clean baking pans to the lending branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)

Recreational Items



Where can I borrow?

Most branches offer various recreational items. Visit oplib.org/library-things to discover the specific items available at each location.

How many can I borrow?

Patrons can borrow 1 set per household at one time.

How long can I borrow?

Recreational sets have a lending period of 1 week and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?

Return recreational sets to the lending branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)



Get Down to Clean Up: Litter Kits

What comes with the Get Down to Clean Up kits?

Kits include everything you need to clean up litter in your neighborhood: safety vests, litter grabbers, and garbage bags.

Where can I borrow?

Get Down to Clean Up kits are available at all branches and cannot be placed on hold.

How many can I borrow?

Patrons can borrow up to 30 kits per card at one time, subject to availability.

How long can I borrow?

Get Down to Clean Up kits have a lending period of 1 week and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?

Return safety vests and litter grabbers to the lending branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)



Hot Spots

Who can borrow?

Adult patrons who have been registered with the Ouachita Parish Public Library for at least 90 days can borrow wireless hot spots.

(Must present valid photo identification.)

Where can I borrow?

Hot spots are available at the following branches and cannot be placed on hold:

- Cpl JR Searcy Memorial
- Louise Williams
- Main Branch
- Ollie Burns
- Ouachita Valley

How many can I borrow?

Only 1 hot spot per household can be borrowed at one time, with a 1 week waiting period between check outs.

How long can I borrow?

Hot spots have a lending period of 1 week and cannot be renewed.

How do I return?

Return hot spots to the lending branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)



STEM Sets

What comes with the STEM sets?

Sets include everything you need to have science lab at home, demonstrating concepts like electricity, energy, and motion.

Where can I borrow?

Many branches offer various STEM sets. Visit oplib.org/library-things to discover the specific items available at each location.

How many can I borrow?

Patrons can borrow 1 set per household at one time.

How long can I borrow?

STEM sets have a lending period of 1 week and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?

Return STEM sets to the lending branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)

Storytime To-Go Kits

What comes with the Storytime To-Go kits?

Kits include one picture book with corresponding activities such as flannel boards and puppets.

Where can I borrow?

Visit oplib.org/library-things to discover the specific items available at each location.

How many can I borrow?

Patrons can borrow 1 kit per card at one time.

How long can I borrow?

Storytime To-Go kits have a lending period of 3 weeks and can be renewed if no one else is waiting.

How do I return?
















Return Storytime To-Go kits to any branch during operating hours. (Cannot be placed in the book drop.)



