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JUNE/JULY 2022

FROM THE
OUACHITA PARISH
PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINE
AMNESTY
WEEK

DON'T LET THOSE
LIBRARY FINES KEEP
US APART!

TOP 6 BOOKS
FOR EVERY
AGE GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR KIDS, TEENS AND
ADULTS



OCEANS OF
POSSIBILITIES

2022 SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE

WIN PRIZES BY READING!

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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!

Library Closures:

Closed for Independence Day, Monday, July 4th



GOT FINES? IT'S FINE!

YOU'RE FINE. WE'RE FINE.
**And we really don't want those
fines to keep us apart!**

Visit any branch of the Ouachita Parish Public Library during Fine Amnesty Week to have all of your overdue fines forgiven, up to \$200. Bring your Library card or photo ID. Fine amnesty is for all ages, but kids will need to have their parent or guardian present.

The Library is giving its patrons an opportunity to clear their outstanding fines and welcoming them back to the Library just in time for the Summer Reading Challenge. **From Wednesday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 8, 2022**, Ouachita Parish Public Library will hold an Amnesty Week, which will allow fines on patrons' accounts to be forgiven, up to \$200. To gain fine forgiveness, patrons must visit a Library branch with their Library card or photo ID. Once the patron's account is verified, the Library will clear fines regardless of their age. Children 16 and younger must be accompanied by the parent or guardian who signed their account.

The Library is aware that difficulties paying fines can prevent a reader from using the Library and its services. "This is the perfect opportunity to check your bookcases, under your bed, or in your car to recover forgotten Library books," says Nancy Green, Acting Library Director. "Things happen and the Library doesn't judge. We want readers back in the Library using our services, especially when kids are out of school for summer."

For more info, visit: oplib.org/amnestyweek



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

All Hardbacks: 50 cents, Paperbacks: 25 cents, Children's books: 10 cents. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming.

West Ouachita Branch

June 24-25 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | July 29-30 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



SIGN UP!

FOR THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

What is the summer reading challenge?

Since 1948, the Ouachita Parish Public Library has challenged 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 completing community challenges.

Who can join the summer reading challenge?

Anyone with a Ouachita Parish Public Library card! There are three age categories for the summer reading challenge, with different page goals, prizes and programs. Children ages 12 and under can join the Kids Category, teens ages 13-17 can join the Teen Category, and adults 18 and up can join the Adult Category. If you do not have a Ouachita Parish Public Library card, you can apply for a free Library card at any branch.

When does the summer reading challenge begin and end?

June 1 - July 31, 2022

What is this year's theme?

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

The 2022 theme is Oceans of Possibilities, which means this summer we are going to have a yacht of fun! Shorely, we will sea you there!

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.



AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE

MAKE
READING
FUN!



WHAT IS THE SUMMER SLIDE?

The summer slide is a term for the period of summer learning loss that many children experience. Children who don't read during the summer can lose two months of the previous year's academic gains. Their classmates who do read for fun during the summer are prepared for the next school year and ready to learn. By the sixth grade, children who do not regularly read during the previous summers can be two academic years behind their peers.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE?

It's simple – read for fun! Make reading aloud with your child a daily habit and encourage your child to read for fun on their own. Here are tips for making reading a FUN TIME!

F FIND THEIR OWN BOOKS. Let your child browse the Library shelves for books they are interested in. You will be surprised at what they select! Even if the book is above or below their reading level, let them check it out. Reading above their reading level will push them forward and reading below their reading level will build their literacy confidence.

U UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE READING. Ask your child questions about what they are reading. This will help them build comprehension, and it will create stimulating conversation between parent and child. Instead of testing your child on their books, ask open-ended questions like, "What is this story about? Tell me about your favorite character. What's the most exciting thing that has happened in this book?"

N NEVER USE READING AS DISCIPLINE. If there's one way to suck the fun out of reading, it's to use it as punishment. Your child should never associate reading with negative emotions like anger or shame.

T TAKE THEM TO THE LIBRARY. Sign your child up for their very own Library card!

I INCENTIVIZE READING by registering your child for the summer reading challenge. The Library gives out fun prizes for reading. If they complete the summer reading challenge, they'll be entered to win the grand prize: a bicycle from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita.

M MODEL READING. Register yourself for the summer reading challenge! Make the summer reading challenge a family affair.

E ENJOY IT! Find unique ways to make reading fun for your individual child.



HOW DO I WIN PRIZES?

WIN PRIZES BY READING!

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

KIDS

Bookbag with book and coloring book	750 PAGES
Award ribbon and cup	500 PAGES
Certificate, badge book, and a pencil	250 PAGES

TEENS

1,500 PAGES	Book and coupon from local restaurant	
1,000 PAGES	Tumbler and moptopper pen	
500 PAGES	Drawstring backpack with frisbee	

ADULTS

1,500 PAGES	Entry into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings	
1,000 PAGES	Collectible canvas tote bag	
500 PAGES	Phone wallet	

END-OF-SUMMER GRAND PRIZES

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 Club 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:



READ!

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



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:

Enjoy the Water. Play in the sprinkler in your backyard; or, read beside the bayou; or, go swimming or fishing; or, tell us how you enjoyed the water.

Explore the Water. Kayak down the bayou; or, learn about ocean life or local waterways; or, watch an oceanography documentary; or, tell us how you explored the water.

Save the Water. Instead of using disposable cups, use a reusable water bottle, cup, or mug; or, pick up litter to keep it out of waterways; or, tell us how you conserved water.



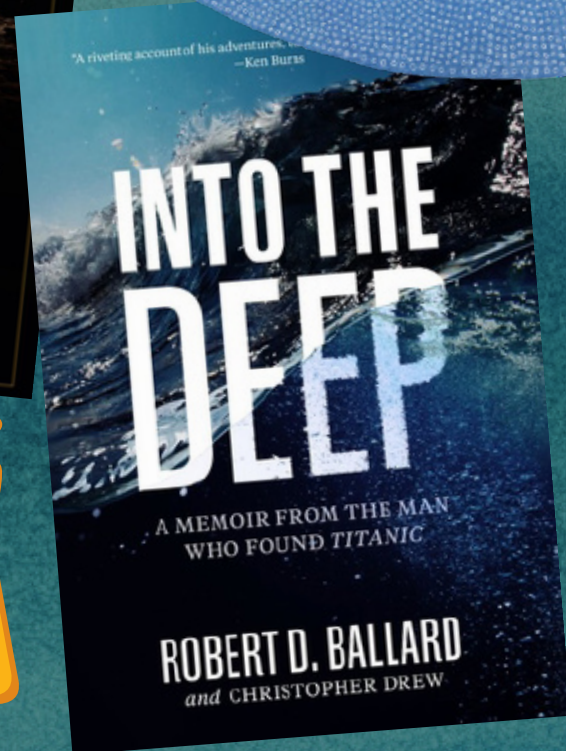
ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM.

