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FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY



ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY™

SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER
READING CHALLENGE!

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JUVENILE LIBRARY CARD UPDATE

All libraries in the State of Louisiana are now required by law to implement options for restricted juvenile library card access. On June 1, 2024, the Ouachita Parish Public Library will begin updating library cards for all minor children aged 0-17. Parents and guardians can update the type of access at their convenience at any library location with a photo ID. All juvenile library cards will expire and need to be updated. In order

to check out materials or use digital resources, an updated form will be necessary. The parent or guardian can complete the application and signature without the child present.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities to decide upon the level of access and materials their children will have.

Juvenile library card unrestricted - allows access to books, audiobooks, magazines, and digital resources within all collections.

Juvenile library card restricted - allows access to books, audiobooks and magazines but prohibits access to all eBooks, eAudiobooks and items identified as restricted under Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225.

DVDs, art prints and special collection items are designated for adult cards only.

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.

June Book Sale: Friday, June 28th & Saturday, June 29th from 9-3 p.m.

July Book Sale: Friday, July 26th & Saturday July 27th from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

JUNETEENTH - Wednesday, June 19th

INDEPENDENCE DAY - Wednesday & Thursday, July 3rd & 4th

FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!

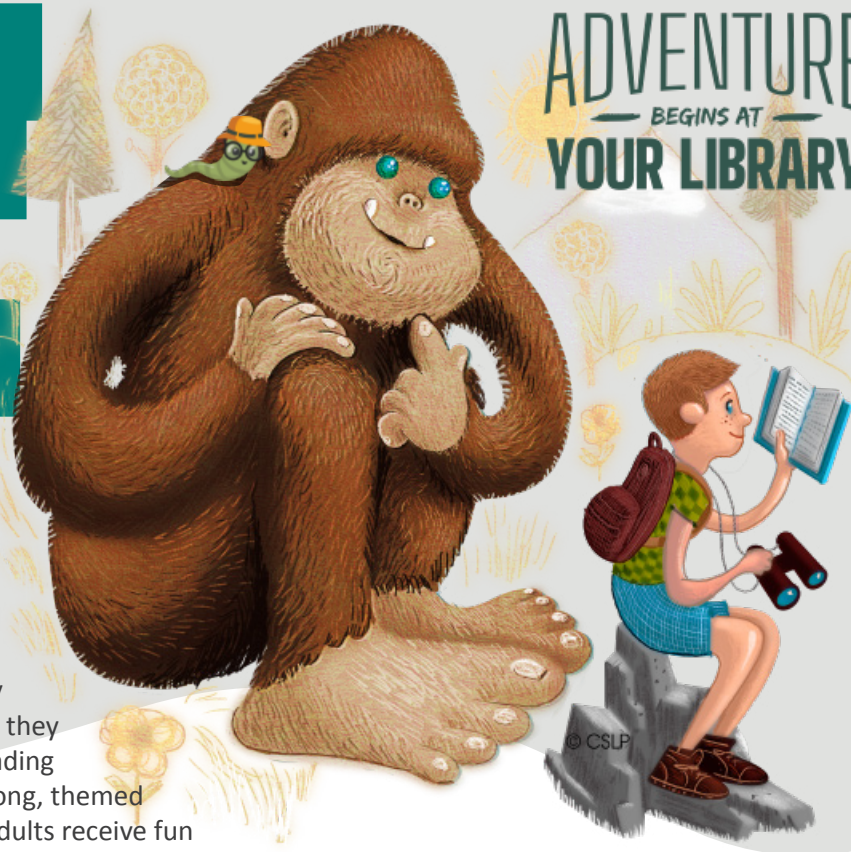


Our Bookworm, Billie, is hidden six times throughout these pages. See if you can find all six!



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WHAT IS THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

Since 1948, the Ouachita Parish Public Library has challenged its patrons to read as much as they can during the summer. What started as a reading club for children has expanded to a months-long, themed celebration for all ages. Children, teens and adults receive fun incentives for reading and for completing community challenges.

WHO CAN JOIN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

Anyone! There are three age categories for the summer reading challenge, with different page goals, incentives, and programs. Children ages 12 and under can join the Child Category, teens ages 13-17 can join the Teen Category, and adults 18 and over can join the Adult Category.

WHEN DOES THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE BEGIN AND END?

The 2024 challenge runs from **Saturday, June 1** through **Wednesday, July 31**.

WHAT IS THIS YEAR'S THEME?

The 2024 theme is **Adventure Begins at Your Library** which includes adventures in travel, nature, imagination, and mysteries. Explore all of these and more with your library card!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Get started at oplib.org/summerreading OR download the **Beanstack Tracker** app on your smartphone.
2. Make your account in the online summer reading portal, called Beanstack.
3. Log your reading and activities in Beanstack on the web or on the app.
4. If you have a question or need assistance, reach out to your Library by visiting in-person, by calling any branch or by sending an email to help@oplib.org.



HOW DO I WIN PRIZES?

WIN PRIZES BY READING!

Prizes are available while supplies last. Log your pages in Beanstack, the summer reading portal.

ADULTS

1,500 PAGES

Entry into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings

1,000 PAGES

Collectible canvas tote bag

500 PAGES

Lip Balm



TEENS

1,500 PAGES

Book with T-Shirt

1,000 PAGES

Tumbler with vinyl stickers

500 PAGES

Drawstring backpack and mini fan



KIDS

750 PAGES

Drawstring bag, color your own poster and stress ball

500 PAGES

Cup, painting sheet and sticker

250 PAGES

Certificate, pencil, CSLP passport and newspaper. (3 and under growth chart)



END-OF-SUMMER GRAND PRIZES!



ADULT GRAND PRIZES



WANDERLUST

Whether you enjoy weekend getaways or adventures abroad, this bundle has all the essentials for a great vacation no matter the destination! Includes a hard-side carry-on suitcase, a travel backpack, and a literary luggage tag.



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

If you prefer to have adventures in the comfort of your own home, make the most of the library's e-services with this bundle! Includes a Samsung Galaxy Tab with protective case and a variety of teas from The Spice & Tea Exchange.



BACKYARD ADVENTURES

Relax after your outdoor adventures or enjoy a Louisiana sunrise with this bundle! Includes two outdoor rockers, a small outdoor table, and three decorative citronella candles.



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Share your adventures with friends and family with this bundle that's perfect for a day in the park! Includes a picnic set for four with wicker basket, an oversized picnic blanket, a Polarbox cooler, and a Stanley Quencher 40oz tumbler.

TEEN GRAND PRIZES



BOOKISH

For the true book nerds who prefer their adventures on the page, this bundle includes a lap desk, book tote, expandable bookends, reading light, journal, pen set, book-themed candle, and a Stanley Quencher 40oz tumbler.



SURVIVALIST

For outdoor adventurers who enjoy a challenge, this bundle includes an Osprey day pack, rechargeable flashlight, LifeStraw water filter, military style blanket, heavy duty rain poncho, emergency radio, insect repellent, sunscreen, and first aid kit.



GAMER

For gamers on the go who need an adventure that can travel anywhere, this bundle includes a Nintendo Switch Lite with travel case and a \$10 Nintendo eShop gift card.



D&D

For tabletop gamers who like to share their adventures with the whole party, this bundle includes the Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition Core Rule Book set, an adventure module book, a game master folio, a battle mat book, 6 sets of polyhedral dice, and 6 dice trays.

There are four end-of-summer grand prize packs for both teens and adults which are provided by the Friends of the Ouachita Public Library. For children, the Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita is donating 10 bicycles through their Bikes for Books program. These bikes are for the end-of-summer grand prize drawing for kids who complete the summer reading challenge. There are multiple ways to enter into the end-of-summer grand prize drawing:

COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE ACTIONS!

In the summer reading portal, log that you have completed the three Challenge Actions under the Activity Badges, and you will have a bonus entry into the grand prize drawing. The Challenge Actions are:

ADVENTURES IN NATURE: Visit a park, garden, or wildlife refuge, go birdwatching, walk a nature trail, or play an outdoor game! Recreational sets like badminton and cornhole can be borrowed from Library's new Library of Things. More information at oplib.org/library-things.

ADVENTURES CLOSE TO HOME: Visit a museum or zoo, attend a community event, go on a Heron Hunt or snap a photo at a mural, take a walk or bike ride through your neighborhood, or visit your local library branch!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: Tell us about an adventure you had this summer!

READ!

Kids who read 750 pages, and teens and adults who read 1500 pages will be entered into the grand prize drawings.

ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM.

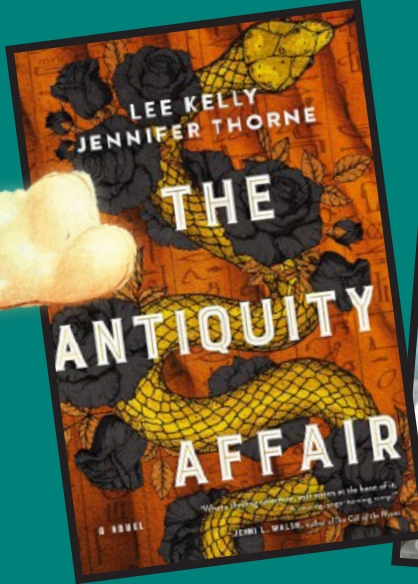
Attend three Library programs at any of our branches.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TOP 6 PICK.