KIDS PROGRAMS



PRIMETIME-DAY 5	Tues., Apr. 2 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Prime Time Stories, Books, snacks, and crafts for students
KIDS CRAFT TIME	Thurs., Apr. 4 3:45-4:45 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Join us and let's create beautiful tissue paper flowers together!
KIDS CREATE	Thurs., Apr. 4 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Paint with Broccoli! We will paint a beautiful, blooming spring tree.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Apr. 6 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Enjoy a movie and popcorn at the Library! We will be showing <i>Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken</i> . Bring a friend!
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	Mon., Apr. 8 9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY How many books are in the Main library? Visit the Children's Room and give your best guess.
TADPOLE IN THE SPRING	Mon., Apr. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 3-5 In the spring, tadpoles undergo a fascinating transformation into frogs. Come and observe this captivating process.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: PIGGY BANKS	Mon., Apr. 8 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Learn all about how to save money for the fun things you do and create a piggy bank. Registration Required. Please register for this program by p.m. on Fri., Mar. 22.
KIDS MOVIE MANIA	Mon., Apr. 8 4-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for a delightful movie featuring... <i>Blue's Big City Adventure!</i> Snacks will be provided. Rated G
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	Tues., Apr. 9 9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Grab It & Go Craft. DIY Shh, I'm Reading Door Hanger Craft. Pick up your kit in the Main Children's Department.
PRIMETIME-DAY 6	Tues., Apr. 9 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Prime Time Stories, Books, snacks, and crafts
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	Wed., Apr. 10 9-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Grab It & Go Craft. Pick up your craft kit in the Main Children's Department.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: SCAVENGER HUNT	Thurs., Apr. 11 9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Library Scavenger Hunt. "How does Dewey "Dew" It?" Get your scavenger hunt guide, find all the items and return the completed sheet to a librarian in the Main Children's Department and get a "Dewey" prize.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: DIY BOOK COVER CRAFT	Fri., Apr. 12 9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us for a DIY Book Cover Craft! Design and personalize your own unique book cover.
FINDING NEMO STORYTIME	Fri., Apr. 12 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Join some of the cast of SYAA's Finding Nemo Jr. for an underwater storytime. After enjoying some "fin"-tastic books, you'll meet Nemo and his friends, who will be featured on stage in Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts' upcoming production of Finding Nemo Jr.
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Apr. 13 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Bring the family and enjoy a morning filled with songs, fingerplays, crafts and more
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Apr. 13 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us to watch <i>The Little Mermaid</i> (2023)! Enjoy a movie screening. Grab your seats, bring some snacks, and let's dive into an underwater adventure together. Rated PG
PUFFY PAINTING	Mon. Apr. 15 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Let's make some fun 3D art! We will be making our own puffy paints to use in our art!
STEMONDAY	Mon., Apr. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun animal-themed STEM challenge activity!
MONEY SMART	Mon., Apr. 15 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Learn how to be "Money Smart." Call 327-1490 or email Mrs. Angela for more information.
CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON	Mon., Apr. 15 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 April showers bring May flowers! Get creative with making this spring keepsake just in time for Spring.
STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER	Tues., Apr. 16 3:30-6:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Bring your stuffed animal to sleepover at the Library. Register your stuffie and create a name tag. Pick up your stuffie on Wednesday between 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
EARTH DAY ART	Wed., Apr. 17 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 3-5 Celebrate Earth Day! Stop by for a mess-free craft for kids!
KIDS CRAFT TIME	Thurs., Apr. 18 3:45-4:45 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Join us for a special Earth Day celebration as we make Lorax crafts and spread awareness to save the trees!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Apr. 20 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>The Aristocats</i> (1970). Juice and snacks provided. Rated G
SATURDAY FUNDAY	Sat., Apr. 20 2-3 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Visit with us for a fun Grab & Go craft or stay and create something fantastic!
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Apr. 20 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Join us to design and personalize beautiful cards to show your love and appreciation for our mamas, grandmothers, and other beloved women in our life.
TADPOLE LOOKS DIFFERENT	Mon., Apr. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 3-5 Come observe our tadpoles as they metamorphosize into frogs.
EARTH DAY	Mon., Apr. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Embrace the spirit of Earth Day with a delightful and eco-friendly craft!
CATERPILLAR CRAFT	Tues., Apr. 23 4-4:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us in making a caterpillar popsicle stick craft.
BALLOON ROCKETS	Fri. Apr. 26 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Get ready for takeoff! Come join us for a fun experiment to see how much weight your rocket can hold.
BLOCK PARTY	Tues., Apr. 30 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 3-5 Calling all block enthusiasts! Join us in the meeting room for some building fun. Let's unleash our creativity and construct something amazing together!
TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS	Tues., Apr. 30 4-4:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us for a delightful session of crafting as we create beautiful tissue paper flowers together.
CINCO DE MAYO	Wed., May 1 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us for a special storytime and refreshments to celebrate this holiday.
CINCO DE MAYO CRAFT	Thurs., May 2 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a cute craft!
KIDS CRAFT TIME	Thurs., May 2 3:45-4:45 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Let's create something special to give mom for Mother's Day.
KIDS CREATE	Thurs., May 2 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a coffee filter flower bouquet for Mother's Day or Teacher Appreciation Day.
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	Mon., May 6 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us for a Book Character Parade and a special storytime. Children are invited to dress up as their favorite book characters and embark on a parade around the library.
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	Tues., May 7 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Bring your buddy to storytime. Treats for all.
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	Wed., May 8 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Share your family's favorite book.
MOTHER'S DAY HANDPRINT FLOWER BOUQUET	Wed., May 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 Make your mom or other special lady in your life a beautiful keepsake she will love!

 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	Thurs., May 9 9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Snap! We got you on camera. Find your favorite reading spot in the library and "Get Caught Reading."
 MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT	Thurs., May 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 3-5 Create a cute craft for someone you love!
 DIY ROBOT HAND	Fri., May 10 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Let's make some cool art! We will be making our own working robot hand out of paper and straws!
 SPRING FESTIVAL/ KID ZONE	Sat., May 11 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for fun and excitement! We'll have food, games, music and helpful resources.
 FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., May 11 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Macarons with Mom. Help us celebrate mothers with a treat that is sure to please.
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., May 11 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Come to the Library for a movie and popcorn! We will be showing <i>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem</i> .
 YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., May 11 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Mother's Day Coupon Booklet
 POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., May 11 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us at the library for a screening of <i>Elemental</i> (2023)! Gather with fellow movie enthusiasts, and let's enjoy this family-friendly film together. Rated PG
 KIDS CRAFT TIME	Thurs., May 16 3:45-4:45 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Get ready for a 'dino-mite' time! Create your very own dinosaur masterpiece. Unleash your creativity and make a prehistoric friend to take home.
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., May 18 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>101 Dalmatians</i> (1961). Juice and snacks provided. Rated G.
 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., May 18 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Kids' Paper Collage Fun! Join us for a creative session where little ones can make colorful paper collages.
 STEMONDAY	Mon., May 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun animal-themed STEM challenge activity!
 CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON	Mon., May 20 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 9-12 Calling all dino-lovers! We will create dinosaurs while exploring the art of origami.
 KIDS MOVIE MANIA	Mon., May 20 4-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for a delightful movie featuring <i>Turning Red</i> ! Snacks will be provided. Rated PG
 BATH BOMBS	Fri., May 24 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Bombs away! Come make some DIY Bath Bombs that can be used at home! Registration required.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Check out our weekly story times at oplib.org/storytime.



STEMULATING MONDAY Mondays 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Ages 6-12 | West Ouachita Branch

Apr. 1 | We will be making rain clouds in a jar.

Apr. 15 | Come join us for a fun bubble stem challenge.

May 20 | Come learn how to make your own Chia Pet.

May 6 | We will be making paper plate greenhouses.

