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FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

WELCOME TO STORYTIME

FIND OUT WHAT STORYTIME IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT IT!

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS HOUSE

LOOKING FOR A SPOOKY READ FOR SPOOKY SEASON? CHECK OUT OUR BOOK LIST!

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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!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

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.

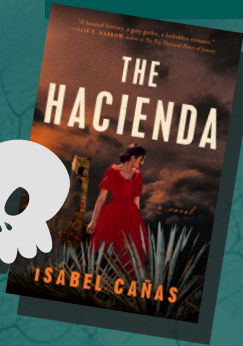
October Booksale: Friday, Oct. 25th & Saturday, Oct. 26th from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

THANKSGIVING - Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS HOUSE



The Hacienda by Isabel Cañas

After the Mexican War of Independence, a woman seeks refuge at her new husband's estate, but discovers that it is no sanctuary. Available in eBook and eAudio on cloudLibrary, and in print.

How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix

Siblings discover their parents' old house doesn't want to be sold in this trope-heavy horror story with a sense of humor. Available in eBook and eAudio on cloudLibrary, and in print.



A House with Good Bones by T. Kingfisher

A woman must uncover why her once carefree mother is now frightened in her own home in this Southern gothic. Available in eBook on cloudLibrary, eAudio on cloudLibrary and Hoopla, and in print.

The September House by Carissa Orlando

A stubborn woman refuses to leave her dream home even after it becomes a nightmare, facing dire consequences. Available in eBook and eAudio on cloudLibrary, and in print.



The Last House on Needless Street by Catriona Ward

The arrival of a new neighbor threatens to reveal the secrets of the strange inhabitants of a boarded-up house in this unsettling thriller. Available in eBook on cloudLibrary, eAudio on cloudLibrary and Hoopla, and in print.

The House on Foster Hill by Jaime Jo Wright

Dual timelines tell the stories of two women's disturbing experiences with the same house in this clean read. Available in eBook and eAudio on cloudLibrary and Hoopla, and in print.





KIDS PROGRAMS



CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Oct. 1 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a spooky marshmallow ghost craft!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Oct. 1 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Come and celebrate National Pizza Month and make your own pizza.
YARN WRAPPED MUMMY CRAFT	Wed., Oct. 2 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY DIY Halloween Craft. Decorate a funny mummy with your family.
ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Oct. 3 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Game Day. Checkers, UNO, JENGA and more!
KIDS DANCE PARTY	Thurs., Oct. 3 12-1 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a Halloween-themed musical hour of dancing out our wiggles with spooky songs and playtime with blocks.
PUMPKIN PAINT PARTY	Thurs., Oct. 3 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	FAMILY Come decorate your very own mini pumpkin. We will use paint, sequins, glitter, and googly eyes. Limited to 25. Please call 327-1240 to register.
AISHA'S BROWN SUGAR WISHES	Sat., Oct. 5 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Meet author Yolonda Gayden. Her book, <i>Aisha's Brown Sugar Wishes</i> , is a heart warming children's book about a young girl named Aisha, who wears hearing aids and has big dreams for the future. A story you do not want to miss.
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Oct. 7 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 We will be making ghost rockets.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Oct. 8 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come enjoy making a cute Frankenstein popsicle craft.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Oct. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 What kind of animal or creature can you make using origami?
MONSTER MASH BINGO	Wed., Oct. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 Join in the monstrous fun and win cool prizes!
ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Oct. 10 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Halloween Bookmark Craft.
TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY	Thurs., Oct. 10 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY A local first responder will discuss Halloween safety tips and answer questions. A holiday craft will be made.
SPACE WITH CRISTINA: ASTRONAUT TRAINING	Fri., Oct. 11 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Find out if you have what it takes to be an astronaut! NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Cristina Palowski will be teaching us all about astronaut training. Call 327-1382 or visit the Sterlington Library to register.
FAMILY MOVIE MANIA	Sat., Oct. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Come and enjoy refreshments as you watch the movie <i>The Haunted Mansion</i> (PG).
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Oct. 12 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Join us at the library for Movie Day featuring <i>Aliens in the Attic</i> (PG)—with complimentary refreshments for all!
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Oct. 12 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Featured Story: <i>We're Going on a Ghost Hunt</i> by Susan Pearson. Craft and refreshments to follow. Looking forward to a spooky journey with you.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Oct. 12 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Cheesecloth Ghost Family Craft. Registration required. Register at 327-1490, ext. 3041 by Friday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY PLAY DAY: LOLLIPOP GHOST CRAFT	Sat., Oct. 12 2-3 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 These lollipop ghosts are a cute treat and super quick and easy to make!
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Oct. 12 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>Hotel Transylvania: Transformania</i> (PG).
PUMPKIN LAUNCHER STEM-ULATING EXPERIMENT	Mon., Oct. 14 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Get ready for a blast at our STEM event! Kids will build their own pumpkin launchers and watch them soar!
KID'S MOVIE MANIA	Mon., Oct. 14 4-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY If you're in the mood for a great Halloween movie, join us and watch <i>Hotel Transylvania: Transformania</i> (PG). Popcorn will be provided.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., Oct. 14 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a fun fall painting.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Oct. 15 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Let's Get Batty! Join us for a fun bat silhouette craft.
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Oct. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 DIY Halloween Craft. Create your own Halloween craft.