For an additional entry into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings, read at least 2 of the Top 6 Picks and vote for your favorite book. In the summer reading portal, click on "Activity Challenges," and click on "Vote for your favorite Top 6 Picks." After voting, you will receive the secret code to enter into the summer reading portal.

ADVENTUROUS READING BOOK LIST

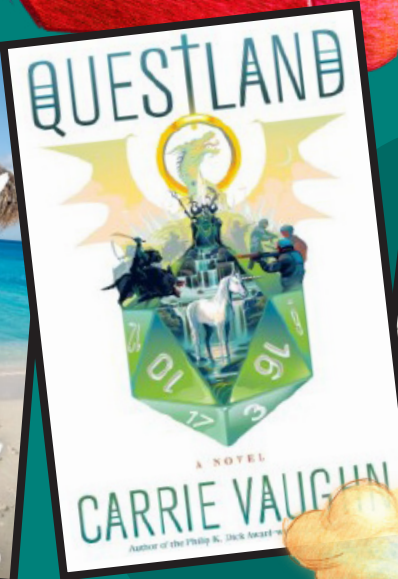
Embark on an Epic Adventure
Starting at Your Public Library!



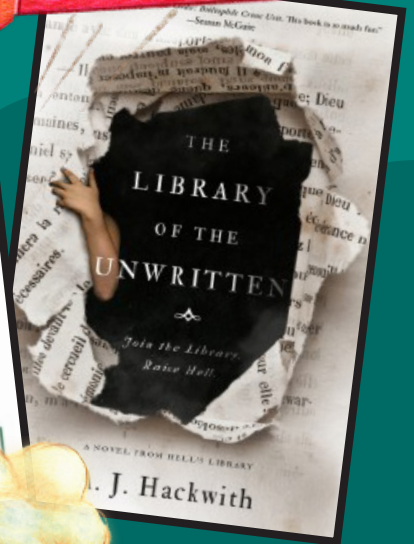
The Antiquity Affair
by Lee Kelly
and Jennifer Thorne



*The Catch Me if You Can:
One Woman's Journey to Every
Country in the World*
by Jessica Nabongo



Questland
by Carrie Vaughn



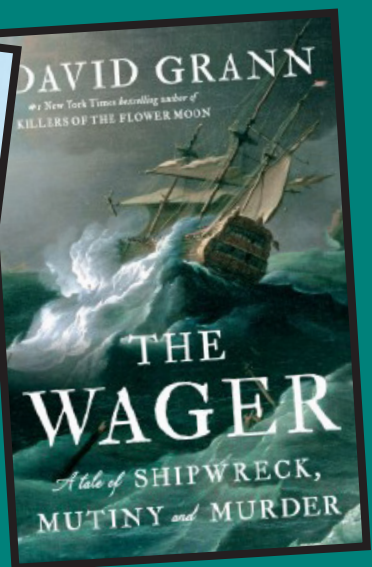
*The Library of the
Unwritten*
by A. J. Hackwith

*The Perilous Adventures of the
Cowboy King: A Novel of Teddy
Roosevelt and His Times*
by Jerome Charyn

The Recovery Agent
by Janet Evanovich

*The Wisteria Society of
Lady Scoundrels*
by India Holton

*The Wager: A Tale of
Shipwreck, Mutiny and
Murder*
by David Grann



SPECIAL EVENTS

LADY CHOPS PERFORMANCES

Elizabeth Vidos, also known as Lady Chops, is bringing her one-woman drumming show to Ouachita Parish Public Libraries this summer! She is a talented percussionist whose past work includes performing in the hit show "STOMP." She incorporates over 15 different instruments including buckets, body percussion and the Cajun rubboard.

JUNE 17

Louise Williams 10 a.m.
West Ouachita 2 p.m.
Ollie Burns 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 18

Carver-McDonald 10 a.m.
West Monroe 2 p.m.
Main 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 20

JR Searcy 10 a.m.
Ouachita Valley 2 p.m.

JUNE 21

Sterlington 10 a.m.
Anna Meyer 2 p.m.



THE SPOON MAN PERFORMANCES



The "Spoon Man" is a published author who offers a hilarious interactive comedy program for all ages. He gives a really stirring performance. The "Spoon Man" will leave a lasting impression after playing on you. It's a spoonful of family fun.

JULY 8:

Ouachita Valley 10:30 a.m.
Carver-McDonald 2 p.m.
Main 5:30 p.m.

JULY 9:

Louise Williams 10 a.m.
West Ouachita 2 p.m.

POVERTY POINT FAMILY ADVENTURE



A ranger links participants to Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site crafted by Native Americans 3,700 years ago. These ancient people built an extensive man-made landscape with the era's largest mounds, earthworks, and community.

CARVER-MCDONALD
Wed., June 5 at 11 a.m.

OLLIE BURNS
Thurs., June 6 at 10 a.m.

WEST OUACHITA
Fri., June 14 at 10 a.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY
Fri., June 14 at 2 p.m.

WEST MONROE
Thurs., June 20 at 2 p.m.

MAIN
Fri., June 28 at 2 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS
Thurs., July 11 at 1 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL
Thurs., July 18 at 2 p.m.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL
Fri., July 19 at 10 a.m.

STORYTIMES

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

MAIN

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

ANNA MEYER

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

CARVER-MCDONALD

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

LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

OLLIE BURNS

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

OUACHITA VALLEY

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

SEARCY MEMORIAL

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

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.
(STEM Storytime)

WEST MONROE

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

WEST OUACHITA

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

KIDS TOP 6 BOOK PICKS

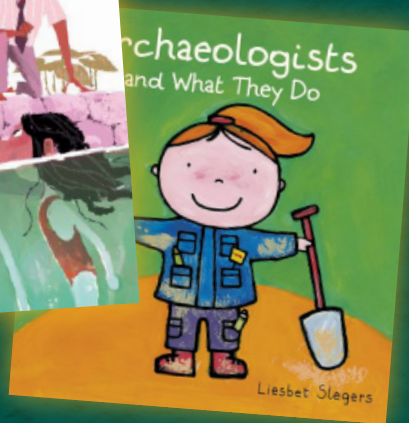
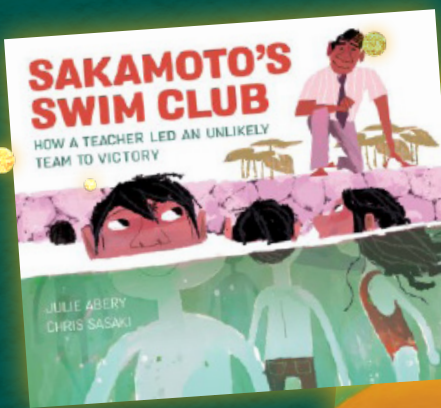
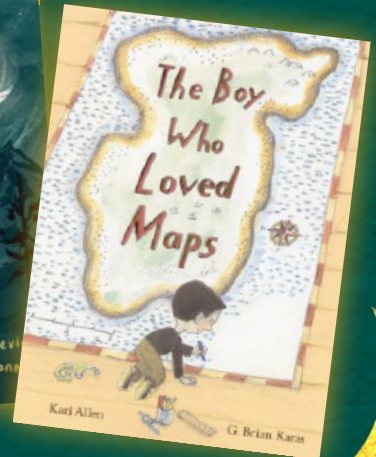
PICTURE BOOKS

***The Boy Who Loved Maps* by Kari Allen**

A map-making boy is stumped when a girl asks him for a map of the “perfect place”.

***The Bear and Her Book* by Frances Tosdevin & Sophia O’Connor**

The world is big and there’s much to see, and a bear must go where she wants to be.



NONFICTION BOOKS

***Sakamoto's Swim Club: How A Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory* by Julie Abery**

This book follows the inspiring journey of Soichi Sakamoto, a determined science teacher in Maui in the 1930s whose unconventional methods led his Hawaiian swimming team to Olympic glory.

***Archaeologists and What They Do* by Liesbet Slegers**

An archaeologist searches for things that people used a long, long time ago. By studying these objects, we learn about the past and how people lived in ancient times. Maybe you would like to be an archaeologist?

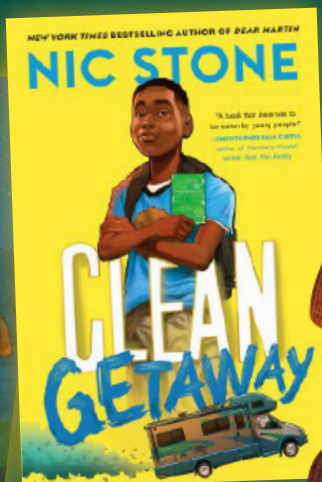
JUNIOR FICTION BOOKS

***Timo Goes Camping* by Victoria Allenby**

Timo’s first-ever camping trip is not going well. His friend Suki teases whenever others make a mistake. Can Timo find a solution and help everyone enjoy the trip?

***Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone**

An 11-year-old Scoob confronts the realities of race relations, past and present, and the mysterious agenda of his unconventional grandmother during an unplanned spring break road trip through the once-segregated American South.