TWEENS CLUB Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-12 | West Monroe Branch

Apr. 9 | Aluminum Foil Art

Apr. 23 | Paint by Stickers - Zoo Animals

May 14 | Make a Paracord Bracelet

May 28 | Make Father's Day craft

KIDS WORLD Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Ages 6-12 | West Monroe Branch

Apr. 2 | Experience the joy of Straw Painting! Join us for a creative session where we'll use straws to make unique and vibrant paintings.

Apr. 16 | Get ready to celebrate Earth Day by creating a special craft! Join us for a hands-on crafting session dedicated to honoring our planet.

May 7 | Let's celebrate Mother's Day with a special crafting session!

May 21 | Craft a paper windmill with us! Join in and make a colorful windmill together.

ALL THINGZ TWEEN Thursdays 4-5 p.m. | Ages 6-12 | Main Branch

Apr. 4 | Let's get creative and welcome spring with our DIY Spring Tassel Wreath project.

Apr. 11 | Calling all tweens! Join us for a cool and crafty session as we make Popsicle Pom Pom Bookmarks.

Apr. 18 | Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun as we design and create unique, personalized keychains that reflect your individual style.

Apr. 25 | Ready for a crafting expedition? Join us for a special DIY Map Coasters workshop designed just for you.

May 2 | Get ready for a crafting adventure that's as fun as it is quirky. Join us for the Yarn Wrapped Monster Pencil Holder project!

May 9 | Let's celebrate the wonderful moms, grandmothers, and other special women in our lives with a special Mother's Day Craft event.

May 16 | Get ready for a hands-on and colorful experience with our Bean Mosaic Art workshop to create vibrant and textured masterpieces using an assortment of beans.

May 23 | Join us for a DIY Flower Canvas workshop, where you'll have the chance to express your artistic flair and create a stunning floral masterpiece.

May 30 | Join us for DIY Alcohol Ink Flower Jewelry Dishes Craft, where you'll have the chance to create personalized and vibrant jewelry dishes.

HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS Mondays 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Family | Main Branch

Please contact Mrs. Angela at 327-1490 or email agreer@oplib.org for more details.

Apr. 1 | Monthly Book Party. Call 327-1490 or email Mrs. Angela to find out this month's book title.

Apr. 8 | Poetry Slam. Homeschoolers will write and recite poetry.

Apr. 15 | Money Smart Presentation. Homeschoolers will learn the value of saving money.

Apr. 22 | Celebrate Earth Day with exciting S.T.E.M./S.T.E.A.M. activities! Join us for hands-on fun that combines science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Apr. 29 | Community Field Trip. Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo.

May 6 | Mother's Day Celebration.

May 13 | Monthly Book Party. Call 327-1490 or email Mrs. Angela to find out this month's book title.

May 20 | Homeschool Family Fun Day. Bring the whole family for fun, food and more fun!



TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



VIDEO GAMES



MOVIES & ACTIVITIES



GAMES



COMMUNITY SERVICE



	POETRY MONTH	All April	Louise Williams	April is #PoetryMonth! We have cut up words from old books, magazines, newspapers, blank paper and glue for teens to make their own poems
	ECLIPSE YOUR T-SHIRT	Tues., Apr. 2 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Celebrate the upcoming eclipse by creating your own eclipse themed t-shirt.
	GAME NIGHT	Tues., Apr. 2 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games and snacks!
	VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Apr. 2 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Come decompress after school with some chill video games.
	3D HAND ART	Tues., Apr. 9 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Make some psychedelic art.
	POETRY COLLAGE	Tues., Apr. 9 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Celebrate National Poetry Month by making a poetry collage using magazines and newspapers.
	COMMUNITY SERVICE: DOG TREATS	Tues., Apr. 9 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be making homemade dog treats for the animal shelter.
	CREATIVE COLLAB	Tues., Apr. 9 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Turn old book pages into origami butterfly art.
	COMMUNITY SERVICE-FOOD DRIVE SETUP	Wed., Apr. 10 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Teens bring items to help put together a food drive for the Food Bank of NELA. Some items needed are peanut butter in plastic jars, canned food items, boxes of cereal, rice or pasta. Space is limited, call 327-1365 to register.
	GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., Apr. 10 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons & Dragons, so come join in the adventure!
	TADPOLES COME TO CARVER-MCDONALD	Wed., Apr. 10 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Carver McDonald	Tadpoles come to Carver McDonald Branch Library. Come and view them.
	MAGAZINE COLLAGE	Wed., Apr. 10 4-5 p.m.	Main	Design personalized wall art using recycled magazines.
	BLACK OUT POETRY	Sat., Apr. 13 3-4 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating black out poetry.
	LIBRARY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT	Sat., Apr. 13 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Earn community service hours by beautifying the library with nature and art. Call 327-1240 to register.
	SCAVENGER HUNT	Tues., Apr. 16 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Test your brain in the library by finding obscure items and matching quotes.
	CUSTOM BLOCK PRINTING	Tues., Apr. 16 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	You don't need a lot of materials to make your own wall art! Learn techniques for creating your own printing blocks using something as simple as foam trays.
	BOARD ROOM	Tues., Apr. 16 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Bring a friend and play a game from our board game stash.
	STEM- DISH SOAP SILLY PUTTY	Wed., Apr. 17 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Make your own silly putty using dish soap and cornstarch.
	ANIMAL SHELTER DRIVE	Thurs., Apr. 18 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Help your local animal shelter by donating pet food, pet toys, cat litter, and cleaning supplies.
	STEM- EARTH DAY LAVA LAMP	Mon., Apr. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Learn how to make an Earth Day themed lava lamp!
	SUPER SMASH BROS	Tues., Apr. 23 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate with friends!
	PAPER ROLL SCULPTURES	Tues., Apr. 23 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Upcycle by taking old paper roll centers and turning them into sculptures.
	TEEN MOVIE TUESDAY	Tues., Apr. 23 5:15 -6:45 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Enjoy a movie and snacks. We will be watching Napoleon Dynamite (PG).
	CREATIVE COLLAB	Tues., Apr. 23 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Create a beaded wind chime.
	GAMING GUILD: VIDEO GAMES	Wed., Apr. 24 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing video games together!
	TADPOLES BEGIN CHANGE PROCESS	Wed., Apr. 24 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Tadpole begins the metamorphosis process, but what will he change into? Come and see.