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.



ADULT TOP 6 BOOK PICKS

AFTER THE FLOOD BY KASSANDRA MONTAG

A tale set in an anarchic near-future America of mountaintop colonies surrounded by rising oceans finds an independent woman trading for supplies and information about the daughter who was stolen from her eight years earlier. **Available in print, book-on-cd, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book, and on the Hoopla app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

DEAD WAKE: THE LAST CROSSING OF THE LUSITANIA BY ERIK LARSON

The author of *In the Garden of Beasts* presents a 100th-anniversary chronicle of the sinking of the *Lusitania* that discusses the factors that led to the tragedy and the contributions of such figures as President Wilson, bookseller Charles Lauriat and architect Theodate Pope Riddle. **Available in print, large print, book-on-cd, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

INTO THE DEEP: A MEMOIR FROM THE MAN WHO FOUND TITANIC BY ROBERT D. BALLARD AND CHRISTOPHER DREW

Oceanographer and marine biologist Robert D. Ballard looks back on a long and storied life that includes accomplishments ranging from discovering new life-forms to finding the wreck of the Titanic. **Available in print, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*



THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN BY LISA SEE

While working as divers with the all-female diving collective on a small Korean island, Mi-ja and Young-sook find their friendship challenged by their differences and forces outside their control. **Available in print, large print, book-on-cd, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

SEA WIFE BY AMITY GAIGE

A young family escapes suburbia for a year-long sailing trip that upends all of their lives. **Available in print, large print, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

THE SHARK CLUB BY ANN KIDD TAYLOR

Nearly two decades after surviving a shark attack in the Gulf of Mexico, a world-traveling marine biologist and respected “shark whisperer” harbors private insecurities that compel her to return to her Florida coast home to explore old and new relationships. **Available in print, large print, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

ANNA MEYER BRANCH		
ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER CLASSES	June 3 at 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Your choice of a one-hour or two-hour personalized session set up for learning at your own pace. Meet with the instructor a week before to customize your session. Register (318) 327-1351
OCEAN PAINTING	June 17 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Join us as we make paintings based around the ocean. Let your mind take you to the depths with this painting session!
HIGH SEAS MOVIE	July 15 at 3-5 p.m.	Join us for the high seas adventure of <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl</i> !
MAIN		
INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	June 7 at 10-11:30 a.m.	Computer class for adults who want to learn basic computer skills.
HOLLY'S HOBBIES: SHELL ART ON CANVAS	June 16 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Create an art piece using seashells and sea glass.
HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE	June 22 at 10-11:30 a.m.	Learn how to use the Library's website and catalog to access many free resources and services.
INTERNET NAVIGATION	July 7 at 10-11:30 a.m.	Learn how to safely search and find information on the Internet.
FREE E-BOOK & E-AUDIO-BOOKS	July 19 at 2-3:30 p.m.	BYOD: Bring your own smartphone or tablet and learn how to install and use Library apps to get free e-books and e-audio-books.
PUB-STYLE TRIVIA	July 21 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Theme: Oceans
WEST OUACHITA		
PLANT SWAP	June 2 at 1:30-3 p.m.	Come join us for a plant swap! Bring some plants and take some plants!
SEASHORE PAINTING	July 21 at 1:30-3 p.m.	Come join us for a fun painting class! We will be painting a seashore.
WEST MONROE		
GEORGE STRICKLAND FROM BAYOU DIVERS	June 1 at 2-3 p.m.	Mr. George Strickland from Bayou Divers will speak about diving basics and how you get certified to dive. He will show us the equipment to use as well.
CREATE A STARFISH WITH SHELLS OR SPARE BUTTONS	July 6 at 2-3 p.m.	Bring your own spare buttons or small sea shells to glue to a starfish shape and create your own starfish. Some supplies will be on hand. Limited to 10 adults. Register: (318) 327-1365 and leave your name and phone number
CARVER-MCDONALD		
CLAY TEXTURE FISH PROJECT	June 16 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Alyssa Guidry, Curator of Education & Public Programs at the Masur Museum, will use clay to sculpt a fish using provided templates. A fish plaque will be the finished product.
AN ARTIST'S VIEW OF THE OCEAN WAVES!	June 30 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Artist Daryl Triplett has been a talented art teacher and an instructor at LA Delta Community College. He will demonstrate how to blend the different layers of colors to create a picture on canvas panel.
AN UNDERWATER TROPICAL SEA WREATH!	July 14 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Shirley Neal will demonstrate how to make a coastal wreath featuring sea green wood decor, a collection of sea side accents, and sea shells.
OCEAN: UNDERWATER SEA WORLD MOVIE	July 21 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Join us for nature's unforgettable colorful scenery of sea life and marine creatures under the sea.
OUACHITA VALLEY		
CHRISTOPHER DREW AND JACQUELINE DEROBERTIS	June 9 at 1-3 p.m.	Christopher Drew and Jacqueline DeRobertis, co-author and researchers of the book, <i>Into the Deep: A Memoir of the Man Who Found Titanic</i> , will discuss researching and writing about the discovery of the <i>Titanic</i> . Presented virtually in our meeting room.
CREATIVE THURSDAYS: SPARKLERS IN A JAR PAINTING	June 16 at 1-3 p.m.	Get ready for Independence Day with this patriotic painting! Supplies furnished. Limited to 12 artists. Register in person or by phone beginning May 31: (318) 327-1470
GROWN-UP SHOW-AND-TELL WORKSHOP	June 23 at 1-3 p.m.	Author and Personal Historian Deanne Groves presents a "Grown-Up Show-and-Tell" workshop for adults. Bring a special item from your past and tell a story about it. Limited to 10 adults. Registration for those with show-and-tell items begins June 6. Audience is encouraged and welcomed!
CREATIVE THURSDAYS: BEACH GNOME PAINTING	July 21 at 1-3 p.m.	Paint the beach life with a cute gnome! Supplies furnished. Limited to 12 artists. Register in person or by phone beginning July 5: (318) 327-1470

OLLIE BURNS

OCEAN BINGO	June 7 at 10-11 a.m.	Ocean Bingo! We dive deep into oceanography terms and win prizes when we get Bingo!
20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA	July 26 at 10-11 a.m.	<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> is a 1954 American Technicolor science fiction-adventure film under the sea and one of the first features shot in CinemaScope.