KIDS PROGRAMS



SUMMER KICK-OFF "A FEST OF LOUISIANA ADVENTURES"	Sat., June 1 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Come and celebrate the many wonders of Louisiana...the scenic highways, natural waterfalls, music, restaurants, hiking areas, people, and more.
2024 SUMMER READING KICK OFF	Sat., June 1 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Summer is finally here. Register for summer reading and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, prizes, and games.
LOUISIANA TREASURE AND BIRDS	Tues., June 4 11-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Come and discover treasures found in Louisiana. We will make bird observations, use scientific tools, and identify major parts of birds.
PREHISTORIC CAVE PAINTING	Tues., June 4 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Learn to paint like a caveman. Dress to make a mess. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
KIDS CLUB	Tues., June 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make a paper helicopter and then see whose flies the best.
MOVIE & MAKE IT!	Wed., June 5 1-3:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Watch <i>Night at the Museum</i> (PG). After the movie, we will color dinosaur masks to wear to the dinosaur program on the following day.
STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., June 5 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
T. REX FROM TOP TO BOTTOM	Wed., June 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Adventure into the prehistoric past and meet T. Rex!, presented by Dr. Gary Stringer, Professor Emeritus of Geology at ULM's School of Science.
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Thurs., June 6 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Make a 3D Terrific Sea Turtle using wiggly eyes, gemstones, and paint.
T. REX: FROM TOP TO BOTTOM	Thurs., June 6 11-12 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Adventure into the prehistoric past and meet T. Rex!, presented by Dr. Gary Stringer, Professor Emeritus of Geology at ULM's School of Science.
SPACE WITH CRISTINA: THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION	Fri., June 7 2-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in space? Come join us for a special presentation from NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Cristina Palowsky to find out!
FAMILY MOVIE	Fri., June 7 1-3 p.m.	West Ouachita	FAMILY Join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching <i>The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> (PG).
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., June 8 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Come enjoy a family-friendly movie and free snacks on us! We'll be showing <i>Raya and the Last Dragon</i> (PG).
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., June 8 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Recycled Map Travel Mug. Registration required. To register please call 327-1490, ext. 3041.
KID'S ZONE: GAME DAY	Sat., June 8 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Visit with us and play exciting games with prizes!
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., June 8 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join for a screening of <i>Jumanji</i> (PG).
KID'S KRAFTERNOON: BIRDHOUSES	Mon., June 10 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Get crafty and create an adorable birdhouse to hang up for your winged friends this Summer!
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Mon., June 10 10:30-11:30 a.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 "Arrr...thar be GOLD in these waters!" Come decorate your own pirate treasure chest.
MOVIE & MAKE IT!	Mon., June 10 12-2:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of Disney's <i>Tarzan</i> (G). After the movie, we will paint slithering snakes - but do not worry, they are made of wood!
LOUISIANA MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH MARKAYE RUSSELL	Tues., June 11 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will introduce music and movement that will motivate you to get up and move.
MOON MOBILE CRAFT	Tues., June 11 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a moon mobile with dangling stars to hang in your room. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., June 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Make a solar oven to make s'mores. Limited to 12. Please call 327-1365 or visit in person to register.
STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., June 12 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime
LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT BINGO	Wed., June 12 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Let's turn your Library trip into an adventure you'll love with a cool treat!
LOUISIANA CEILING TILE CRAFT	Thurs., June 13 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Tap into your Louisiana side and decorate a festive wall ornament.
SAFARI AT THE LIBRARY	Fri., June 14 2-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Mark Henderson from the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo will be bringing several animals for us to learn about their habitats.
SATURDAY FUN	Sat., June 15 11-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Twala Lockett-Jones the author of <i>Princess Mackie Buys a House</i> will discuss her book. We will also review the Louisiana Majorettes and bands.
MOVIE & MAKE IT!	Sat., June 15 1-3:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of <i>The Pirates! Band of Misfits</i> (PG). After the movie, we will paint balloon-powered boats, as supplies last.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., June 15 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Library Adventure Scavenger Hunt
CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION DAY!	Mon., June 17 1-3 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get creative upcycling materials! Make a rocketship, dollhouse furniture, a marble run...lots of possibilities.
STEM-MATH PLANKS	Tues., June 18 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 With math tiles, your child will be encouraged to find endless combinations of fun!
PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS	Tues., June 18 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Attract some backyard birds with a pinecone and peanut butter bird feeder. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
SOAPMAKING WORKSHOP WITH SCENTWORTHY	Thurs., June 20 10-11 a.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Registration required. Please register by calling 327-1490 Ext. 3041.

	DIY MAP MAGNET CRAFT	Thurs., June 20 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Use recycled maps to make a decorative magnetic design.
	CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Mon., June 24 10:30-11:30 a.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12 Aloha! Welcome to the island of beauty! Come make a beautiful lei to wear on our Hawaiian island adventures this summer.
	PAPER PLATE JELLYFISH	Mon., June 24 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Get crafty at the library by painting and making a sparkly jellyfish!
	BLOCK PARTY!	Tues., June 25 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get creative building with blocks - Make tunnels for toy cars, barns for animals, or just stack a tower!
	PET ROCKS	Tues., June 25 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Paint a pet rock and give it a groovy name. Dress to make a mess. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
	STEM	Tues., June 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Join us for a space lander mission challenge! Can you land your space lander without losing your alien pilot?
	STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., June 26 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
	POPCORN AND A BOOK	Wed., June 26 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Who needs popcorn and a movie when you can have popcorn and a book?! Let's enjoy reading to one another while we munch on delicious popcorn!
	DIY GALAXY COASTERS	Thurs., June 27 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Make these awesome coasters and give your drinks a rest that's out of this world.
	ANCIENT MEGA-TOOTHED SHARKS FROM NELA	Thurs., June 27 11-12 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Dive into the ancient world of mega-toothed sharks! ULM's Dr. Gary Stringer will return to share about this amazing animal.
	FIRE BREATHING DRAGON CRAFT	Mon., July 1 2-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Come make your very own Fire Breathing Dragon! This simple craft turns a plain cardboard tube into a magnificent dragon!
	PIRATE CRAFT	Tues., July 2 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Arrrgh! Join us for a pirate craft. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
	KIDS WORLD	Tues., July 2 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make your own sailing boat and race to see who wins.
	GREEK HERO TRAINING CAMP	Sun., July 7 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come train to be a Greek hero like Percy Jackson in our Greek hero training camp!
	MONDAY MOVIE MANIA	Mon., July 8 10:30-12:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	FAMILY Come join us for a movie with snacks. We will be watching <i>Migration</i> (PG).
	CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Mon., July 8 11-4 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Celebrate National Video Game Day with <i>Pokemon Detective Pikachu</i> (PG) at 11 a.m. and <i>The Super Mario Bros. Movie</i> (PG) at 2 p.m. Snacks provided.
	SAND ART	Tues., July 9 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Experiment with glue and sand to make a work of art. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext 4206 or 4208.
	KIDS WORLD	Tues., July 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make a lei - to welcome you to "Hawaii".
	PLANTS AND GARDENING IN LOUISIANA	Wed., July 10 11-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter will teach us about plants and gardening in Ouachita Parish.
	STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., July 10 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
	PICTURE BOOK PUTT PUTT	Wed., July 10 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Are you ready for some indoor fun and excitement at the Library? Stop by and try Picture Book Putt Putt. Fun for everyone!
	ANCIENT MEGA-TOOTHED SHARKS FROM NELA	Wed., July 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Calling all Shark fans! Come learn about the ancient Megatoothed Sharks of Northeast Louisiana. Program led by Dr. Gary Stringer, Professor Emeritus of Geology at ULM.
	DIY CERAMIC MAP DISH	Thurs., July 11 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
	PIRATE TREASURE HUNT	Fri., July 12 2-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 What would life be like as a pirate? Come find out on this Scavenger Hunt to find the Library's treasure!
	FAMILY MOVIE	Fri., July 12 1-3 p.m.	West Ouachita	FAMILY Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching <i>Inkheart</i> (PG).
	CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., July 13 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Come to the library to watch the movie <i>Onward</i> (PG). Snack provided.
	YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., July 13 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Let's upcycle old CDs to make a cool bike craft.
	POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., July 13 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>Ice Age: Collision Course</i> (PG).
	KID'S ZONE: KIDS KARAOKE	Mon., July 15 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Join us for an adventure filled with fun, singing, and dancing!
	DINOSAUR TERRARIUMS	Mon., July 15 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come learn about dinosaurs and make your own dinosaur terrarium!
	HAIRY HEAD PLANT PAL	Tues., July 16 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Decorate a flower pot and watch it grow hair. Limited to 18. Dress to make a mess. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
	STEM	Tues., July 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Learn about the science behind fingerprints.
	CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Wed., July 17 11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for two <i>PAW Patrol</i> movies! <i>PAW Patrol: The Movie</i> (G) at 11 a.m. and <i>PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie</i> (PG) at 2 p.m. Juice and snacks provided.
	STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., July 17 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
	DIY PARACORD BRACELET CRAFT	Thurs., July 18 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
	MOVIE & MAKE IT!	Sat., July 20 1-3:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of Disney's <i>Peter Pan</i> (G). After the movie, we will paint and decorate magical fairy doors for use inside or outside!