 GAME DAY	Wed., Apr. 24 4-5 p.m.	Main	UNO Tournament, Part 1
 BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Mon., Apr. 29 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for May is <i>These Violent Delights</i> by Chloe Gong.
 GAMING DAY	Tues., Apr. 30 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your game on.
 BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS PT. 1	Tues., Apr. 30 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn basic stitches, abbreviations, and how to read a pattern.
 COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., Apr. 30 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come hang out and discuss your favorite fandoms.
 HAIKU WORKSHOP	Tues., Apr. 30 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	In celebration of National Poetry Month, learn the art and science of the haiku.
 BOOK JAR RECOMMENDATIONS	All May	Louise Williams	Don't know what to read? We will have a jar of book titles to get a surprise book recommendation! Our color coded slips will offer genres to pick from.
 TALAVERA TILES	Thurs., May 2 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Celebrate Cinco de Mayo & paint your own Talavera tile.
 BOOK TALK	Tues., May 7 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Book talk your favorite books and get community service hours.
 DIY WRECK THIS JOURNAL	Tues., May 7 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Inspired by Kerri Smith's "Wreck This Journal" project, we will be creating journals with special prompts on each page that encourage you to think outside the box.
 GAME NIGHT	Tues., May 7 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games and snacks!
 VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., May 7 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Come decompress after school with some chill video games.
 DIY STRESS BALL	Wed., May 8 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	School is almost out! Come make a stress ball to help get you through finals.
 GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., May 8 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons & Dragons, so come join in the adventure!
 BIRD FEEDER	Wed., May 8 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Recycle plastic bottles to create a customized bird feeder.
 COMMUNITY SERVICE: PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE	Wed., May 8 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will bring PEANUT BUTTER for the Food Bank. Teens will also learn the history behind peanut butter and the many uses of peanut butter.
 JEWELRY WORKSHOP	Wed., May 8 4-5 p.m.	Main	DIY jewelry to accessorize your outfits and more.
 MEMORIAL DAY DISPLAY	Sat., May 11 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Earn community service hours by creating a display to honor our service men and women. Call 327-1240 to register.
 JOURNALING	Tues., May 14 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Journal your thoughts, ambitions, and goals, or just doodle it up.
 VIDEO GAME NIGHT	Tues., May 14 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Teens can drop by anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 to play a variety of our new Nintendo Switch games.
 HERB GARDEN	Tues., May 14 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come learn how to start your own herb garden.
 CREATIVE COLLAB	Tues., May 14 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Create Gaudi-inspired mosaic art.
 AFTERNOON CHILL-VIDEO GAMES	Wed., May 15 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon and play some games on the PlayStation 4.
 RECOGNIZE A US VETERAN	Wed., May 15 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will write a letter or poem to veteran that has served in the Armed Forces.
 GAME DAY	Wed., May 15 4-5 p.m.	Main	UNO Tournament, Part 2
 D&D ONE-SHOT	Fri., May 17 3:30 -6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Choose a pre-made character and join our table for an action-packed adventure!
 BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Mon., May 20 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for April is <i>The Library of Shadows</i> by Rachel Moore.
 PAINTING	Tues., May 21 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Paint because you can.
 COLD CASE FILE	Tues., May 21 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Act as detectives and solve a cold case.
 PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., May 21 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come paint with us!
 BOARD ROOM	Tues., May 21 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Bring a friend and play a game from our board game stash.
 GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING	Wed., May 22 3:30 -4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Magic the Gathering for players of any skill level!
 FELT BOOKMARKS	Thurs., May 23 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Design your personalized felt bookmarks.
 DIY T-SHIRT BAGS & HEADBANDS	Tues., May 28 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Upcycle old t-shirts and make them into bags or headbands.
 BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS PT. 2	Tues., May 28 5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to crochet a granny square!
 COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., May 28 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come hang out and discuss your favorite fandoms.
 CREATIVE COLLAB	Tues., May 28 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Create a macrame feather keychain.
 STEAMPUNK CANVAS ART	Wed., May 29 4-5 p.m.	Main	Use assorted mixed media to create original art pieces.
 AFTERNOON CHILL-BOARD GAMES	Fri., May 31 2:30-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Come play some board games with friends!



JOIN A BOOK CLUB

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., Apr. 24 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., May 29 at 2-3 p.m.