STERLINGTON BRANCH

SEAFOOD RECIPE SWAP	Entire Month of June	Come swap your favorite seafood recipes!
TREAT YOUR SOIL WELL! COMPOSTING	June 14 at 10-11 a.m.	Master Gardener, Kerry Heafner, LSUAg will discuss how to enrich your soil with composting.
DAY TRIPS FROM MONROE	July 19 at 1-2 p.m.	Learn about local day trips with Lora Peppers, OPPL's Genealogy Associate.

LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

FROM SEEDS TO FLOWERS: ALL ABOUT SEEDS	June 2 at 1-2:30 p.m.	Join us while Kerry Heafner from LSUAg gives a demonstration about flower seeds. Please bring seeds for a seed swap.
FROM WOOD TO BEAUTIFUL BOWLS	June 20 at 1-2:30 p.m.	Come see Mr. Reagan turn wood into beautiful bowls.
HOW TO MAKE BODY SCRUBS	July 7 at 1-2:30 p.m.	Please join us while we watch Courtney Worthy, the owner of Scentworthy, demonstrates how to make body scrubs.
DAY TRIPS FROM MONROE, LA	July 18 at 1-2 p.m.	Join Lora Peppers of the Library's Genealogy and Special Collections Department as she shares hidden jewels of day trips from Monroe.

SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

JACQUES COUSTEAU - UNDERWATER EXPLORER	June 16 at 2-3:30 p.m.	Join us as we explore the depths of the ocean with Monsieur Cousteau. We will have a brief biography of the famous underwater explorer followed by the showing of <i>Water Planet - The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau</i> .
AQUARIUM IN A JAR	July 7 at 2-3 p.m.	Want an aquarium but have no time for the upkeep? Join us to make a no maintenance aquarium in a jar. Enjoy an ocean scene in the comfort of your home anytime! Limited to 10 patrons Register starting June 20: (318) 327-1240

BOOK CLUBS

RAINBOW READS MAIN BRANCH

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. Please email hpriestley@oplib.org for more information.

June 27 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green

July 25 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Flocks* by L. Nichols

WEST OUACHITA

June 16 at 1:30-3 p.m. *Maiden Voyages* by Siân Evans

July 14 at 1:30-3 p.m. *Into the Deep* by Robert D. Ballard

BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE BRANCH

Meet and discuss their favorite books that they have read lately.

June 29 at 2-3 p.m. | July 27 at 2-3 p.m.

HISTORICAL ROMANCE OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

July 28 at 1-3 p.m. *A Song for the Stars* by Ilima Todd

COMIC CLUB ANNA MEYER BRANCH

June 10 at 3-5 p.m. Dive into Comic Club as we discuss DC's king of the seven seas, Aquaman! Adults and teens are welcome.

July 8 at 3-5 p.m. Get drawn in to Comic Club as we discuss the realm of teenage superheroes and sidekicks! Adults and teens are welcome.

LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN BRANCH

For lovers of literary fiction.

June 14 at 6-7:30 p.m. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

July 12 at 6-7:30 p.m. *Mycroft Holmes* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Join our Facebook group and discuss great books! Books are available in print and on the Hoopla app as both e-books and e-audio-books.

Month of June *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Month of July Coming soon! Watch our Facebook group to find out!

MOCHA MONDAY MAIN BRANCH

Reading books by authors of color or featuring people of color.

June 6 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Open Water* by Caleb Azumah Nelson

SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON BRANCH

Focus on Sci-Fi and/or Fantasy books.

June 25 at 2-3 p.m. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

July 23 at 2-3 p.m. *Thunderhead* by Neal Shusterman

COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

June 21 at 10-11 a.m. *Sea Wife* by Amity Gaige

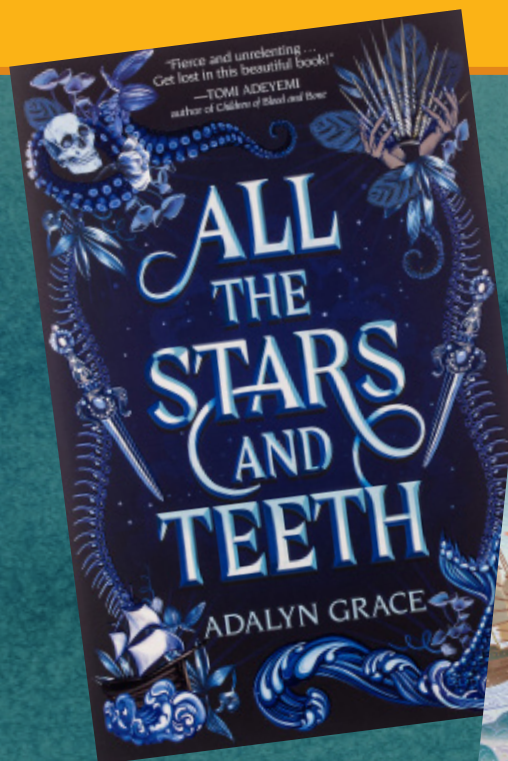
July 19 at 10-11 a.m. *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson

JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

We will be discussing old and new ocean themed books.

June 30 at 2-3 p.m. | July 28 at 2-3 p.m.

TEEN TOP 6 BOOK PICKS



ALL THE STARS AND TEETH BY ADALYN GRACE

Raised in the arts of royal magic as heir to the throne of her island kingdom, Amora Montara is forced to flee in the wake of a spell gone wrong and teams up with a mysterious pirate to prove her worthiness to rule. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

A CLASH OF STEEL: A TREASURE ISLAND REMIX BY C. B. LEE

Xiang and Anh—ages sixteen and seventeen—hunt the South China Sea for the lost treasure of the fabled pirate queen Zheng Yi Sao. **Available in print, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book, and on the Hoopla app as an e-audio-book.*

DAUGHTER OF THE PIRATE KING BY TRICIA LEVENSELLER

When her father, the ruthless pirate king, discovers that a legendary treasure map can be found on an enemy ship, his daughter Alosa knows that there's only one pirate for the job — herself. Leaving behind her beloved ship and crew, Alosa deliberately facilitates her own kidnapping to ensure her welcome on the ship. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