 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., July 20 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Roll the Die, Pick a Prize. Roll the die and get the prize with the matching number.
 KID'S KRAFTERNOON: BEACH DAY SAND ART	Mon., July 22 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Here's the nitty-gritty! Just like a day at the beach, we're creating fun beach scenes with art sand!
 MONDAY MOVIE MANIA	Mon., July 22 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	FAMILY Join us for a movie with snacks. We will be watching <i>The Goonies</i> (PG).
 CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION DAY!	Mon., July 22 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get creative upcycling materials! Make a rocketship, dollhouse furniture, a marble run...lots of possibilities.
 RAIN STICK CRAFT	Tues., July 23 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Create an instrument that sounds like falling rain. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., July 23 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Launch into orbit with a rocket and see which one goes the highest. Limited to 12. Please call 327-1365 or visit in person to register.
 BACKYARD ADVENTURES	Wed., July 24 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Kerry Heafner from LSU AgCenter will share Backyard Adventures in Gardening.
 MOVIE & MAKE IT!	Wed., July 24 1-3:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of <i>Migration</i> (PG). After the movie, we will make navigator necklaces with compasses - just what those ducks needed!
 STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., July 24 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
 CHEMISTRY SCIENCE SHOW	Wed., July 24 2-3p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Calling all scientists! Come join us for a very special science magic show presented by ULM's Dr. Mark Arant.
 ICE CREAM SUNDAES	Mon., July 29 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Cool off the Summer heat with a sweet treat! Bring your family to the library to make a delicious ice cream sundae your way!
 T. REX: FROM TOP TO BOTTOM	Mon., July 29 2-3 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Adventure into the prehistoric past and meet the T. Rex, presented by Dr. Gary Stringer, Professor Emeritus of Geology at ULM's School of Science.
 PIRATE PARTY	Mon., July 29 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for fun pirate crafts, games, and snacks!
 BLOCK PARTY!	Tues., July 30 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Get creative building with blocks - Make tunnels for toy cars, barns for animals, or just stack a tower!
 DRAGON EGG CRAFT	Tues., July 30 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a magical dragon egg out of clay and jewels! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470, ext. 4206 or 4207.
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., July 30 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 End of Summer Reading party with refreshments.
 END OF SUMMER PARTY	Wed., July 31 3:45-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	FAMILY Come join us for refreshments and a movie as we celebrate the end of Summer 2024. We will watch <i>Aloha, Scooby Doo!</i> (PG).
 STORIES IN MOTION	Wed., July 31 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Adventure Begins at Your Library Sensory Storytime.
 COOKIES & CANVAS PARTY	Wed., July 31 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 As we come to an end of Summer Reading, let's get creative and express your art talent on canvas, and also enjoy cookies, punch, and music while painting. Limited to 20. Register in person or call 327-1235, ext. 4804.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

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

June 3 | Chemical Solutions will be here to do a fun chemistry experiment with us!

June 10 | Train to be a knight in this fun knights and dragons stem challenge!

June 24 | Come join us for a paper airplane stem challenge!

July 1 | Come join us for a fun stem challenge and make a boomerang!

July 22 | Come join us for an Alice in Wonderland stem challenge. Can you design and make a hat worthy of the mad hatter?

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

June 6 | DIY No Sew Sock Octopus. Registration required. Please register by calling 327-1490, ext. 3041.

June 13 | DIY Seed Mosaic Craft

June 15 | Lather Up with ScentWorthy Workshop. Registration required. Please register by calling 327-1490, ext. 3041.

June 20 | STEMulating Thursday. DIY Birdhouse Craft.

June 27 | DIY Galaxy Coasters. Registration required. Call 327-1490, ext. 3041 to register for this event.

July 11 | DIY Jewelry Dish

July 18 | DIY Recycled Map Art

July 25 | Game Day

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.

June 3 | Homeschoolers will participate in a Choose Your Own Adventure Series.

June 24 | Homeschoolers will participate in Summer S.T.E.A.M. activities.

July 1 | Hey homeschoolers! Join us for a Pokemon card trading day.

July 8 | Homeschoolers, join us for some patriotic fun with

Independence Day S.T.E.A.M. activities.

July 15 | Homeschoolers, join us for Summer crafts and games.

July 22 | Homeschoolers let's play travel bingo. Where in the world can we go today?

July 29 | Homeschoolers join us and make your own Nature Globes.

TEEN TOP 6 BOOK PICKS



***Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi**

Coming of age in a land where her maji mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zélie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities.



***Five Survive* by Holly Jackson**

Six friends are on a spring break road trip when their RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere with no cell service. They soon realize they have been trapped by someone who clearly wants one of them dead. To survive the night, they must figure out which of them is the target—or the killer.

***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Avery's luck changes in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves her virtually his entire fortune. The catch? She has no idea why—or even who Hawthorne is. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, she will have to play their games just to survive.



***The Left-Handed Booksellers of London* by Garth Nix**

Searching for the father she has never met in an alternate-world 1983 London, Susan is drawn into an extended family of magical, left-handed, fighting booksellers who police intruders from the mythical Old World of England.

***Danger and Other Unknown Risks* by Ryan North**

On midnight of January 1st, 2000, the world ended. But it wasn't technology that killed it: It was magic. Now, years later, the Earth has transformed. Magic works (sort of). People are happy (sort of). But this new world isn't stable, and unless Marguerite does something about it, it'll tilt into deadly chaos.



***The Chalice of the Gods* by Rick Riordan**

In order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation from Mount Olympus for college, high school senior Percy Jackson must complete three quests—the first of which is to help Zeus' cup-bearer retrieve his goblet before it falls into the wrong hands.



TEEN PROGRAMS



ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



VIDEO GAMES



ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS



GAMES



COMMUNITY SERVICE



WORLD TRAVEL



MOVIES



LEARN ABOUT FRANCE	Mon., June 3 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Come learn all about the food, music, and interesting facts about France and get your passport stamped! Passport will be provided.
DIY FANTASY MAP	Tues., June 4 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to make a custom map using rice.
GAME NIGHT	Tues., June 4 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games and snacks!
AVATAR JOURNEYS: WATER TRIBE	Tues., June 4 3-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Take a tour of the culture and locations that inspired the Water Tribe in <i>Avatar: The Last Airbender</i> . Sample food, crafts, music, and more!
EGYPTIAN TALES	Tues., June 4 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Form your own story using Egyptian Hieroglyphs.
DRAGON BALL RADAR	Thurs., June 6 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Start your adventure with your own DIY Dragon Ball radar.
SUMMER ADVENTURE MOVIE NIGHT	Thurs., June 6 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy a movie in the YA Room. Snacks will be provided. This week's movie is <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> (PG).
FOOD DRIVE SETUP	Sat., June 8 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Earn community service hours by preparing for a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of NELA. Donations appreciated! Call 327-1240 to register.
LEARN ABOUT AUSTRALIA	Mon., June 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Come learn all about the food, music, and interesting facts about Australia and get your passport stamped! Passport will be provided.
HOGWARTS POTIONS CLASS	Tues., June 11 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Attend a Hogwarts class and explore the Hogwart Legacy.
TASTE THE WORLD	Tues., June 11 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come learn about and experience other countries through food.
AVATAR JOURNEYS: EARTH KINGDOM	Tues., June 11 3-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Take a tour of the culture and locations that inspired the Earth Kingdom in <i>Avatar: The Last Airbender</i> . Sample food, crafts, music, and more!
NORDIC TALES	Tues., June 11 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Write your own Viking tale sprinkling in Nordic Runes.
GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., June 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons and Dragons!
LOUISIANA MUSIC AND MOVEMENT	Wed., June 12 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will introduce music and movement that will motivate your teen to get up and move!
DIY FANTASY WORLD MAP	Fri., June 14 3-4 p.m.	Louise Williams	Make your own fantasy world map for adventures! Using rice, a sheet of paper and a pen, draw your own map and create a fantasy world of your own!
DND DUNGEON TILES	Sat., June 15 2-3:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Design your own dungeon tiles for your DND adventures.
LEARN ABOUT CANADA	Mon., June 17 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Come learn all about the food, music, and interesting facts about Canada and get your passport stamped! Passport will be provided.
TEEN TRAVEL ADVENTURES	Mon., June 17 3-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	This summer we will explore another country with books, snacks and a video!
TEEN MOVIE NIGHT	Tues., June 18 4-6 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching <i>Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> (PG).
AVATAR JOURNEYS: FIRE NATION	Tues., June 18 3-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Take a tour of the culture and locations that inspired the Fire Nation in <i>Avatar: The Last Airbender</i> . Sample food, crafts, music, and more!