 YOU CAN DIG IT!	Tues., Oct. 15 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Diana Greenlee, Poverty Point Station Archaeologist, will discuss things from long ago that are still in the ground and then students will go on a dig.
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Oct. 17 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Halloween Monster Mask Craft. Get ready for your trick or treat day!
 WHERE'S MY MUMMY?	Thurs., Oct. 17 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Come make a masking tape mummy!
 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Oct. 19 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY No Carve Pumpkin Decorating. Easy festive fall craft to decorate your room.
 CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON	Mon., Oct. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Join us for a creative crafternoon, where kids can make their own stained-glass pumpkins—perfect for celebrating the magic of fall!
 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Oct. 21 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a Halloween STEM activity.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Oct. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Let your imagination go and try your hand at Zentangle Art.
 ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT	Tues., Oct. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Mark Henderson, Zoo Education Curator, will bring a few "animals of the night" from the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Oct. 22 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Create your very own Yarn Monster Buddies!
 DIY TUTUS	Wed., Oct. 23 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Do you need a Halloween costume? Or just something to play dress up? Learn how to create your own tutu! Call 327-1382 or visit in person to register.
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Oct. 24 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Celebrate Halloween with this bright and colorful craft.
 DIY SUPERHERO CAPES	Fri., Oct. 25 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Let's make our own superhero capes! Decorate your cape like a famous hero or create your very own! Call 327-1382 or visit in person to register.
 MOVIE FRIDAY	Fri., Oct. 25 4-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Come watch a Disney Halloween classic, <i>Halloweentown</i> (G)! Snacks provided.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Oct. 29 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Celebrate Halloween with us by decorating your very own pumpkin. Limited to 15. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
 FAMILY TIME	Tues., Oct. 29 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Come and play Bingo using edible pieces.
 PUMPKIN PALOOZA!	Wed., Oct. 30 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY It's all about pumpkins! Enjoy free activities including games, crafts, music and a special Halloween treat!
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Oct. 31 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Halloween Cupcake Workshop. Trick or Treat and make something sweet!
 OWLS, CATS, AND BATS, OH MY!	Thurs., Oct. 31 3:30-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	FAMILY Come join us for a spooky, scary fun time. We will watch the movie, <i>Happy Halloween, Scooby-Doo!</i> (NR) Yummy treats will be served.
 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Nov. 4 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a Pokémon STEM activity.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Nov. 5 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us in creating a cute pumpkin apple stamp artwork!
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Nov. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Enjoy making your own Thanksgiving Craft.
 TURKEY THEMED CRAFTS	Wed., Nov. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for fun turkey-rific crafts to celebrate Thanksgiving!
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Nov. 7 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Fall Craft Painting. Welcome fall with brightly colored fall art projects.
 LEAF WREATH CRAFT	Thurs., Nov. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Come design and decorate your own wreath using leaves.
 MEGATOOTHED SHARKS	Fri., Nov. 8 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Did ancient sharks once live in Northeast Louisiana? Come and find out! Dr. Gary Stringer from ULM will teach us about ancient Megatoothed Sharks.
 POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Nov. 9 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Celebrate Thanksgiving by watching a screening of <i>Free Birds</i> (PG).
 FAMILY MOVIE MANIA	Sat., Nov. 9 3-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Come and enjoy refreshments as you watch the movie <i>Free Birds</i> (PG).
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Nov. 9 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Bring the whole family to the library to watch <i>The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run</i> (PG). Enjoy snacks on us!
 FAMILY STORYTIME	Sat., Nov. 9 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Featured Story: <i>Fangsgiving</i> by Ethan Long. Crafts and refreshments to follow.
 SATURDAY PLAY DAY: THANKFUL TURKEY CRAFT	Sat., Nov. 9 2-3 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Show how thankful you are and make a cute Thankful Turkey.
 HUMPTY DUMPTY EGG DROP STEM	Mon., Nov. 11 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 9-12 Celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week and take on the Humpty Dumpty STEM Challenge—Keeping Humpty from cracking in our egg drop experiment.
 KID'S MOVIE MANIA	Mon., Nov. 11 4-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Enjoy popcorn and a special movie featuring <i>Free Birds</i> (PG)!
 ITSY BITSY SPIDER PAINTING	Mon., Nov. 11 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week with us, and make an Itsy Bitsy Spider painting.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Nov. 12 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come design your own cute hedgehog pebble art! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.