BOOKS AND BANTER ANNA MEYER

Come discuss your current and recent reads! Get new reading recommendations and bond over books!

Wed., Apr. 17 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wed., May 15 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

Join us as we discuss some new and old springtime titles.

Thurs., Apr. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

Thurs., May 30 at 2-3 p.m.



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

Tues., Apr. 9 at 6-7:30 p.m.

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Tues., May 12 at 6-7:30 p.m.

We will be discussing a Summer Reading Challenge title to be announced



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

Thurs., Apr. 18 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Night Shift by Alex Finlay

Thurs., May 16 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Coworker by Freida McFadden



RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

Mon., Apr. 29 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Sorrowland by Rivers Solomon

Mon., May 20 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Radio Silence by Alice Oseman



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

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

Fri., Apr. 12 at 2-3 p.m.

The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

Fri., May 10 at 2-3 p.m.

Yellowface by R. F. Kuang



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Tues., Apr. 30 at 10-11 a.m.

Our Last Days in Barcelona by Chanel Cleeton

Tues., May 28 at 10-11 a.m.

Community Reads what are favorite summer reads for 2024! Let us discuss over coffee and cookies.



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Apr. 27 at 2-3 p.m.

The Memory Librarian: And Other Stories of Dirty Computer by Janelle Monáe.

Sat., May 25 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a discussion on *Sabriel* by Garth Nix



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., Apr. 1 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Time's Undoing by Cheryl A. Head



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Fri., Apr. 19 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing the Alissa Turney case.

Fri., May 10 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing the Ali Lowitzer case.

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



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ANNA MEYER

Space is limited.
Call to register:

(318) 327-1351

CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday
Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1pm-3pm

Core classes are meant for people with little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer with our computer instructor.

BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday
Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

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.

WEST MONROE



HOW TO USE YOUR MOBILE DEVICES

Tues., Apr. 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Learn more about using your mobile devices: such as Android, iPhones, iPad, and more.

BEGINNING COMPUTER: BASIC SKILLS

Thurs., Apr. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

If you are a beginner, this is the class for you! Learn some basic computer skills with us.

FILLING OUT ONLINE JOB APPLICATIONS

Tues., May 21 at 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to fill out an online job application.

HOW TO CREATE A RESUME & SUBMIT IT

Thurs., May 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to create a resume and how to submit it to an online application.



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OLLIE H. BURNS

HOME ROW OF THE KEYBOARD: PART 1

Tues., Apr. 9 at 10-11 a.m.

Form and technique are essential in typing, and learning the basic position is crucial for mastering touch typing. In this class you will learn to use the correct fingers on the home row.

HOME ROW OF THE KEYBOARD: PART 2

Thurs., Apr. 11 at 10-11 a.m.

After getting familiar with the home-row keys, the class will type using the correct fingers.

FRESHEN UP YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS

Tues., May 7 at 10-11 a.m.

This computer basics class is perfect for beginners or anyone wanting to refresh their computer knowledge.

TYPING

Thurs., May 9 at 10-11 a.m.

This computer class will help you transition from hunting and pecking to touch typing.

MAIN BRANCH



COMPUTER BASICS

Thurs., Apr. 4 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.

INTERNET BASICS

Thurs., May 9 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of internet browsers, search engines, and websites.

WEST OUACHITA

File Edit View Help

Space is limited.
Register in person or call:

(318) 327-5414

BEGINNING WORD → Registration begins April 1

PART 1

Thurs., May 2 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Get to know basic Microsoft Word and get started creating documents.

PART 2

Fri., May 3 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for the second day of continuing Microsoft Word basics.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

MOVIES



TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., Apr. 22, 5-7 p.m.

Join fellow film lovers to screen 1944's classic film noir *Double Indemnity*. A Los Angeles insurance representative lets an alluring housewife seduce him into a scheme of insurance fraud and murder. Starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred McMurray.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Fri., Apr. 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the upcoming Kentucky Derby by watching *Secretariat* with us! Popcorn provided! Starring Diane Lane and John Malkovich. A housewife draws together the resources to train Secretariat, a horse that ultimately turns out to be a Triple Crown winner. Rate PG.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., May 13, 5-7 p.m.

Join us as we screen the 1943 musical/comedy *Du Barry was a Lady* in which a nightclub's coatroom attendant who is in love with the club's singer has a dream he's French King Louis XV courting the infamous Madame Du Barry. Starring Red Skelton, Lucille Ball, and Gene Kelly.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Thurs., May 23, 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Watch our afternoon movie with popcorn! *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*. College professor Parker Wilson played by Richard Gere adopts a lost dog, and his family learn lessons about love and life after the canine enters their lives. Rated G

SOCIAL EVENTS



PINHOLE ECLIPSE VIEWER

Main | Mon., Apr. 8, 12:20-3 p.m.

Total Solar Eclipses don't happen every day, but we get to see one today! Monroe won't be in the path of totality, but we will see about 95% of the sun covered. Make a fun craft that will help us track the progress of the moon as it blocks out the sun--weather permitting. *NOTE: This craft will NOT allow you to look directly at the eclipse. Please DO NOT look directly at the eclipse without protective eyewear designed for eclipse viewing.*

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SCHEPIS MUSEUM!

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Apr. 25, 11-12:30 p.m.