 CHOOSE YOUR OWN WRITING ADVENTURE	Tues., June 18 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Write your own adventure that branches off into something else.
 SOAPMAKING WORKSHOP WITH SCENTWORTHY	Thurs., June 20 12:30-2:00 p.m.	Main	Registration required. Please register by calling 327-1490, ext. 3041.
 DIY LOG POSE	Thurs., June 20 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Travel the Grand Line with your own Log Pose!
 ALL KNOTTED UP: MACRAME CRAFT	Thurs., June 20 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	Learn to make macrame with Willetta.
 TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., June 22 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us as we watch <i>Barbie</i> (PG-13) and make tote bags.
 LEARN ABOUT GERMANY	Mon., June 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Come learn all about the food, music, and interesting facts about Germany and get your passport stamped! Passport will be provided.
 BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Mon., June 24 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for June is <i>Spice Road</i> by Maiya Ibrahim.
 DIY FAIRY GARDEN	Tues., June 25 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Design and make your own fairy garden! Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
 COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., June 25 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for cosplay club! Discuss favorite fandoms while enjoying crafts and snacks!
 AVATAR JOURNEYS: AIR NOMADS	Tues., June 25 3-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Take a tour of the culture and locations that inspired the Air Nomads in <i>Avatar: The Last Airbender</i> . Sample food, crafts, music, and more!
 CHOOSE YOUR OWN DRAWING ADVENTURE	Tues., June 25 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Draw your own adventure that branches off into something else.
 GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING	Wed., June 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Magic the Gathering!
 LOUISIANA INSECTS AND SMOOTHIES WITH MARKAYE	Wed., June 26 10-11 am	Carver-McDonald	Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will introduce a new healthy smoothie for all teens. It will become your teen's NEW favorite beverage! Teens will also make observations, use scientific tools, and identify Louisiana insects.
 RPG ADVENTURES	Thurs., June 27 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Adventure with the role play games <i>Kitaria Fables</i> & <i>Sparklite</i> !
 SUMMER ADVENTURE MOVIE NIGHT	Thurs., June 27 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy a movie in the YA Room. Snacks will be provided. This week's movie is <i>Labyrinth</i> (PG).
 FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS	Mon., July 1 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Create a friendship bracelet, whether to keep for yourself or to trade with friends or strangers.
 PLASTIC BOTTLE LANTERNS	Tues., July 2 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Community Service: Bring plastic bottles to repurpose into lanterns for your adventures.
 GAME NIGHT	Tues., July 2 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for board games and snacks!
 D&D: SUMMER ADVENTURE	Tues., July 2 3-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's kick off our summer campaign with session zero! Join us to build your character. Space is limited, so call 327-1240 to join the party!
 COMIC BOOK DAY ONE	Tues., July 2 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create your own comic; character development and plot day.
 UNO TOURNAMENT	Mon., July 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Think you're the master of UNO? Come test out your skills in an UNO Tournament.
 CAMP HALF-BLOOD	Tues., July 9 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Visit Camp Half-Blood to discover your cabin, paint a flag, make your necklace, and more! Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
 PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., July 9 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for painting and snacks!
 D&D: SUMMER ADVENTURE	Tues., July 9 3-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	The adventure begins! Space is limited, call 327-1240 to join the party!
 COMIC BOOK DAY TWO	Tues., July 9 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create your own comic; drawing and writing day.
 GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., July 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons and Dragons!
 GAME DAY	Wed., July 10 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	Enjoy games with your friends.
 NAVI FAIRY JAR	Thurs., July 11 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create your own Zelda inspired navigation fairy to guide your adventures.
 SUMMER ADVENTURE MOVIE NIGHT	Thurs., July 11 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy a movie in the YA Room. Snacks will be provided. This week's movie is <i>The Princess Bride</i> (PG).



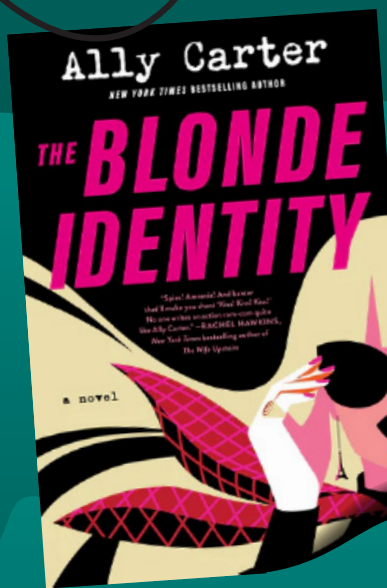
**LIT LOOT BOXES
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Let the library pick your next read with our new blind box service!

Teen patrons ages 12-18 can visit any branch to check out a Lit Loot Box this summer. 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.

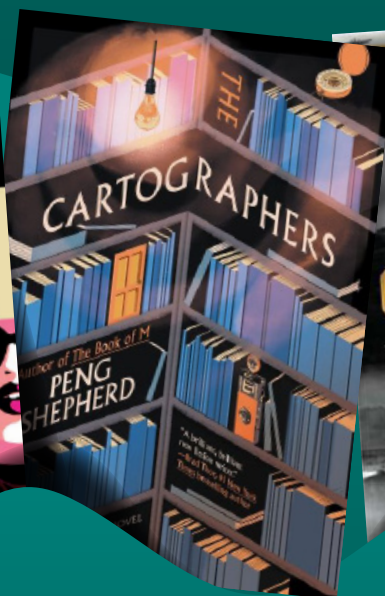
PERCY JACKSON CAMP HALF-BLOOD	Fri., July 12 3-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Using beads and paint, make your very own camp half-blood necklace to show your adventures and quests as a demi-god! We will also be enjoying snacks, and get claimed by your godly parent with a certificate!
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP	Sat., July 13 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Earn community service hours by picking up litter near the library. Call 327-1240 to register.
TEEN TRAVEL ADVENTURES	Mon., July 15 3-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	This summer we will explore another country with books, snacks and a video!
A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY	Tues., July 16 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make your own wayfinder to help you travel the world of <i>Star Wars</i> ! Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
TEEN MOVIE NIGHT	Tues., July 16 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching <i>Jurassic Park</i> (PG-13).
D&D: SUMMER ADVENTURE	Tues., July 16 3-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	The adventure continues! Space is limited, so call 318-327-1240 to join the party!
TREASURE HUNTING	Tues., July 16 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Go on a scavenger hunt to find treasures within the library.
SAFETY SKILLS FOR TEENS IN THE KITCHEN	Tues., July 16 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Cathy Agan from the LSU AgCenter will come and share quick meal ideas that can be made safely in the kitchen by teens. Limited to 15 teens, so call 327-1477 to reserve your seat.
ENCHIRIDION JOURNAL	Sat., July 20 3-4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create your own <i>Adventure Time</i> themed journal!
PAINT ALONG	Mon., July 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us for a follow along painting of "Simple Tropical Beach". Wearing an old t-shirt is encouraged. Supplies will be provided.
D&D: SUMMER ADVENTURE	Tues., July 23 3-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	The adventure continues! Space is limited, so call 318-327-1240 to join the party!
WRITE A MYTH	Tues., July 23 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Capture the imagination of others with your own myth.
GAMING GUILD: VIDEO GAMES	Wed., July 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing video games together!
FANTASY MOVIE NIGHT	Thurs., July 25 4:45-6:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Join us for a showing of <i>Labyrinth</i> (PG) and snacks!
SUMMER ADVENTURE MOVIE NIGHT	Thurs., July 25 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Enjoy a movie in the YA Room. Snacks will be provided. This week's movie is <i>The NeverEnding Story</i> (PG).
TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., July 27 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us as we watch <i>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> (PG-13).
BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Mon., July 29 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for July is <i>The Sacrifice</i> by Rin Chupeco.
HOBBIT DOOR WREATH	Tues., July 30 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Take a trip to the Shire as we make a wreath any hobbit would love. Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., July 30 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for cosplay club! Discuss favorite fandoms while enjoying crafts and snacks!
D&D: SUMMER ADVENTURE	Tues., July 30 3-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	It's time for the final boss! Space is limited, so call 318-327-1240 to join the party!
YE OLDE JOUSTING TOURNEY	Tues., July 30 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join us for jousting and dancing to end the Summer with a high note.
BREAD IN A BAG	Tues., July 30 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Cathy Agan from the LSU AgCenter will show teens how to make bread. Each teen present will leave with "Bread in a Bag" as a tasty treat for the summer! Limited to 15 teens, so call 327-1477 to reserve your seat.

ADULT TOP 6 BOOK PICKS



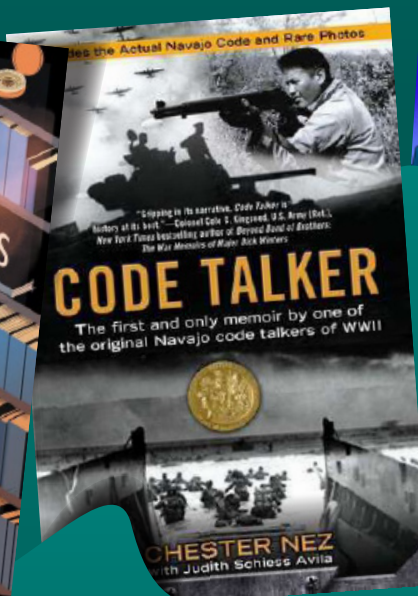
The Blonde Identity by Ally Carter

A woman wakes up in Paris with amnesia and is mistaken for her twin who is a spy. She teams up with a grumpy yet attractive secret agent to exonerate her sister.



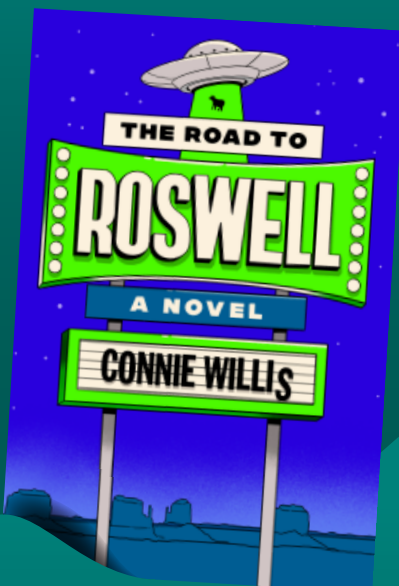
The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd

After her father's death, cartographer Nell Young uncovers a valuable map hidden in his desk. Pursued by a ruthless collector, she must protect the map at all costs.