 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Nov. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Create you own pinecone Turkey.
 "TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR"	Tues., Nov. 12 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter will come and show you how to make a no-bake cookie star. Let's eat and twinkle, twinkle little star!!
 THE THREE LITTLE PIGS STEM ACTIVITY	Wed., Nov. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY In celebration of World Nursery Rhyme Week, we will have a STEM challenge and help the little piggies create houses to keep the big bad wolf away!
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Nov. 14 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Q-tip Pumpkin Craft
 GRATITUDE JOURNALS	Thurs., Nov. 14 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a time of decorating journals and learning how to write a gratitude list and other journaling skills.
 MY HAIR IS ART	Sat., Nov. 16 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Meet author Berdeisha McClinton and review her new book <i>My Hair is Art</i> . She will be on hand to autograph your personal copy of the book.
 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Nov. 16 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Thanksgiving Turkey Wall Hanger
 CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON: TURKEY FLOWER POTS	Mon., Nov. 18 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun kids' craft session where you'll paint and assemble your own adorable turkey flower pot!
 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Nov. 18 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a Thanksgiving STEM challenge.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Nov. 19 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us as we make handprint owls on canvas.
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Nov. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Turkey Baster Race..who will win?
 "ITSY BITSY SPIDER"	Tues., Nov. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Mark Henderson, Zoo Education Curator, will visit the libray with an "itsy bitsy spider," or maybe it won't be so itsy, bitsy... Come and find out.
 THANKSGIVING GAMES	Wed., Nov. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Let's celebrate Thanksgiving and enjoy fun games together.
 GAME TIME	Thurs., Nov. 21 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get ready to have some friendly competition! Games, snacks and fun!
 THANKSGIVING MOVIE AND CRAFT	Thurs., Nov. 21 3:30-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	FAMILY Come watch the movie <i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> (PG). We will make a Thankful Tom Turkey craft. Refreshments will be served.
 ALL THINGZ TWEEN	Thurs., Nov. 21 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Thanksgiving Turkey Craft.
 THANKSGIVING CRAFTS	Fri., Nov. 22 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Let's get ready for Thanksgiving with some fun fall crafts!
 LET'S GET CRAFTY	Mon., Nov. 25 10-11 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Come join us for an hour of Fall/Thanksgiving themed crafts.
 CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Nov. 26 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Let's make turkey jars to celebrate Thanksgiving! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Nov. 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Come and relax playing Wii or Playstation 2.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

SENSORY STORY TIME Wednesdays | Family | Main Branch

Upbeat and engaging storytime for children with sensory needs. Fun for the entire family to enjoy.

Oct. 2 at 10:30-11 a.m. Oct. 16 at 10:30-11 a.m. Oct. 30 at 10:30-11 a.m. Nov. 13 at 10:30-11 a.m.
 Oct. 9 at 10:30-11 a.m. Oct. 23 at 10:30-11 a.m. Nov. 6 at 10:30-11 a.m. Nov. 20 at 10:30-12:30 a.m.

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.

Oct. 7 | Ouachita Green. Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful with helpful tips as we prepare to celebrate Halloween. Monster Trash Bag craft to follow presentation.

Oct. 14 | Halloween Fun. Spooky STEAM/STEM activities.

Oct. 21 | Red Ribbon Week. Learn the importance of being drug free.

Oct. 28 | Fall Carnival. Games, prizes and food! Details will be given during regular meeting times.

Nov. 4 | Community Service. Homeschoolers will have a Community Service field trip to the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Registration is required and must attend 2 previous sessions. Please bring canned foods to donate. Details will be given at regular meeting times.

Nov. 11 | Celebrate Veterans. Homeschoolers will participate in program celebrating veterans who served to protect our country. Details will be given at October 21 session.

Nov. 18 | Thanksgiving Dinner. Details will be given at the November 4 session.

WELCOME TO STORYTIME!

What is Storytime?

Storytime is fun!

Storytime introduces young children to words and reading by engaging them with books, music, fingerplays, crafts, and more in a way that sparks their imagination. Every Storytime incorporates different activities so that there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Storytime is educational!

Storytime is a great way to prepare your child for school: in addition to boosting your child's reading skills, it can also help your child develop social skills. Our Children's Department staff model early literacy best practices so that Storytime is a learning experience for both child and parent.

Storytime is for everyone!

Children of all ages and developmental stages are welcome at Storytime. Our Children's Department staff have seen it all, so don't worry that your child is too wild for Storytime! We value the individuality of every child that comes to Storytime and do our best to accommodate different needs. We want every child to leave Storytime with a love for learning!

Storytime at Your Local Branch

MAIN BRANCH

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

ANNA MEYER BRANCH

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

CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

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

LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

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

OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

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

OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

0-36 months Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years Wed. at 3:30 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

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

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL BRANCH

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

WEST MONROE BRANCH

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

WEST OUACHITA BRANCH

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

I get the opportunity to actually meet kids at their level of excitement; it's like becoming a big kid myself in that moment of fun! For me, it's all about connecting with a child's energy, curiosity, and sharing their joy for reading to ultimately foster a love for life-long learning.

Ms. Vee at Anna Meyer Family Learning Center

One of my favorite things about story time is watching friendships grow. Not only among the kids, but with the parents too. I've seen so many genuine friendships form at story time. I love it!