FABLE BY ADRIENNE YOUNG

Seventeen-year-old Fable joins the young, motley crew of the *Marigold* to escape the island where her father abandoned her, but she quickly realizes life off the island is more dangerous than she imagined. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

SALT TO THE SEA BY RUTA SEPETYS

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull. **Available in print, on book-on-cd, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

SKIN OF THE SEA BY NATASHA BOWEN

Simi, a Mami Wata—a type of mermaid who collects the souls of those who die at sea—goes against an ancient decree by saving the life of a living boy and must now make amends in order to save the fate of all Mami Wata and the world as she knows it. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*



TEEN PROGRAMS

ANNA MEYER BRANCH		
D&D: OCEAN ADVENTURE	June 24 at 3-5 p.m.	Join up for a D&D adventure on the ocean. Explore the depths and fight mighty beasts in this one-shot adventure!
PIRATE PARTY	July 22 at 3-4 p.m.	Aye Mateys! Join us for a pirate party! Pirate games, pirate crafts, and pirate fun for teens! Talking like a pirate is highly recommended!
LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH		
MARINE ANIMAL ORIGAMI	June 6 at 4-5 p.m.	Learn how to make seahorses, stingrays, jellyfish, and more out of paper! You can take home your finished origami or leave it at the library to be displayed as decoration in the YA room for all of summer.
SATURDAY HANGOUT	June 18 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Come by and hang out anytime Saturday in the YA room! Play games, get crafty, or watch movies all day long.
OCEAN MOSAIC COLLABORATION PROJECT	June 27 at 4-5 p.m.	Come and leave your mark by adding to our collaborative ocean mosaic. The finished mosaic will be displayed in the Louise Williams Branch Library during the month of July.
NAUTICAL KNOT CRAFT	July 11 at 4-5 p.m.	How do sailors use different knots around a ship? We will learn how to tie different kinds of nautical knots and then make a bracelet or keychain that would make any sailor proud.
SATURDAY HANGOUT	July 23 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Come by and hang out anytime Saturday in the YA room! Play games, get crafty, or watch movies all day long.
SEASHELL WINDCHIME CRAFT	July 28 at 4-5 p.m.	Join us in making your own nautical windchime. Customize using seashells, beads, and more to take home your own piece of the beach!
MAIN BRANCH		
THE GREAT WAVE OFF KANAGAWA COLLABORATION ART PROJECT	June 7 at 2:30-4 p.m.	Work together to color <i>The Great Wave Off Kanagawa</i> . Then it will be displayed in the library the rest of the summer.
OPEN CANVAS	June 21 at 2:30-4 p.m.	Create a painting that describes your vibe this summer.
OCEAN ORIGAMI	July 12 at 2:30-4 p.m.	Make fish, sharks, and more from paper.
SEA SLIME	July 26 at 2:30-4 p.m.	Make sea slime at the library.
OLLIE BURNS BRANCH		
DIY TRIDENT	June 9 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Build a DIY trident prop for your under the sea dreams! We will also be showing the movie <i>Aquaman</i> for real-time inspiration!
3D OCEAN CANVAS	June 16 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Create a 3D ocean canvas with shaving cream and other materials. Customize your own piece of the ocean!
MASON JAR AQUARIUM	July 14 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Fill and customize a mini aquarium with figurines of fish, seashells, and mermaids! Build a mess and stress free version of an aquarium!
MERMAID SLIME	July 21 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	A fantastical twist on ocean slime! Build your own mermaid themed slime!
WEST MONROE BRANCH		
UNDERWATER POKÉBALL	June 7 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Teens are invited to create their own Pokéball filled with undersea creatures!
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN	June 17 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.	Come kick back and relax, enjoying the swashbuckling movie... <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales</i>
PERCY JACKSON DAY!	June 21 at 2:30-4 p.m.	Celebrate the demigod of the seas with trivia, tie-dye camp shirts, and decorative river rocks!
MERMAIDS AND PIRATES	July 5 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Ahoy Mateys! Come create your very own pirate chest filled with a jar of Mermaid Sugar Scrub!
ATLANTIS ADVENTURE	July 15 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.	Teens are invited to come chill and enjoy the underwater movie.... <i>Aquaman</i> !
NAUTICAL VASE	July 19 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Teens are invited to come create a decorative vase in a nautical, undersea style!

OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

ERUPTING SIDEWALK ART	June 18 at 2-3 p.m.	Join us to make sidewalk chalk paint and beautify the Library sidewalks and courtyard with art or words of inspiration. This isn't just any sidewalk paint though; after painting, we'll make it fizz and bubble! Weather permitting.
WEEKEND WIND DOWN	June 25 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Stop by anytime Saturday to hang out in the game room! Giant Jenga and perler beads will be available, and movies will run continuously all day.
SCUBA SIGNS	June 27 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	How do divers communicate with each other underwater? Learn about scuba hand signals and other forms of sign language through a series of games.
TIE DYE ON ICE	July 16 at 2-3 p.m.	Beat the summer heat with this craft! We will learn the ice-dye method to create a water color dye look on your choice of fabric accessory. Weather permitting and registration required. Visit the Ouachita Valley Branch Library or call Jessica at 318-327-1470 to register, starting July 1st.
WEEKEND WIND DOWN	July 23 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Stop by anytime Saturday to hang out in the game room! Giant Jenga and perler beads will be available, and movies will run continuously all day.
EAT YOUR WATER BOTTLE	July 25 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Let's get creative about reducing plastic waste! Learn to make edible water pods from algae, and give your non-edible, reusable water bottle a fun look by designing your own stickers.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL BRANCH

OCEAN TAPE PAINTING	June 8 at 2-4 p.m.	Paint an Under the Sea style painting to be later added to and displayed in the YA section of the Library.
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS	June 22 at 2-4 p.m.	Watch the <i>March of the Penguins</i> movie.
CD OCEAN MOSAIC	July 6 at 2-4 p.m.	Add to the Under the Sea painting by adding dimensions with old recycled CD's.
HAPPY FEET	July 20 at 2-4 p.m.	Watch the <i>Happy Feet</i> movie.