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

A retired Marine and Navajo Indian describes his experiences as one of 29 top-secret code talkers during WW II and how his life growing up on the Checkerboard Area of the Navajo Reservation prepared him for his service.



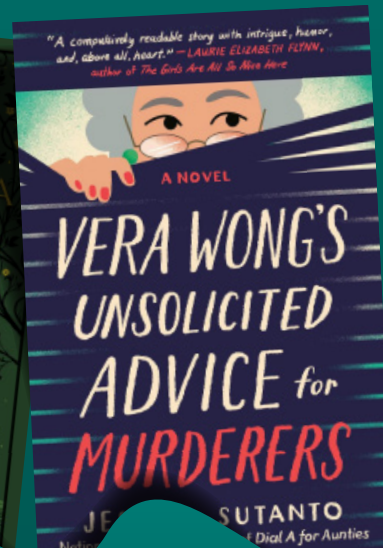
Tress of the Emerald Sea by Brandon Sanderson

Tress's serene island life is shattered when her friend Charlie embarks on a perilous voyage. Determined to save him, she sets sail into treacherous waters, facing pirates and deadly magic. Tress must embrace her inner strength to navigate a sea where danger lurks at every turn.



Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Vera Wong, tea expert and family busybody, becomes an armchair detective when she finds a dead man in her tea shop. She knows best sleuths are devoted Chinese mothers, even when her family, friends and police disagree!



ADULT PROGRAMS



ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



GARDENING & OUTDOOR



SOCIALS & ACTIVITIES



GAMES



HEALTHY CHOICES



TALKS & EDUCATION



MOVIES



FINANCIAL HEALTH



ADVENTURE MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., June 3 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for a showing of <i>Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
POVERTY POINT	Wed., June 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	A ranger links participants to Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site crafted by Native Americans 3,700 years ago. These ancient people built an extensive man-made landscape with the era's largest mounds, earthworks, and community.
HOUSE PLANTS 101 WITH WILLETTA	Wed., June 5 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join Willetta, house plant maven, as she teaches us how to grow your green thumb and learn about various fertilizers, substrates, and propagation methods.
"WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?"	Wed., June 5 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Come and join us to discuss what's on your bucket list. Tell us what trips you've crossed off your list and what trips you plan to take. Refreshments will be served.
A HOT DOG ADVENTURE AT THE LIBRARY!	Thurs., June 6 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Chris Lewis, owner of Coney Island Connection and Bigman Trucking of West Monroe, will discuss his remarkable journey. Chris's story goes beyond making chili cheese dogs in the Ark-La-Miss; it is about being a role model, mentor, and promoting community change.
CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., June 6 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for D&D one-shots!
HONEY BEE CARE & HIVE SET-UP	Thurs., June 6 1:30-2:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us to learn about setting up your own bee hive from Randy Ogles of the NELA Beekeepers. Registration begins May 23; register in person or by calling 327-5414.
ESCAPE ROOM	Fri., June 7 5-9 p.m.	Main	Can you accomplish your mission before time runs out? Test your mettle in The Escape! Space is limited. Call 327-1490 or visit in person to register.
CERAMIC ART ADVENTURE!	Sat., June 8 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Nicolas Bel Pepper, local artist and ULM Grad student, will provide different mediums and ceramic art displays. Pepper will demonstrate wheel throwing and various tools used for sculpting and shaping. Coffee, cookies, and water will be served.
BOARD GAME NIGHT	Mon., June 10 5-7 p.m.	Main	Unwind with friends and your favorite board games. Bring a game to play or try one of ours!
HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB	Tues., June 11 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.
HOW TO DRIVE A THOUSAND MILES	Wed., June 12 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Learn how to chase the sunset without breaking the bank and make those Summer road trip plans come true!
DISCOVER YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK WITH ROCKY BOUDREAUX	Wed., June 12 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Whether you prefer armchair traveling or plan to visit in person, join Rocky Boudreaux as he discusses his trip to World's First National Park, Yellowstone.
MONEY SMART	Thurs., June 13 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about Financial Literacy in the 3rd session of this 10 part series.
ADVENTURES WITH WASHI TAPE	Thurs., June 13 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Join us as we use washi tape to make an interesting collage of an adventurous animal or item. Limited to the first 15 patrons. Register by calling 327-1240 or visit in person.
DOLLAR TREE HACKS WITH ANGEL	Thurs., June 13 1-3 p.m.	Louise Williams	Angel with Joyful Creations will demonstrate "Dollar Tree Hacks!" Come be creative with us as she shows how to get more bang for your buck! Participants are limited to 12. Call 327-5422 or visit in person to register.

 BOOK CLUB OPEN HOUSE	Thurs., June 13 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Readers, begin your next book adventure with the help of a Library book club! Come meet our hosts and explore what each book club has to offer.
 ADVENTURES OF YESTERDAY: THE STORY OF THE OUACHITA RIVER SURVEY OF 1804-1805	Thurs., June 13 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Join Cyndy Robertson, OPPL Head of Special Collections and Genealogy, as she shares information from the papers of William Dunbar and Dr. George Hunter who, at the request of Thomas Jefferson, led the Ouachita River Survey into the Louisiana Purchase areas of southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana.
 POVERTY POINT	Fri., June 14 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	A ranger links participants to Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site crafted by Native Americans 3,700 years ago. These ancient people built an extensive man-made landscape with the era's largest mounds, earthworks, and community.
 ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., June 17 3-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the adventure as we play Dungeons & Dragons! All players welcome regardless of experience!
 BINGO BONANZA	Mon., June 17 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!
 WRITE CLUB	Mon., June 17 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Join the Write Club and hone your craft!
 TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB	Mon., June 17 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us as we screen this classic tale, 1938's <i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i> starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland.
 SUMMER GARDENING WITH PLANTS & VEGETABLES!	Thurs., June 20 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Horticulturist Kerry Heafner, LSU AgCenter Agent, will discuss the best time to plant summer favorites and vegetables to encourage growth and resist diseases.
 MOVIE MATINEE - HOOK	Thurs., June 20 2-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	We will be featuring the adventure movie <i>Hook</i> (PG), starring Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman. Join us for a swashbuckling afternoon with pirates, popcorn, and soft drinks!
 DAY TRIP ADVENTURES IN MONROE	Thurs., June 20 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come out and listen as Lora Peppers, OPPL Genealogist, takes you on an adventurous day trip in and around Monroe!
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., June 20 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Paint an adorable patriotic hedgehog, just in time to display for Independence Day! All supplies provided. Space limited to 20 participants. Registration opens June 1; register either in person or by calling 327-5414.
 CHRONICLES OF YARNIA	Tues., June 25 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.
 VASE PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH SAGE BELL	Wed., June 26 2-4 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join local artist, Sage Bell, as she instructs us on painting a vase that will be perfect to hold your favorite flowers in.
 HERBS AND SPICES WITH MARKAYE RUSSELL	Thurs., June 27 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come join us as Markaye Russell, LSU AgCenter Agent, uses a new herb or spice instead of salt to reduce sodium intake.
 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON: RV	Thurs., June 27 1-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for an adventure movie with popcorn! <i>RV</i> (PG) starring Robin Williams. An overworked family man cancels the family vacation to Hawaii so they can bond on a cross-country road trip in a rented recreational vehicle. Limited seating, please register either in person or by calling 327-5414. Registration opens June 1.
 ADVENTURE MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., July 8 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for a showing of <i>Barbie</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
 HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB	Tues., July 9 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.
 MR. BOUDREAUX: SMOKY MTS.	Wed., July 10 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Rocky Boudreaux will tell us about his trips to the Smoky Mountains and give us some advice on taking a trip of your own.
 WATERCOLOR POSTCARDS	Wed., July 10 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create a one of kind postcard using watercolors. Send it to a friend or cherish it as a keepsake.
 MOVIE MATINEE - THE LOST CITY	Thurs., July 11 2-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	We will be featuring the adventure movie <i>The Lost City</i> (PG-13), starring Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with popcorn and soft drinks included.
 POVERTY POINT	Thurs., July 11 10-11 a.m.	Louise Williams	A ranger links participants to Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site crafted by Native Americans 3,700 years ago. These ancient people built an extensive man-made landscape with the era's largest mounds, earthworks, and community.
 CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., July 11 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us for D&D one-shots!
 ADVENTURES OF YESTERDAY: THE STORY OF SIDNEY AND ANNIE SAUNDERS	Thurs., July 11 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Join Lora Peppers, OPPL Genealogist, as she shares the tale of Sidney and Annie Saunders, Monroe's infamous couple. You will hear a tale that involves love, arson, madness, betrayal and possibly murder.