Ms. Megan - West Ouachita Branch Library

Storytimes at the library are such a great time for the kids. It's a moment when they get to really interact with the stories and with each other. They love getting to bring the story to life with the related activities after the reading, too. I can see their love of reading and storytelling grow every time we visit.

Lakeshore Mom of 3

My kiddos love when we drive to library and it's a storytime day. They can't wait to listen and engage with the wonderful staff. We finish every visit by grabbing some new books to read at home.

Monroe Mom of two

Watching my grandson's smile during story time is the best part of my week.

Calhoun Grandma of a toddler

Wednesdays are the best. My mom takes the boys to story time, it's Mimi's special time with her grandkids. When I get home from work my boys love showing me the craft they made at the library.

West Monroe Dad of two

TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



VIDEO GAMES



MOVIES & EVENTS



GAMES



COMMUNITY SERVICE



BOOKS AND BOBA	Tues., Oct. 1 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Quachita Valley	Enjoy Boba tea while you explore different book genres. Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
HOCUS POCUS	Tues., Oct. 1 3-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Watch Disney's classic 1993 Halloween film <i>Hocus Pocus</i> (PG).
GAME NIGHT	Tues., Oct. 1 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for classic board games.
VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Oct. 1 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Relax after school with some chill video games.
JAPANESE BOOKBINDING	Thurs., Oct. 3 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Learn how to bind your own notebook.
AFTERNOON CHILL-BOARD GAMES	Mon., Oct. 7 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Come relax and play some board games.
GAMING	Mon., Oct. 7 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends!
VIDEO GAME CHILL	Mon., Oct. 7 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Come by the library and unwind with some video games!
FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION	Tues., Oct. 8 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Quachita Valley	Earn community service hours while a representative from LOSFA will discuss TOPS, FAFSA, and other financial aid/scholarship resources.
WRITE A SCARY STORY	Tues., Oct. 8 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Write a creepy campfire style story.
GAMING GUILD	Wed., Oct. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Come join the gaming guild for a session of Dungeons and Dragons!
AFTERNOON CRAFT-PUFFY GHOST	Mon., Oct. 14 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Make a ghost out of cotton balls and glue!
DIY PET GHOST	Tues., Oct. 15 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Quachita Valley	Get in the Halloween spirit by making your own pet ghost.
HALLOWEEN SLIME	Tues., Oct. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Create your own Halloween themed slime!
HALLOWEEN CRAFTS	Tues., Oct. 15 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for fun Halloween crafts.
D&D: SPOOKY ADVENTURE	Tues., Oct. 15 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose a pre-made character or bring your own, and join our adventuring party!
INTERNATIONAL TASTE TESTING	Wed., Oct. 16 3-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enhance your taste buds by trying snacks & sweets from different regions of the world!
CAN YOU DIG IT?	Wed., Oct. 16 3:15-4:15 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Diana Greenlee, Poverty Point Station Archaeologist, will share interesting history facts that are still deep in the ground. Then teens will go on a real dig.
PAINT ALONG	Mon., Oct. 21 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Join us for a follow along painting of a pumpkin. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited so please call 327-1365 to register.
FLUFFY EAR HEADBANDS	Tues., Oct. 22 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Make your own fluffy ear headbands for your Halloween costume.
SPOOKY GINGERBREAD HOUSE	Tues., Oct. 22 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be making spooky gingerbread houses.
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP	Tues., Oct. 22 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Earn community service hours by picking up litter near the library. Call 327-1240 to register.
PART I-TEENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY	Wed., Oct. 23 3:15-4:15 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will write a story to highlight the community service opportunities in their community and their community service hours. They will share pictures and a book will be generated to share with the local high schools upon completion.
CANDY BUFFET	Fri., Oct. 25 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us for a night of trick or treating! Prizes will be awarded for best costumes!
SPOOKY CINEMA	Sat., Oct. 26 2-3:30 p.m.	Quachita Valley	Make Halloween popcorn balls and watch <i>Hocus Pocus</i> (PG).
MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., Oct. 28 3:30-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Join us for a showing of <i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i> (PG). Refreshments will be served.
CROCHET CLUB	Tues., Oct. 29 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Quachita Valley	Learn how to crochet a spooky ghost garland.
HALLOWEEN GAMES	Tues., Oct. 29 3-4:30 am	Sterlington Memorial	We will be playing different carnival style games.
COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., Oct. 29 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come in costume if you want!
D&D: SPOOKY ADVENTURE	Tues., Oct. 29 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose a pre-made character or bring your own, and join our adventuring party!
HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT: CORPSE BRIDE	Thurs., Oct. 31 5-6:45 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Celebrate Halloween with snacks, costumes, and a showing of Tim Burton's <i>Corpse Bride</i> (PG).
FALL PERLER BEADS	Mon., Nov. 4 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Make a fall theme design out of Perler beads.