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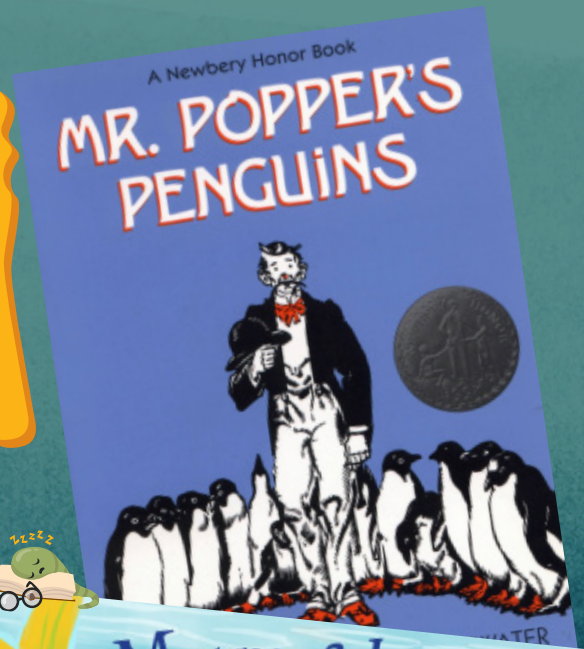
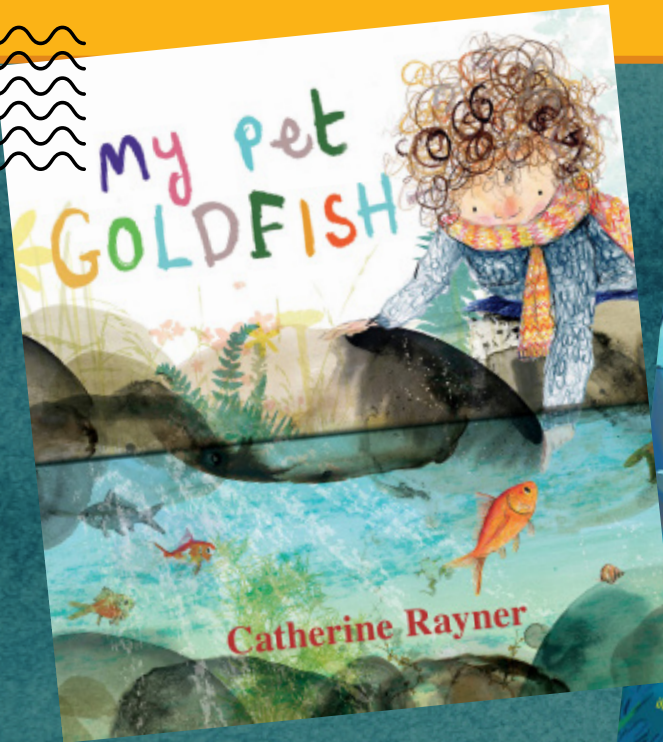
DIY BEACH TOTES	June 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Teens are invited to come and paint their own beach tote!
MASON JAR AQUARIUM	June 28 at 4-5 p.m.	Teens are invited to come and make their own aquarium!
SHRINKY DINK SEALIFE PINS	July 12 at 4-5 p.m.	Teens are invited to come join us and make sea creature Shrinky Dink pins!
PAINTING WITH A POP	July 26 at 4-5 p.m.	Teens are invited to come paint with us! We will be painting sea turtles.

SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

RESIN BEACH COASTER CRAFT	June 7 at 4-5 p.m.	Make your own beach-themed coaster out of resin. Old t-shirts and closed-toe shoes recommended.
D&D ON THE HIGH SEAS	June 28 at 4-5:30 p.m.	Pick a pre-made character for this two-session nautical Dungeons and Dragons adventure. Join us for a single session or both.
D&D ON THE HIGH SEAS	July 5 at 4-5:30 p.m.	Pick a pre-made character for this two-session nautical Dungeons and Dragons adventure. Join us for a single session or both.
MACRAME FISHNET BAG CRAFT	July 26 at 4-5 p.m.	Make your own fishnet-style tote bag with macrame.



KIDS TOP 6 BOOK PICKS



MERMAID KENZIE: PROTECTOR OF THE DEEPS BY CHARLOTTE WATSON SHERMAN

When Kenzie slips on her mermaid tail, she becomes Mermaid Kenzie, protector of the deeps. One day as Kenzie snorkels around a shipwreck, she discovers more plastic bags than fish. Grabbing her spear and mermaid net, she begins to clean up the water and the shore—inspiring other kids to help. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book.*

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS BY RICHARD ATWATER

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions. **Available in print, on book-on-cd, and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

MY PET GOLDFISH BY CATHERINE RAYNER

Follow Richard the growing goldfish from an indoor tank to an outdoor pond in a story filled with gorgeous multilayered illustrations and sprinkled with fascinating facts. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book.*

SHARK LADY: THE TRUE STORY OF HOW EUGENIE CLARK BECAME THE OCEAN'S MOST FEARLESS SCIENTIST BY JESS KEATING

At 9 years old, Eugenie Clark developed an unexpected passion for sharks after a visit to the Battery Park Aquarium in New York City. At the time, sharks were seen as mindless killing machines, but Eugenie knew better and set out to prove it. Despite many obstacles in her path, Eugenie was able to study the creatures she loved so much. From her many discoveries to the shark-related myths she dispelled, Eugenie's wide scientific contributions led to the well-earned nickname "Shark Lady." **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-audio-book.*

SONG FOR A WHALE BY LYNN KELLY

From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only Deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris understands how he must feel. Then she has an idea: she should invent a way to "sing" to him! But he's three thousand miles away. How will she play her song for him? **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audio-book.*

THE THREE LITTLE FISH AND THE BIG BAD SHARK BY KEN GEIST

In a spoof of "The Three Little Pigs," Jim Fish builds his house of seaweed and Tim Fish builds his house of sand, but Kim Fish smartly sets up house in an old sunken ship to keep the big bad shark from destroying it. **Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book.*