 WHAT IS THE "BLACK CREATIVES CIRCLE OF NORTH LOUISIANA"	Sat., July 13 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Vitus Shell is a talented local artist who creates mixed-media collages. Shell's art focuses on the Black experience through powerful images that provide insights into identity, civil rights, and contemporary Black culture. Coffee, cookies, and water will be served.
 WRITE CLUB	Mon., July 15 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Join the Write Club and hone your craft!
 ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., July 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the adventure as we play Dungeons & Dragons! All players welcome regardless of experience!
 GLASS TERRARIUMS	Tues., July 16 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Create your own self-sustaining ecosystem with native flora and stones from the Pacific coast.
 ARTISTS CORNER - GEORGIA O'KEEFFE	Wed., July 17 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life and I've never let it keep me from a single thing that I wanted to do." Georgia O'Keeffe. Come share in our adventure as we discuss the art of Georgia O'Keeffe and paint landscapes. Supplies are limited so please call 327-1490, ext. 3008 or register in person.
 MONEY SMART	Thurs., July 18 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Damon McLeland from Bank of Oak Ridge talks to us about Financial Literacy in the 4th session of this 10 part series.
 TAKE AN ADVENTURES TRIP TO POVERTY POINT!	Thurs., July 18 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	A ranger links participants to Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site crafted by Native Americans 3,700 years ago. These ancient people built an extensive man-made landscape with the era's largest mounds, earthworks, and community.
 VINTAGE THRIFTING	Thurs., July 18 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Debbie Bryant from Frog's Flea Market will be here to discuss the advantages of thrifting. Join us to learn more about thrifting!
 DOLLAR TREE HACKS	Thurs., July 18 1-3 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come learn about budget-friendly hacks led by Angel from Joyful Creations. Registration required. Call 327-1470 to register.
 THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., July 18 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	Paint a cute black kitten in dandelions! All supplies provided. Space limited to 20 participants. Registration opens June 1; register either in person or by calling 327-5414.
 BINGO BONANZA	Mon., July 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!
 TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB	Mon., July 22 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join us as we take an expedition to the African jungle, and watch the tale of <i>Tarzan the Ape Man</i> from 1932.
 CHRONICLES OF YARNIA	Tues., July 23 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.
 BE ADVENTUROUS WITH YOUR FOOD CHOICES!	Wed., July 24 10-11 a.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Be adventurous with your food choices! Join Cathy Agan, LSU AgCenter Agent, as she prepares a meatless taco!
 PAINT BY NUMBERS	Wed., July 24 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Participants will create a painting by using a unique style of painting. Registration required. Please call 327-1470 to register.
 CATFISHING ADVENTURE AT THE LIBRARY!	Thurs., July 25 11-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Mike Haring, owner of Haring Catfish Farm in Wisner, LA, will talk about the health benefits of eating catfish and the valuable nutritional properties that make it ideal for sustaining a balanced diet.
 HERBS AND SPICES WITH MARKAYE RUSSELL	Thurs., July 25 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come join us as Markaye Russell, LSU AgCenter Agent, uses a new herb or spice instead of salt to reduce sodium intake.
 THE AMAZING RACE LIBRARY EDITION	Thurs., July 25 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Join us to have an Adventure in your Library. Just like the TV show, <i>The Amazing Race</i> , teams will race around the world completing challenges, all while staying in the Library! The team with the fastest time wins! Call 327-1490, ext. 3008 or register in person.
 MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON: THE HOBBIT AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY	Thurs., July 25 1-4 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for an adventure movie with popcorn! <i>The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey</i> (PG). Bilbo Baggins, a peaceful hobbit living in the Shire, joins a group of thirteen dwarves in their quest to retake their home from the dangerous dragon Smaug. Limited seating, please register either in person or by calling 327-5414. registration opens July 1.
 ESCAPE ROOM	Sat., July 27 5-9 p.m.	Main	Can you accomplish your mission before time runs out? Test your mettle in The Escape! Space is limited. Call 327-1490 or visit in person to register.
 PUB STYLE TRIVIA	Mon., July 29 5-7 p.m.	Main	Are you a trivia nerd? Join a team and compete for bragging rights!
 TOP 6 BOOK DISCUSSION	Tues., July 30 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Hey Readers, come discuss the Top 6 Summer Reading books. Whether you've read one or all of our Top 6 Books, join us to discuss.

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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!



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

Tues., June 11 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi

Tues., July 9 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Trust by Hernan Diaz



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

Thurs., June 20 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Quiet Tenant by Clémence Michallon

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

The Heiress by Rachel Hawkins



RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

Mon., June 24 at 5:30-7 p.m.

In the Lives of Puppets by T.J. Klune

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

This month, we'll be finding our own adventures! There isn't a set book to check out, so come share what you read on your own and help us discover more amazing LGBTQ+ books!



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

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

Fri., June 14 at 2-3 p.m.

Starling House by Alix E. Harrow

Fri., July 19 at 2-3 p.m.

The House in the Pines by Ana Reyes



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

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

Let's discuss our favorite summer reads over some coffee and cookies. Come join the Community Readers as we explore our Top 6 Books that can be found on page 15.

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

Community Readers, have you decided which of the Top 6 Books is your favorite? Let's discuss over coffee and cookies.



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

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

Wed., June 26 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., July 31 at 2-3 p.m.



JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

We will be discussing old favorites and new books along with the Top 6 Picks for the summer.

Thurs., June 27 at 2-3 p.m.

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



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., June 3 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Did You Hear About Kitty Karr? by Crystal Smith Paul



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Fri., June 20 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing the Elizabeth Smart case and her autobiography, *My Story*.

Fri., July 18 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing the novel *A Serial Killer's Daughter: My Story of Faith, Love, and Overcoming*, written from the perspective of the BTK murderer's daughter, Kerri Rawson.



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

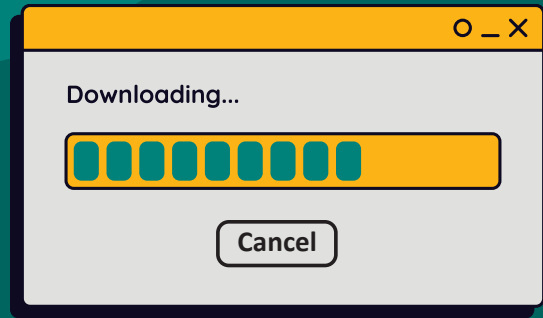
Sat., June 22 at 2-3 p.m.

Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir

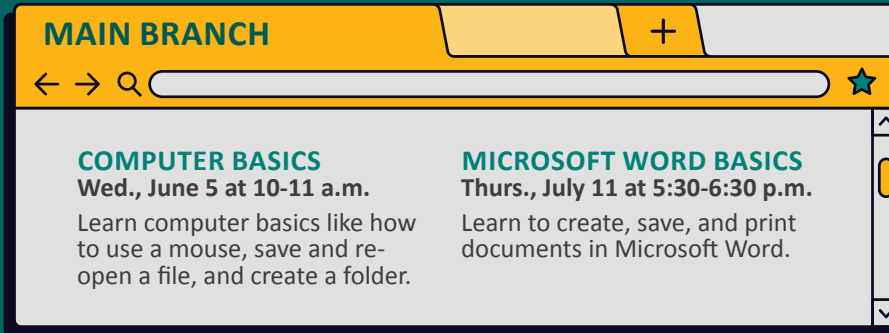
Sat., July 27 at 2-3 p.m.