 VIDEO GAME CHILL	Mon., Nov. 4 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Come by the library and unwind with some video games!
 VETERANS DAY CARDS	Tues., Nov. 5 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	We will be making thank you cards for veterans that will be distributed to the community.
 COLORING	Tues., Nov. 5 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Color those exam stresses away.
 GAME NIGHT	Tues., Nov. 5 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games.
 VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Nov. 5 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Relax after school with some chill video games.
 TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM	Wed., Nov. 6 3:15-4:15 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Cathy Agan from LSU AgCenter will come and share a "no bake cookie star(s)" recipe to put into the solar system. Teens will mix and enjoy the recipe to go along with their study of the solar system.
 JOURNALING	Thurs., Nov. 7 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Customize your journal, exchange stickers, follow writing prompts, or just free write.
 DOG TREAT/PUPPY TRAINING SESSION	Sat., Nov. 9 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come make dog treats for your pup and/or donate to the Humane Society. Hear a local dog trainer discuss tips.
 FREE PAINTING	Mon., Nov. 11 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of painting.
 PUMPKIN COASTERS	Tues., Nov. 12 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make a set of pumpkin coasters using pom poms.
 FAFSA	Tues., Nov. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn about FAFSA from a representative and get started on your future education.
 PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., Nov. 12 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for a fun fall painting.
 D&D: SPOOKY ADVENTURE	Tues., Nov. 12 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose a pre-made character or bring your own, and join our adventuring party!
 GAMING GUILD	Wed., Nov. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Come join the gaming guild for a session of Dungeons and Dragons!
 DIY JEWELRY	Thurs., Nov. 14 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Design and create your own bracelets, earrings and necklaces.
 BEADED PIPE CLEANER CORN	Mon., Nov. 18 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Make your own DIY corn for Thanksgiving out of pipe cleaner and beads.
 PAINTING	Tues., Nov. 19 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Paint because it's fun.
 FOOD DRIVE SET UP	Tues., Nov. 19 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Earn community service hours by preparing for a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Donations appreciated! Call 327-1240 to register.
 PART II-TEENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY	Wed., Nov. 20 3:15 am-4:15 am	Carver-McDonald	Teens will read over ROUGH DRAFT of book created in October session Part I. Young authors will be highlighted and selected for publication. Each school will receive final copy.
 STUDY NIGHT	Thurs., Nov. 21 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Prep for midterms with friends and snacks!
 TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Nov. 23 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come and watch <i>Addams Family Values</i> (PG-13).
 CARTOONS AND CEREAL	Sat., Nov. 23 12-1:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come watch classic cartoons while eating at our cereal bar! Cartoon votes are based on your cereal choice!
 THANKSGIVING JEOPARDY	Mon., Nov. 25 3:45-4:45p.m.	West Monroe	Test out your knowledge of Thanksgiving by participating in a game of jeopardy.
 YARN PUMPKINS	Mon., Nov. 25 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Create your own festive pumpkin from yarn.
 CROCHET CLUB	Tues., Nov. 26 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to crochet a festive Christmas ornament.
 GAMING	Tues., Nov. 26 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Play games: card, board, or Nintendo Switch. Fun will be had.
 COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., Nov. 26 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come and discuss your favorite fandom and make a craft.
 D&D: SPOOKY ADVENTURE	Tues., Nov. 26 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose a pre-made character or bring your own, and join our adventuring party!

LIT LOOT BOXES ARE BACK!



Don't miss out on this sweet swag! For a limited time, teen patrons ages 12-18 can visit any branch to check out a Lit Loot Box. Each box contains two books from our Young Adult collection and a variety of goodies. Once you've read them, return the books to any branch, but the goodies are yours to keep! Just choose your genre and unbox the fun! Available on a first come-first served basis; limit one box per patron per month.



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., Oct. 7 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Like a Sister by Kellye Garrett



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

Tues., Oct. 8 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The One by John Marrs

Tues., Nov. 12 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

Thurs., Oct. 17 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Everyone is Watching by Heather Gudenkauf

Thurs., Nov. 21 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Housekeeper by Joy Fielding



RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

Mon., Oct. 28 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Choose your own Spooky Read, then tell us about it and why we should read it!

Mon., Nov. 25 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., Oct. 11 at 2-3 p.m.

The Haunting of Velkwood by Gwendolyn Kiste

Fri., Nov. 8 at 2-3 p.m.

Hidden Pictures by Jason Rekulak



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Fri., Oct. 11 at 4-5 p.m.

Breaking Free by Rachel Jeffs



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Oct. 26 at 2-3 p.m.

We will be sharing our favorite Halloween books with a sci-fi or fantasy twist.

Sat., Nov. 23 at 2-3 p.m.

All Systems Red by Martha Wells

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!



TALKATIVE TUESDAYS OLLIE H. BURNS

Need an idea of what to read next? Join us for an opportunity to talk about your favorite book or genre over cookies and coffee.

Tues., Nov. 12 at 5-6 p.m.



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

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

Wed., Oct. 30 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 at 2-3 p.m.



JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

Thurs., Oct. 31 at 2-3 p.m.

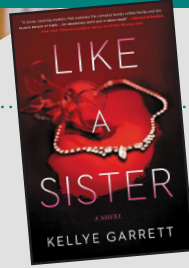
We will be discussing old and new books that could keep you up at night!