KID PROGRAMS

MAIN BRANCH		AGES	
SEA LIFE CANVAS ART	June 1 at 2-3 p.m.	6-12	Using a variety of sea materials, create your very own sea life scene.
GOLDFISH BINGO	June 15 at 2-3 p.m.	3-12	Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of bingo and goldfish facts. Everyone participating will receive a coupon to PetSmart to redeem for a goldfish.
SUPER SIZZLIN: SEA LIFE CRAFT	June 18 at 2-3 p.m.	9-12	Draw and decorate sea life animals.
SUPER SIZZLIN: SEA LIFE CRAFT	July 16 at 2-3 p.m.	9-12	Draw and decorate sea life animals.
ZOO WATER BUDDIES	July 27 at 2-3 p.m.	Family	Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo will bring and teach about wetland animals.
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES: AQUATICS EDUCATION & FISH ANATOMY CRAFT	July 28 at 2-3 p.m.	Family	Aquatics education & fish anatomy craft.
OLLIE BURNS BRANCH		AGES	
OCEAN ANIMALS BINGO	June 8 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	Kids, let's experience a fun way to learn about ocean animals. Let's play Ocean Bingo! You will also have a chance to pick a prize.
FAMILY MOVIE: LUCA	June 22 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Family	Catch the wave and join us for a fun movie!
BEACH PARTY	July 13 at 3-4 p.m.	3-12	Surf's up! Kids, join us for an exciting day of sand, sun, and fun! We'll have games, crafts, music, sidewalk chalk, sensory play, and prizes just for participating.
JELLYFISH SALT PAINTING	July 27 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	Let's experiment with salt, glue, and watercolor to create colorful ocean art.
CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH		AGES	
GROWING SEA LIFE CHARACTERS	June 9 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Family	Use your imagination, explore, and play while growing your own foam sea life creatures!
OCTOPUS CRAFT	June 23 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Family	Make a decorative octopus to hang over a door at the Library or your home.
WATER BOTTLE SEA CREATURE DESIGN CHALLENGE	July 7 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Family	Learn about recycling by turning a plastic water bottle into a sea creature. Be creative and do your best because your completed craft will be displayed in the library, judged, and might even win a prize!
CALM DOWN BOTTLE	July 21 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Family	Create a calming bottle to remind you of peaceful ocean waves. Take home for moments of tranquility when you need it. Adult assistance required for younger children.
STERLINGTON BRANCH		AGES	
UNDER THE SEA PAINTING	June 10 at 1-2 p.m.	6-12	Love to paint? Join us for step-by-step directions on how to paint a beautiful under the sea picture!
FAMILY MOVIE	June 24 at 1-3 p.m.	Family	Join us for a family showing of Disney's <i>The Princess and the Frog</i> !
BINGO	July 8 at 1-3 p.m.	6-12	Join us for BINGO!
FAMILY MOVIE	July 22 at 1-3 p.m.	Family	Join us for a family showing of Disney's <i>Finding Nemo</i> !
ANNA MEYER BRANCH		AGES	
CHILDREN'S CINEMA: THE LITTLE MERMAID	June 4 at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Family	Join us for movie time fun as we feature the popular classic: <i>The Little Mermaid</i> .
TROPICAL FISH MOBILES	June 23 at 3-4 p.m.	3-12	Get crafty and create your own 3-D fish mobile.
SEA CREATURE MOSAICS	July 7 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	Join us for some fun as we create cool fish mosaics.
SEA CREATURE CANVAS BAGS	July 22 at 3-4 p.m.	3-12	Show your creative side and color your own sea creature canvas bag!
OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH		AGES	
PIRATE SHIP CRAFT	June 8 at 2-3 p.m.	6-12	Turn an origami boat into a cool pirate ship! Limited to 20. Register in person or by phone between June 2-8: (318) 327-1470 ext. 4206 (Betty) or 4207 (Sharee).
KAYAK, PADDLE BOARD AND WATER SAFETY	June 15 at 1-2 p.m.	Family	Christian True, from H2GO Paddle, shares his knowledge of Kayak and Paddle Board usage and water safety. Hands on practice and fun with kayaks and paddle boards!
AQUARIUM BOX	June 22 at 2-3 p.m.	6-12	Aquarium Box Craft really does look like a mini aquarium when finished. Makes a great display in kids bedrooms! Limited to 20. Register in person or by phone between June 16-22: (318) 327-1470 ext. 4206 (Betty) or 4207 (Sharee).
KAYAK, PADDLE BOARD, AND WATER SAFETY	July 6 at 1-2 p.m.	Family	Christian True, from H2GO Paddle, shares his knowledge of Kayak and Paddle Board usage and water safety. Hands on practice and fun with kayaks and paddle boards!

3D FLOATING SUBMARINE CRAFT	July 13 at 2-3 p.m.	6-12	Create a submarine that really floats! Limited to 20. Register in person or by phone between July 7-13: (318) 327-1470 ext. 4206 (Betty) or 4207 (Sharee).
3D TROPICAL ISLAND CRAFT	July 27 at 2-3 p.m.	6-12	Create a scene for a Tropical Celebration with this 3D Tropical Island Craft. Limited to 20. Register in person or by phone between July 11-17: (318) 327-1470 ext. 4206 (Betty) or 4207 (Sharee).
LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH		AGES	
PIRATE PARTY	June 14 at 10-11 a.m.	3-5	Join us at our pirate party! Watch <i>Jake and the Never Land Pirates</i> and design your own pirate hat that would make any captain proud!
SENSORY TUBES	June 22 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	Come and make your own ocean-themed sensory tube.
FAMILY MOVIE: MOANA	July 5 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	3-12	Bring your family and join us on an ocean adventure with the movie <i>Moana</i> .
SAND ART NECKLACES	July 20 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	Come and make your own sand art necklace and take home a piece of the beach with you.
SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH		AGES	
WHAT A RELIEF: HOW TO MAKE BASIC ART PRINTS	June 9 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	We will learn to make print relief art with a styrofoam plate.
FLAMINGO HANDPRINT KEEPSAKE ART	June 21 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	We will use our handprint to paint a pink flamingo. Then we will embellish our artwork with beach, sea and sky. This craft involves paint so please have child wear an old shirt or apron.
FISH MOBILE WALL DECOR	June 23 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	Decorate cardboard fish to make a cute hanging mobile.
DANCING JELLYFISH PAPER PLATE CRAFT	July 8 at 3-4 p.m.	6-12	Join us in making the perfect ocean-themed craft, a simple and cute dancing jellyfish.
WEST MONROE BRANCH		AGES	
STEM: OCEAN ANIMALS AND OIL SPILLS	June 14 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	6-12	Find out why oil is so toxic for animals.
FISH ANATOMY - BUILD A FISH	June 28 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	6-12	Build a fish with different body shapes!
FLOATING FISH BOTTLE DIVER	July 12 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	6-12	Can you make your fish swim to the top?
UNDERWATER FLASHLIGHT CRAFT	July 26 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.	6-12	Build a mysterious undersea world of your own.
WEST OUACHITA BRANCH		AGES	
PAINTING WITH A POP	June 7 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	Come join us for painting with a pop! We will be painting a cute ocean scene.
MASON JAR AQUARIUM	June 21 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	Come and join us and make your very own aquarium!
DIY OCEAN SLIME	July 5 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	We will be making ocean slime!
PIRATE PARTY	July 19 at 4-5 p.m.	6-12	Come join us for a pirate party! We will be making pirate hats, playing pin the hook on the pirate, and go on a treasure hunt!
ALL BRANCHES		AGES	
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICKOFF	June 4 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Family	Join us as we Kickoff our Summer Reading Challenge at your local branch. Register for SRC (Prizes for kids and teens while supplies last) along with fun activities.