Kristopher Kelley, Curator of the Schepis Museum, will take patrons on a virtual tour of the Schepis Museum, a historic house and museum located in Columbia, LA. The historic building was constructed to resemble a grand Italian palazzo from the fifteenth century and includes two statues handcrafted by Nicholas John Schepis himself.

165 MAKERS AND PRODUCERS SPRING FESTIVAL

Ollie Burns | Sat., May 11, 10-4 p.m.

The Ollie Burns Memorial Library in collaboration with 165 Maker's & Producer's FESTIVAL will have a spring market with arts & crafts, entertainment, and food trucks. The Kids' Zone will include musical chairs, Hula-Hoops, ring toss, and bean bag toss.

FINANCIAL HEALTH



MONEY SMART

Anna Meyer | Thurs., Apr. 18, 3-4 p.m.

Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about financial literacy in this first session of a 10 part series.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR: ESTATE PLANNING

Ouachita Valley | Sat., Apr. 20, 1-2 p.m.

Come learn about Estate Planning.

SENIORS, DON'T BE SCAMMED!

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., May 9, 11-12:30 p.m.

Detective Kwasic Heckard, a police officer for the Monroe Police Department, will be discussing ways that seniors can protect themselves from current scams, home burglaries to cybercrimes. Crime Prevention at the Library.

MONEY SMART

Anna Meyer | Thurs., May 16, 3-4 p.m.

Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about financial literacy in this second session of a 10 part series.

FOOD & WELLNESS



LSU AGCENTER POP-UP WITH MARKAYE RUSSELL

Louise Williams | Thurs., Apr. 11, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for an exciting event with Markaye Russell as she demonstrates using rosemary in meals to reduce sodium. Come discover a healthier alternative. Samples will be provided.

ULM NURSING DEPT. "MENTAL WELL-BEING AND STRESS RELIEF"

Louise Williams | Wed., Apr. 17, 10-11 a.m.

ULM Nursing Dept. hosts "Mental Well-Being and Stress Relief". If you have forgotten an important meeting or misplaced your car keys, this program will be good for you. Come listen to the students share beneficial information.

LSU AG CENTER POP-UP WITH MARKAYE RUSSELL

Louise Williams | Thurs., May 16, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for an exciting time with Markaye Russell as she uses cilantro in meals. Discover delicious and healthy alternatives with us. Samples will be available.

GAMES



THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Thurs., Apr. 4, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for D&D one-shots!

BINGO BONANZA

Anna Meyer | Mon., Apr. 22, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for some rousing rounds of bingo!

THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Thurs., May 2, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for D&D one-shots!

EDUCATION



HISTORY OF THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

West Monroe | Wed., Apr. 10, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as Lora Peppers of the Ouachita Parish Public Library's Genealogy Department tells us about the History of Ouachita Parish Public Library.

DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE POP-UP REGISTRATION

Anna Meyer | Mon., Apr. 15, 3:30 -4:30 p.m.

Louisiana Delta Community College will be hosting a pop-up registration event. Come get information about Delta CC and even register to attend!

LA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ONE STOP REGISTRATION EVENT!

Louise Williams | Wed., Apr. 17, 4-5 p.m.

Louisiana Delta Community College One Stop Registration Event! Come join LDCC at the Louise Williams Branch Library for an on-site registration event. It will include information on financial aid assistance and the registration process.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

Ollie Burns | Thurs., Apr. 25, 10-11 a.m.

The Acadiana Legal Service Corporation provides free, specialized, civil legal services to low-income individuals and families.

COLORFUL WOMEN OF OUACHITA PARISH

West Monroe | Wed., May 15, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as Lora Peppers of the Ouachita Parish Public Library's Genealogy Department tells us about the Colorful Women of Ouachita Parish.

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Ollie Burns | Thurs., May 23, 10-11 a.m.

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BOOKISH



BREAKING BARRIERS: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH!

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Apr. 11, 11-12:30 p.m.

Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. will be discussing his new book, *Breaking Barriers: A View from the Bench*, detailing his life as the first African American to be elected to judgeships at three different levels of the court system in Louisiana.

WRITE CLUB

Main | Mon., Apr. 15, 5:30 -7 p.m.

Join us at Write Club and hone your craft.

WRITE CLUB

Main | Mon., May 20, 5:30 -7 p.m.

Join us at Write Club and hone your craft.

BOOK TALK: TELLING HIS STORY POW #1000

Ouachita Valley | Thurs., May 23, 10-11 a.m.

Join us as Dr. Janis Pardue Hill discusses her book *Telling His Story: POW #1000*. This memoir covers her father's, J.C. Pardue, time as a prisoner of war.

TELLING HIS STORY: POW #1000 BY AUTHOR JANIS PARDUE HILL

Louise Williams | Thurs., May 23, 2-3:30 p.m.

Author Janis Pardue Hill will discuss her book, *Telling His Story: POW #1000*. The memoir covers her father's, J.C. Pardue's, time as a prisoner of war. Join us as she speaks of his journey.

CRAFTS & ART



HOOKS & BOOKS

Main | Tues., Apr. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

SCRATCH ART CRAFT PROGRAM

JR Searcy | Thurs., Apr. 11, 2-3 p.m.