Thurs., Nov. 21 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we discuss old and new books with an autumn theme.

BOOKS OF THE BOOK CLUBS

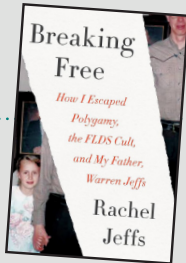
Preview the books of the book clubs to see what you'll be reading. If you're not in a book club yet, these titles will inspire you to join!



MOCHA MONDAY

***Like a Sister* by Kellye Garrett**

No one bats an eye when a Black reality TV star is found dead—except her estranged half-sister, whose refusal to believe the official story leads her on a dangerous search for the truth.



TRUE CRIME

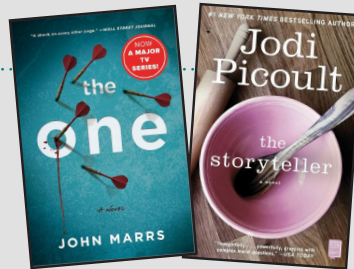
***Breaking Free* by Rachel Jeffs**

Rachel Jeffs alleges her father, Warren Jeffs — who today is the president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and is serving a sentence of life plus 20 years in Texas for crimes related to sexually assaulting two girls he married as spiritual wives — molested her as a child.

LOST IN STACKS

***The One* by John Marrs**

In *The One*, Match Your DNA is a company claiming that, provided with a client's DNA sample, it can infallibly "Match" the client with their soulmate within the company's genetic database.



***The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult**

Sage Singer, a baker, and 90-year-old Josef Weber, are unlikely friends. Then Josef asks her for a favor - to help him die - because he used to be a Nazi. What he doesn't know is that Sage's grandmother is a Holocaust survivor.



RAINBOW READS

***Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman**

Frances has always been a study machine with one goal - elite university. Nothing will stand in her way: not friends, a guilty secret, or the person she is inside. But when Frances meets Aled, the shy genius behind her favourite podcast, she discovers a new freedom.

THRILLING THURSDAYS

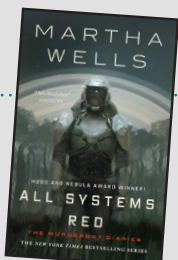
***Everyone is Watching* by Heather Gudenkauf**

A group of individuals takes part in a high stakes reality game competition called One Lucky Winner, where they will compete for a ten-million-dollar prize at a secluded estate in Northern California.



***The Housekeeper* by Joy Fielding**

A woman hires a housekeeper to care for her aging parents—only to watch as she takes over their lives.



SCIFI-FANTASY

***All Systems Red* by Martha Wells**

On a distant planet, scientists conduct tests with a self-aware SecUnit, secretly called "Murderbot," which has hacked its own governor module. Preferring solitude, Murderbot must help uncover the truth when a nearby mission goes silent.

PAGE TURNERS

***The Haunting of Velkwood* by Gwendolyn Kiste**

The Haunting of Velkwood is a chilling novel about three childhood friends who miraculously survive the night everyone in their suburban neighborhood turned into ghosts.



***Hidden Pictures* by Jason Rekulak**

Hidden Pictures follows Mallory who, fresh out of rehab, takes the job as a nanny for a young boy, Teddy, who has strange and disturbing secrets.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS 