Fairy Tale by Stephen King

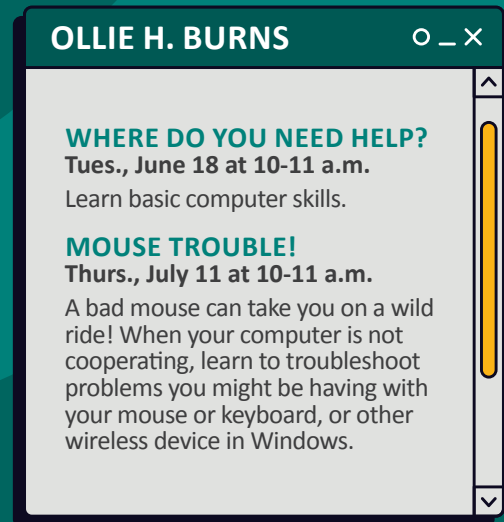
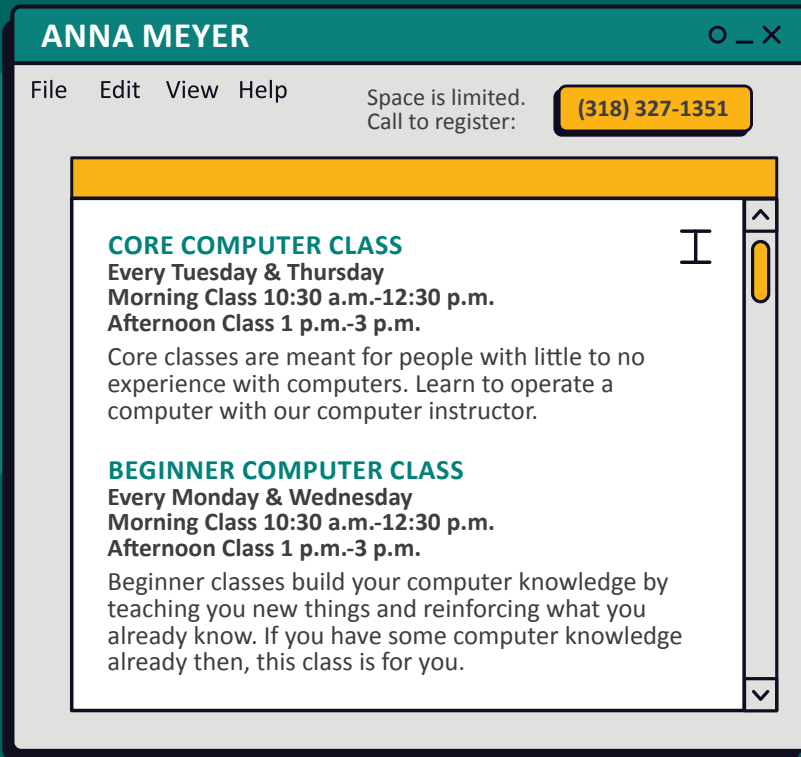
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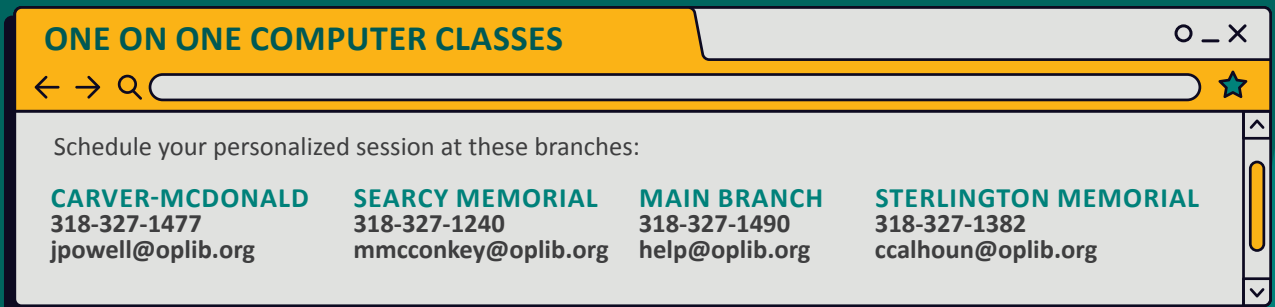
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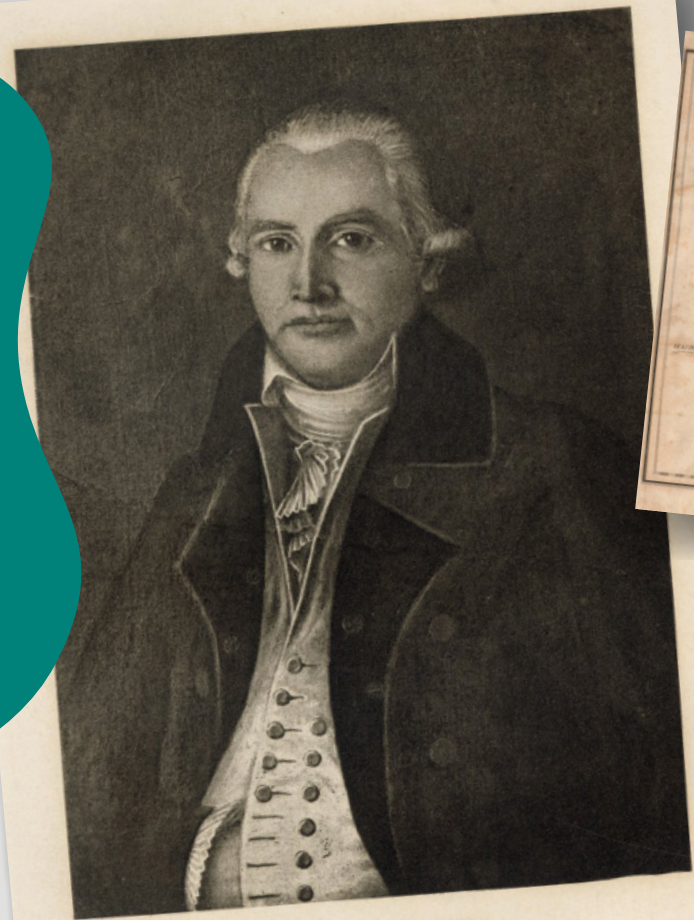


FROM THE ARCHIVES

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ADVENTURES OF YESTERDAY DUNBAR HUNTER EXPEDITION

Since Summer Reading Challenge 2024 is all about *Adventure and Adventure Begins at Your Library*, this "From the Archives" is about an early Louisiana adventure, the Dunbar and Hunter expedition up the Washita River now known as the Ouachita River. In 1803, when Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France, sold the Louisiana Territory to Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, Jefferson authorized four ventures into the new territory as part of his Corps of Discovery. These expeditions to explore the new territory included the well-known Lewis and Clark expedition into the northern part of the territory led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in May 1804, the expedition up the Ouachita River in 1804-1805 led by William Dunbar and George Hunter, the Red River Expedition in 1806 led by Thomas Freeman and Peter Custis, and the Zebulon Pike expedition into the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest in 1806-1807. Since much of the Louisiana Purchase had not been mapped, these expeditions were a



Guill^o Dunbar

way to learn about the geography, animals, and plants of the region. Jefferson also wanted to establish friendly relations with Native American tribes in Louisiana so that fur trading would prosper.

William Dunbar and George Hunter were not the first Europeans to explore the Ouachita River area. Don Juan (Jean-Baptiste) Filhiol had already established Fort Miro and French and Spanish settlers had hunted, traded, and farmed along the Black and Ouachita Rivers. Trade relations with the Native Americans living there had already been established before Dunbar and Hunter traveled into the region.

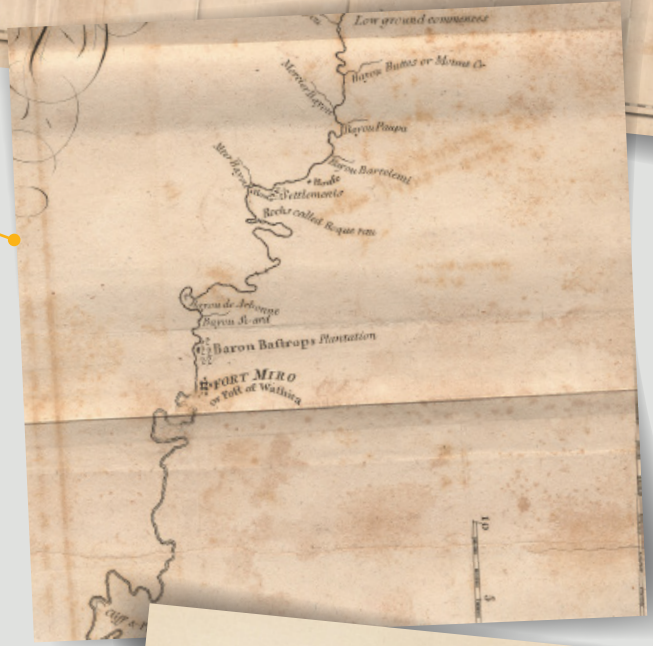
The expedition into the Ouachita River area began October 16, 1804, about 15 miles south of Natchez, Mississippi. The group traveled the Mississippi River south to the mouth of the Red River. They reached the Black River on October 19. By October 23rd, the party reached the mouth of the Ouachita River where they camped. They traveled on

King, N. Map of the Washita river in Louisiana from the Hot Springs to the confluence of the Red River with the Mississippi.



London: R. Phillips, 1804. Map. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/item/2004633176/

reaching the Boeuf Prairie and Turkey Creek areas of Franklin Parish on October 31. They reached Fort Miro November 6 and met with Lieutenant Bowmar who had taken possession of the settlement for the United States. Hunter wrote in his journal "About half past 3 pm arrived at the Military post originally called fort Miro named after a Governor of that name at Orleans formerly. The Spanish old stockade fort has been torn down, and a new small one without cannon or port holes erected by the Americans under Leuit. Bowman". Filhiol, who had explored the Ouachita as early as 1782, had seen the area pass from Spain to France and then to America. The expedition stayed in the Fort Miro area until November 15 when they continued up the Ouachita River into southern Arkansas. They reached what is present day Camden on November 22 and then traveled past the Little Missouri River on to Hot Springs, Arkansas with the last nine miles being overland. They explored the area around Hot Springs for a month before heading homeward January 8, 1805. The group stopped at Fort Miro on the return trip and finally arrived back in Natchez, Mississippi on January 27, 1805.



William Dunbar and George Hunter expected to make another larger, longer expedition but politics and personal issues kept that from happening. They provided detailed reports about the Ouachita River area. These reports, a map and letters between Dunbar and President Jefferson provide more information. Thomas Jefferson included accounts of the expedition in his report to Congress and by the time Dunbar died in 1810 he had published twelve papers on the part of the Louisiana Purchase that included what is now Ouachita parish.

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1804 } admitting delay: the soil here is equal to the
October } best Mississippi bottoms; the proprietor says the
high mount is not less than 80 feet perpendicular, of this we shall form some estimate at our return. We obtained from him the following list of distances from the mouth of the red river to the Post on the Washita called Fort Miro.

From the mouth of Red river to the mouth of black river	10 Leagues
To the mouths of Catahoola, Washita & Tenza	22
To the River Ha-ha on the right	1
To the Prairie de Villemont on the same	5
To Bayou Louis on the same — rapids here	1
To Bayou Boeufs on the same	4
To the Prairie Noyée (drowned Savannah)	3
To Pine point on the left	4½
To the Bayou Calumet	3½
To the Coal mine on the right & Gypsum on the opposite shore	3
To the 1 st Settlement	12
To Fort Miro	22
Leagues	91.

Documents relating to the purchase & exploration of Louisiana. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Company, 1904



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