



## Librarians will play book matchmaker during month of February

No matter the relationship status, anyone can fall in love with a good book. Ouachita Parish Public Library staff will play matchmaker and pair patrons with the perfect book during February, which is Library Lovers' Month.

"Whether you enjoy a short mystery or a thick biography, our librarians are here to recommend books that we think you'll fall head over heels for," said OPPL Director Robin Toms.

Anyone with a library card can get a perfect match from a librarian. Patrons can simply fill out a short interest survey at the reference desk at any branch, and a librarian will recommend a book that he or she believes will be read cover to cover. Librarians will use answers to questions like: Who are your favorite authors? and What topics will you absolutely not read? to find the right book.

"There are literally millions of books in the world, and we have over a quarter-million items in our system alone. It can be a little overwhelming to choose what book to read next," said OPPL Head of Reference Jade Wheeler. "But librarians are specially trained to narrow the search to exactly what is needed. My job is to find the information you need and the books that you may appreciate."

Any person living or working in Ouachita Parish may receive a library card. Residents should bring in proof of identity and proof of address to the library for an application. People working in the parish but living outside the parish should provide proof of employment in addition to proof of identification and proof of address. For details, call 318.327.1490.

### **About the Ouachita Parish Public Library**

The Ouachita Parish Public Library is dedicated to service to everyone. Fulfilling the educational, informational, recreational and technical needs of these people is the Ouachita Parish Public Library's broad purpose. The library serves a diverse community of approximately 160,000 people. To meet this mission the library has 10 locations throughout the parish, plus a bookmobile, outreach services and e-services online at [www.oplib.org](http://www.oplib.org).