BOOKISH & BOOK TALKS 

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 COSPLAY WORKSHOP 101: PART 1	Tues., Oct. 1 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Want to cosplay but have no idea where to start? Have no fear! Join us as we create a guide to help you on your journey to an amazing cosplay of your dreams!
 INTRO TO MEDITATION	Wed., Oct. 2 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	A mindfulness practice can help tackle stress. Learn the basics of meditation from Martha Hess, Qi Gong Movement & Sitting Meditation Instructor.
 LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES	Thurs., Oct. 3 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main	The Acadiana Legal Service Corporation provides free, specialized, civil legal services to low-income individuals and families. Space is limited. Please register at 327-1490 ext. 3008 or visit in person.
 SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS	Thurs., Oct. 3 10:30 -11:15 a.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Join Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Agent, as she discusses nutritional ways to prepare your foods to make healthier choices easier ones!
 THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., Oct. 3 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for D&D one-shots!
 MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., Oct. 7 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for an afternoon movie with popcorn: <i>The Haunted Mansion</i> (PG).
 STUDENT LOAN 101 WORKSHOP WEBINAR POWERED BY SAVI	Tues., Oct. 8 1:45-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn more about lowering your monthly payment, if you qualify for PSLF, latest policy updates, and how Savi's tool can help you get started.
 HOOKS AND BOOKS	Tues., Oct. 8 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.
 LEARN ABOUT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE	Wed., Oct. 9 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Dr. Jennifer Dumas, Assistant Professor of Political Science at ULM, will be here to discuss the Electoral College, its purpose and how it works.
 FLOATING FLORA: FUN WITH KOKEDAMA	Thurs., Oct. 10 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Main	Willetta discusses the history and nature of the Kokedama (moss balls) as you learn to mold and decorate your own floating houseplant with seasonal charms. Spaces are limited. Please call 327-1490 to register.
 PRE-NEED LUNCH & LEARN - JOHN WATSON	Thurs., Oct. 10 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy a lunch and as John discusses how pre-planning funeral arrangements eases the burden on families. Call 327-5422 to reserve a seat.
 SCARECROW S'MORE CRAFT	Thurs., Oct. 10 2-4 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make a little non-edible Scarecrow S'more craft. Then make an edible s'more to enjoy with coffee! Limited to 12 patrons, call 327-1240 to register.
 ADULT DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS	Mon., Oct. 14 3:30-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	A D&D session for adults. Come join the adventure, regardless of experience!
 WRITE CLUB	Mon., Oct. 14 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Join Write Club and hone your craft!
 MAKE HALF YOUR PLATE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	Tues., Oct. 15 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter speaks about increasing your intake of fruits and vegetables!
 AUTUMNAL ACRYLIC ART WORKSHOP	Wed., Oct. 16 1-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Local artist, Alex Ogle, made autumnal sketches for us to paint with acrylic paints. Call 327-1382 or email croane@oplib.org to reserve your spot.
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., Oct. 17 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Create a Halloween-themed painting! All supplies provided. Limited to 20 participants. Register in person or by calling 327-5414 starting Oct. 1.
 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH	Thurs., Oct. 17 11 -12:30p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Dr. Florencetta Gibson, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, will be speaking on Breast Cancer in relationship to the education, screening, treatment and trends in breast cancer research.
 BOOK EXCHANGE PARTY	Thurs., Oct. 17 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy the party and say bye to a book! Bring a gift wrapped book with genre of the book written on the wrapping. Call 327-5422 to reserve a seat.
 COSPLAY WORKSHOP 101: PART 2	Tues., Oct. 22 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	A continuation of the cosplay workshop where we will also talk about cosplay etiquette, rules and behavior. We will also discuss "Closet Cosplay".
 WRITER'S WORKSHOP	Tues., Oct. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	A place for writers and aspiring writers to connect and hone their craft. Whether you've written a lot or nothing at all, you are welcome to join!
 CHRONICLES OF YARNIA	Tues., Oct. 22 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
 LSU AGCENTER NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM	Wed., Oct. 23 2:15-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us as Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Nutrition Educator, discusses "Switch to Skim or 1% Milk".
 FALL PLANT SWAP	Thurs., Oct. 24 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come our annual Fall Plant Swap! Bring your extra plants and seeds to swap with others and to learn more about plants.
 HERB & SPICE POP UP WITH MARKAYE	Thurs., Oct. 24 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent MarKaye Russell demonstrates using a new herb or spice to cook with less sodium.
 LSU AGCENTER NUTRITION LEARNING LAB	Fri., Oct. 25 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come learn about nutrition, kitchen hacks and more. Registration is required. Register either in person or call 327-1470.

 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., Oct. 31 1:30-4 p.m.	West Ouachita	What could be funnier than Mel Brook's <i>Young Frankenstein</i> (PG) for Halloween? Popcorn provided.
 HAUNTED TABLE-TOP	Thurs., Oct. 31 5-7 p.m.	Main	Halloween Special! Join me for a special, spooky table-top RPG game to celebrate Halloween!
 COSPLAY WORKSHOP 101: FINALE	Sat., Nov. 2 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Come join the fun dressed as your favorite character and meet other cosplayers! Refreshments will be served.
 PUB TRIVIA	Mon., Nov. 4 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for Pub Trivia and earn bragging rights!
 MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., Nov. 4 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for an afternoon movie with popcorn: <i>Scooby-Doo</i> (PG).
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 CHILD CUSTODY & VISITATION WEBINAR PRESENTED BY LOUISIANA LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES	Wed., Nov. 13 12-1 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join us for this informative webinar, where attorneys with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will discuss what you need to know about filing for child custody and/or visitation and your rights. After the presentation, you can ask questions.
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., Nov. 14 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Create a Thanksgiving-themed painting! All supplies provided, please wear your painting clothes. Space limited to 20 participants. Registration opens November 1; register either in person or by calling 327-5414.
 BOOK TALK & SIGNING	Thurs., Nov. 14 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Join author RaShad Bristo, Healthy Blue Community Leader, for a book talk and signing of his new book, <i>Bitter or Better: Doing More With Less!</i>
 FALL COLORING PROGRAM	Thurs., Nov. 14 2-3:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring and coffee. It's a good way to visit with your friends and to make a beautiful fall picture.
 SWITCH TO SKIM OR 1% MILK	Tues., Nov. 19 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter speaks about calcium intake and alternatives to milk.
 WATERCOLOR OPEN CANVAS	Wed., Nov. 20 1-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Water paint whatever you want! We'll have all the watercolors you need, just bring your ideas. Post cards, bookmarks and blank watercolor paper will be available. Call 327-1382 or email croane@oplib.org to reserve your spot.
 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., Nov. 21 1:30-4 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for popcorn and movie! This month's selection is <i>Miss Potter</i> (PG), the life story of Beatrice Potter, author of <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> .
 HERB & SPICE POP UP WITH MARKAYE	Thurs., Nov. 21 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent MarKaye Russell demonstrates using a new herb or spice to cook with less sodium.
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 LSU AGCENTER NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM	Wed., Nov. 27 2:15-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us as Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Nutrition Educator, discusses "Make at Least Half Your Grains Whole".