STORY TIME

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

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BEACH READS

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BEYOND THE TIDES BY LIZ JOHNSON

When Meg's father decides to sell his Prince Edward Island lobster fishing business to her high school nemesis Oliver, she sets out to prove she should inherit it instead. But there is more than just a fleet on the line—her heart is, too.

THE CUBAN AFFAIR BY NELSON DEMILLE

When his shaky finances compel him to accept a lucrative job for a 10-day fishing tournament to Cuba, Army combat veteran-turned-charter boat captain Mac learns that one of his clients is seeking to claim millions hidden by her grandfather, who was forced to flee Castro's revolution years earlier.

DEAR HAITI, LOVE ALAINE BY MAIKA MOULITE AND MARITZA MOULITE

After her presentation at school goes very wrong and she is suspended, Haitian American teen Alaine is sent to work in a Haitian nonprofit, where she learns about the local culture and her family's heritage.

THE DEVIL AND THE DARK WATER BY STUART TURTON

Sailing back to Amsterdam as a prisoner accused of an unknown crime, Detective Pippis relies on his faithful sidekick to help solve an onboard mystery in the new novel from the author of *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*.

FLOAT PLAN BY TRISH DOLLER

Hiring a sailor to navigate the boat trip she planned before her fiancé's death, Anna begins healing from a broken heart in the wake of an unexpected romance.



THE LION'S DEN BY KATHERINE ST. JOHN

Belle's dream vacation quickly devolves into a nightmare as she and the handful of other girls Summer invited are treated more like prisoners than guests by their controlling host—and in one terrifying moment, Belle comes to see Summer for who she truly is: a vicious gold digger who will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

THE NEWCOMER BY MARY KAY ANDREWS

After her sister is murdered, Letty Carnahan goes on the run with her 4-year-old niece to Florida's Gulf Coast where she is taken in by a hotel owner and her cynical son, a police detective, who believes she is a danger to them all.

SOMETHING IN THE WATER BY CATHERINE STEADMAN

Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Passionately in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora, where they enjoy the sun, the sand, and each other. Then, while scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water. . .

THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10 BY RUTH WARE

Assigned to review an exclusive North Sea luxury cruise, travel journalist Lo Blacklock witnesses a woman being thrown overboard and is baffled when all passengers remain unruffled and accounted for, a nightmare that unravels as Lo struggles to convince everyone that what she saw was real.

YOU HAD ME AT HOLA BY ALEXIS DARIA

Rendered the subject of tabloid gossip by a messy public breakup, soap star Jasmine takes a part in a new bilingual comedy at the side of a telenovela costar who would revitalize his career.



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.



THE 1950 CENSUS

On April 1, 2022 the National Archives released images of the 1950 American census to the general public. The Constitution requires a census of American households be taken every ten years with the first one being taken in 1790. But Public Law 95-416 is the reason this census is just being released. The law is known as the "72-Year Rule" and provides that "The U.S. government will not release personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it was collected for the decennial census. Any census less than 72 years old is restricted to the individual named on the record or their legal heir." It will be another ten years before the 1960 census is released!

For the 1950 census, each household and the occupants were listed from the head of household down to the newest infant. The census taker noted their names, relationship to the head of household, race, sex, age at last birthday, marital status, state or country of birth and naturalization status if foreign born. If the person was fourteen or over, they were asked several questions about their work status. Further sample questions concerning history of domicile, countries of parents' birth and education were listed on additional lines. If the individual was over fourteen, they were also asked to estimate how