Join us for Scratch Art. Scratch Art, or Engraving Art, is where you create a picture using a scraper tool. Limited to 12 participants. Call 327-1240 to register beginning March 25.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Apr. 18, 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Join us and paint a springtime fox! Supplies provided; space is limited to 20 participants. Call 327-5414 to register beginning April 1.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH ALEX OGLE

Sterlington Memorial | Wed., May 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join local artist, Alex Ogle, as she guides us in using watercolors as we paint our favorite flowers.

MAY FLOWERS CRAFTING PROGRAM

JR Searcy | Thurs., May 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Decoupage flowers onto a mason jar for a beautiful springtime accent piece. Limited to the first 12 participants. Call 327-1240 to register beginning April 22.

HOOKS & BOOKS

Main | Tues., May 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., May 16, 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Paint a beautiful hydrangea on a black background with cotton swabs and paint brushes. Supplies provided; space is limited to 20 participants. Register in person or call 327-5414 beginning May 1.

CRAFTS WITH ANGEL OF JOYFUL CREATIONS

Louise Williams | Mon., May 20, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for a craft workshop led by Angel from Joyful Creations! Participants are limited to 12. Call 327-5422 to register. Program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

GARDENING



COMPOSTING WITH JOHN SCARBROUGH

Sterlington Memorial | Tues., Apr. 2, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join John Scarbrough of Scarbrough Farms in Dubach, LA as he discusses how to make and utilize compost in your home garden.

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SWAP

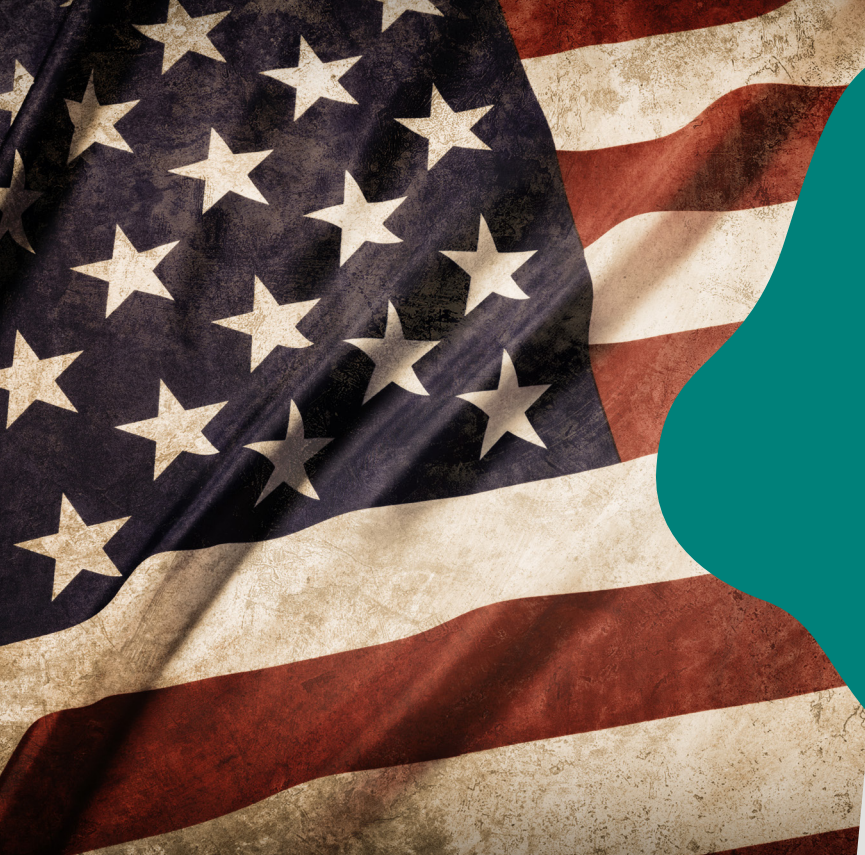
West Ouachita | Thurs., Apr. 25, 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Bring plants, cuttings, and seeds to swap with other local gardeners, and learn about the plants that are brought. We will have door prizes too!

GARDENING: IT'S TIME TO GET ROSY!

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., May 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Horticulturist Kerry Heafner, LSU AgCenter Agent, will be discussing how to prepare your garden for Spring planting and what plants and vegetables will do well in sunlight. The key to a successful gardening season is preparation and maintenance.



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.

CATTAILS MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor veterans who died in service. Learning about the sacrifices of the men and women in our military is extremely important. A quote by George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." shows one reason why it is important to learn about our past. Genealogy and Special Collections is a great place to learn about history and about ancestors who might have served. A *Monroe Morning World* Servicemen's Edition from February 6, 1944, contains approximately 2,000 names, pictures, and basic information about World War II servicemen and women, some of whom did not return from war. In 2015, Scout Troop 65,

under the direction of Scoutmaster Roosevelt Wright, researched, interviewed, and created scrapbooks honoring a veteran. Fourteen scrapbooks were prepared through this project and are housed in Special Collections. The Louisiana Digital Library's Barkdull Faulk Collection has letters and information on Barkdull Faulk, a young doctor who volunteered to serve during World War I and sacrificed his life for his country. Please visit the Ouachita Parish Public Library and the Louisiana Digital Library to learn more about these and other resources about veterans.