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



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MICROSOFT EXCEL: BASICS
Thurs., Oct. 24 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the basic functions and operations of Microsoft Excel.

MICROSOFT EXCEL: FORMULAS
Thurs., Nov. 7 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Continuing from our Excel Basics class, learn how to use formulas to make calculations with data.

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BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS
Mon., Oct. 7 at 10-11 a.m.
Clickety-clack, did you hear that? Come learn how to use a desktop computer along with the keyboard and mouse.

BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS
Mon., Nov. 11 at 10-11 a.m.
Come learn how to use a mouse to navigate your computer with just a few clicks.

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.

FAMILY STORIES: GETTING STARTED WITH GENEALOGY

Family gatherings during the holiday season can provide opportunities to learn more about your genealogy story. Parents, grandparents, and older aunts and uncles often know family history that can provide details needed for genealogy research. Below are four steps to get started with genealogy.

Step 1: Start with yourself and work backwards. Ask yourself “what do I know and what do I want to know?” Family members can be a great source.



Genealogy Year Book Collection at Ouachita Parish Public Library

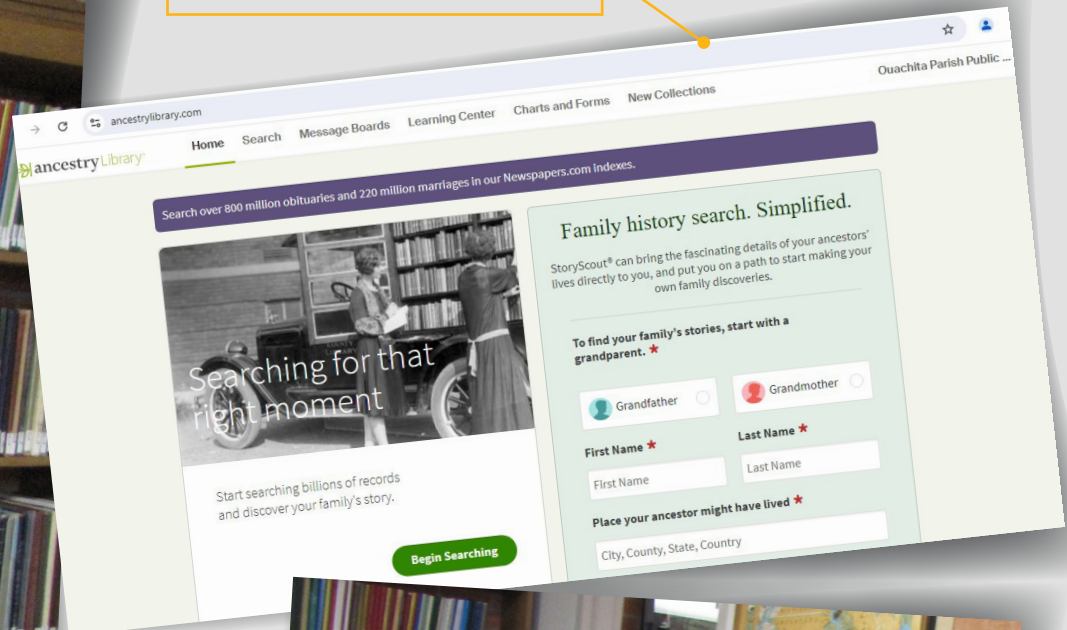
Step 2: Explore what you already have, talk to family members and consider “home sources” such as family Bibles, old pictures, papers, keepsake boxes and chests, baby books, and even engraved jewelry that can provide clues to people and places.

Step 3: Start researching. As you move into the unknown, record as much as you can from primary sources to document birth and death dates, marriage dates, and places that will help you distinguish people with the same name. Census Records are a great source of information. Be critical of all information you find so that you can be sure you are on the correct path.

Step 4: Organize what you have found and share with other interested family members. Keep detailed notes and update your information as you find more information for your family tree.



Ancestry.com accessible at any Ouachita Parish Public Library Branch



An OPPL librarian assists a patron with the microfilm machine.

The Ouachita Parish Public Library provides resources and services to help with family and local history research. Visit any library branch for access to Ancestry.com, one of the largest genealogy companies in the world. Other electronic resources include Newspapers.com, the Master Index of Ouachita Parish Obituaries, and the Louisiana Digital Library. The Library Main Branch Genealogy/Special Collections Department has microfilm newspapers, books, magazines, and yearbooks from many local schools that might be helpful with your research. Please visit your library and enjoy searching for your ancestors!



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 Richwood, LA 71202
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 West Monroe, LA 71291
 (318) 327-1470

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5775 Jonesboro Rd.
 West Monroe, LA 71292
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STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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Color and create your own Halloween bookmark!