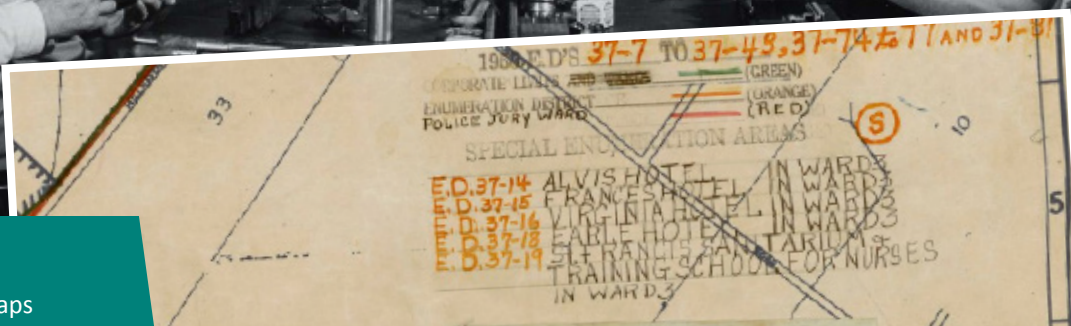
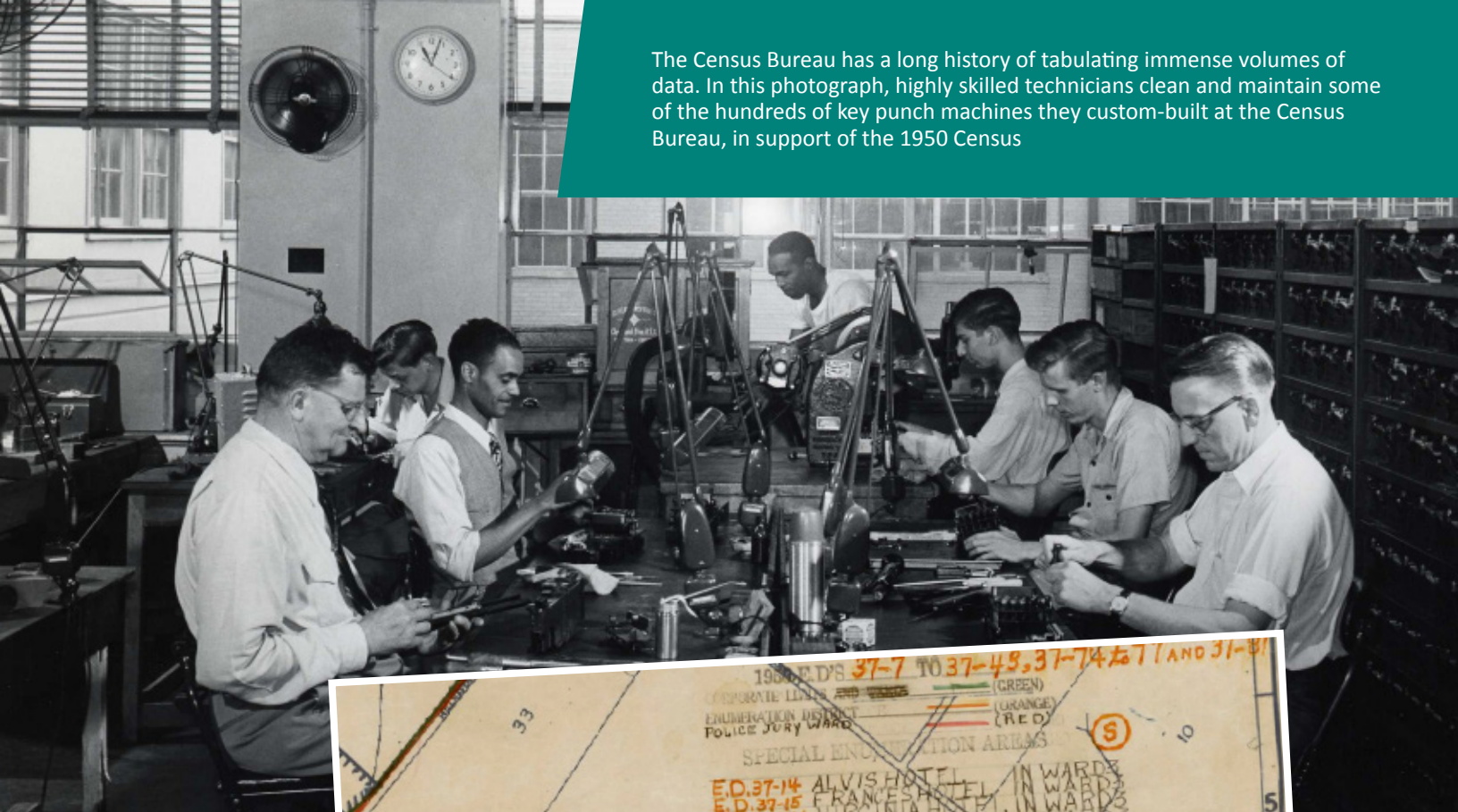
much money they made the previous year. Females were asked about how many times they had been married and how many children they had borne. The answers to these questions are goldmines if your family falls on one of these sample lines! The 1950 census was taken at a time when the United States had a significant number of military and government workers living overseas with their families so specifically designed forms were needed for this population. The 1950 census was the first where a computer was used to tabulate results. Typed key punch cards were used, and those cards were entered into the first general-purpose electronic digital computer.

Currently, you can access the images on the National Archives official page for free at 1950census.archives.gov. A computer with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) was used to create the name index of the census, but it is really only good for the head of household. If you are looking for a wife or child, it is best to look for the head of the house first. Keep in mind, computers were used to read the census taker's handwriting. Names can and will be garbled. If you cannot find a name but know where your relative was living in 1950, it would be a good idea to browse the Enumeration District they were living in when the census taker knocked on their door. The 1950 Enumeration maps can be searched through Ancestry if you are in the library. Ancestry's census finder tool is located at:

ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/district-map/62308.



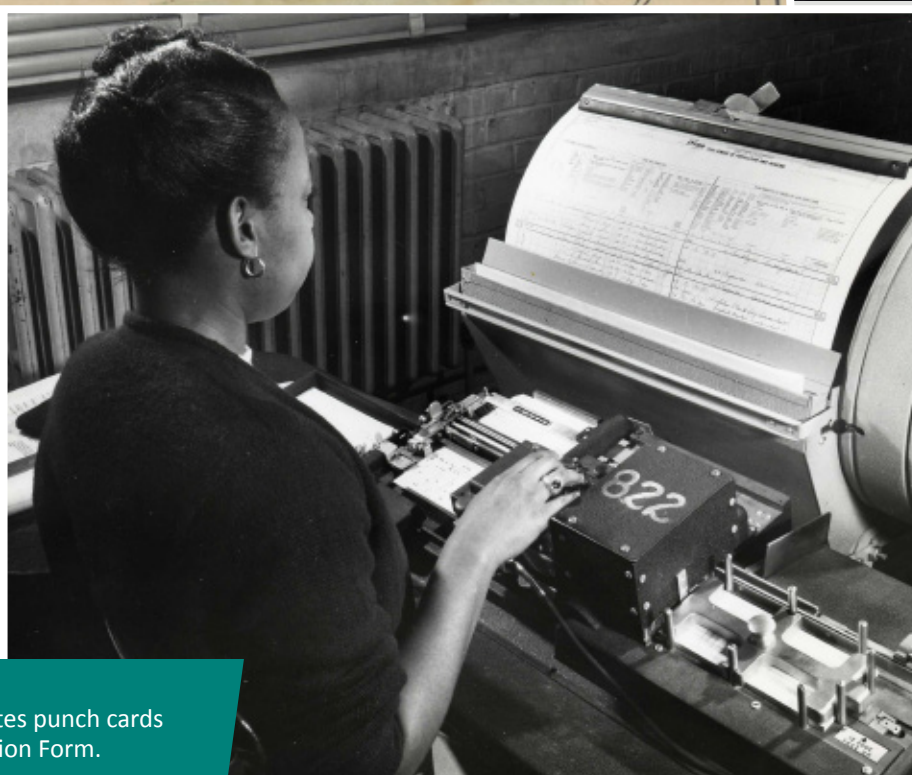
The Census Bureau has a long history of tabulating immense volumes of data. In this photograph, highly skilled technicians clean and maintain some of the hundreds of key punch machines they custom-built at the Census Bureau, in support of the 1950 Census



A screenshot from the 1950 Enumeration District (ED) Maps located at 1950census.archives.gov

Another enumeration district map link that can be accessed from anywhere is: stevemorse.org/census/arc1950edmaps.html.

Popular genealogy websites such as Ancestry are hard at work indexing the census records. It will be several months before the project is finished. In the meantime, you can browse the images at home or come by any one of our library branches and see the census records on Ancestry Library Edition as they are put up and indexed. Happy ancestor hunting!



An employee of the United States Census Bureau creates punch cards using information from a filled in 1950 Census Population Form.

Census information came from the [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) website

Photographs - <https://www.census.gov/library/photos.html>

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