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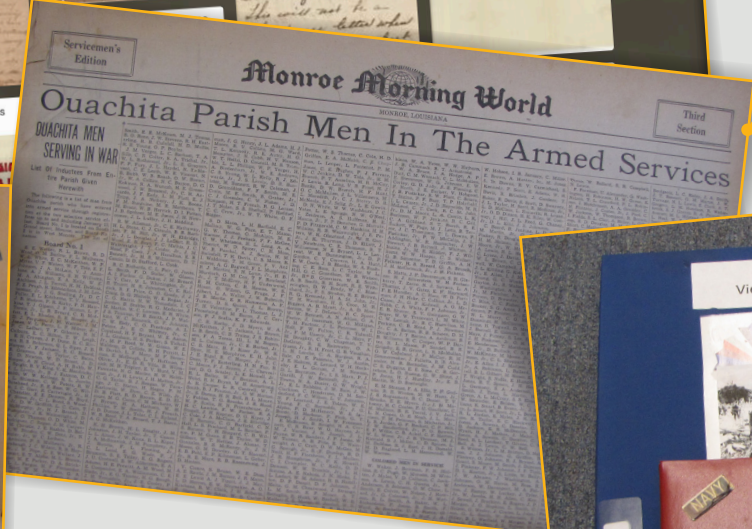
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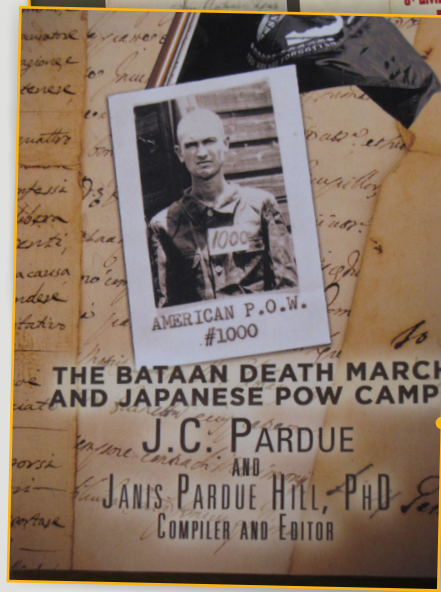


Louisiana Digital Library Barkdull Faulk WWI Collection

Monroe Morning World February 6, 1944



Boy Scout Troop 65 Scrapbooks



Telling His Story: POW #1000

A recently published book, *Telling His Story: Pow #1000* is a memoir of J.C. Pardue, a man of great faith, who, as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, was in the battle to hold Bataan. The book tells the story of the surrender of Bataan, the harsh, cruel, and inhumane treatment on the Death March, in the Prisoner of War camps, and while he labored as a slave in Japan. The book was compiled and edited by Janis Pardue Hill, daughter of J.C. Pardue. Horrors and cruelty by the Imperial Japanese Empire are contrasted with the author's faith and determination to survive. The author considered naming the book "Saved by the

Bomb" as he was sure the Japanese Emperor would not have surrendered had the two atomic bombs not been dropped. While J.C. Pardue survived, many of his comrades did not. The appendices provide excellent resources including a timeline of events, the Japanese Manifesto, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Declaration of War after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and various pictures including pictures of the Bible that was J.C. Pardue's greatest possession. The Bible survived a bomb hit and was confiscated twice by the enemy before being reunited with the soldier to return to Union Parish with him.



Dr. Janis Pardue Hill will present a book talk on *Telling His Story POW #1000* at the Ouachita Parish Public Library. May 23, 2024 Ouachita Valley Branch at 10 a.m. and the Louise Williams Branch at 2 p.m.

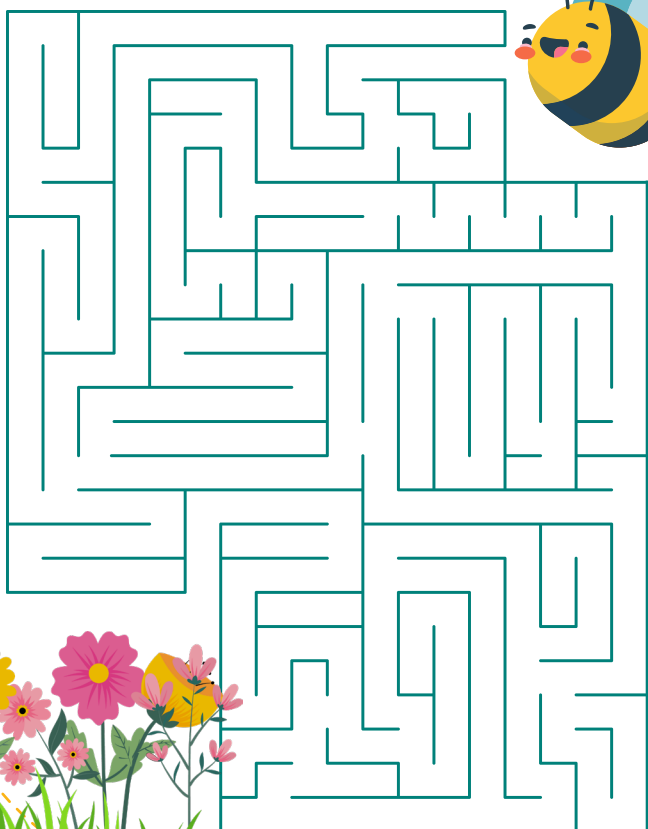


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