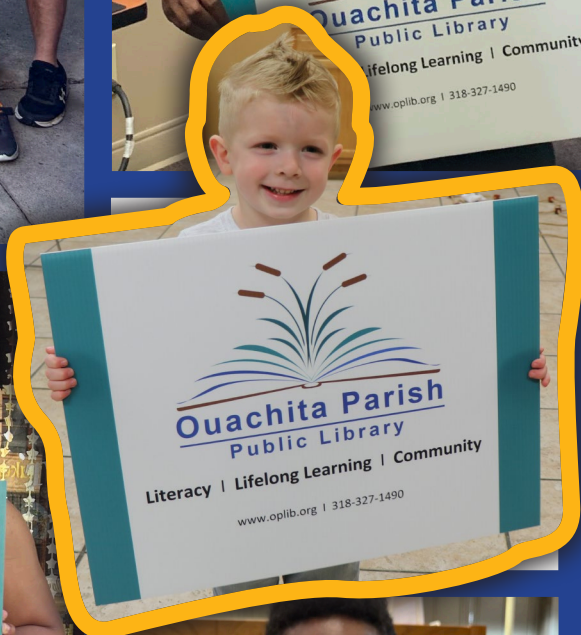
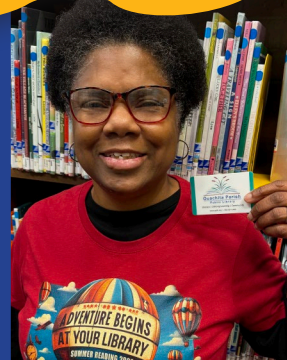
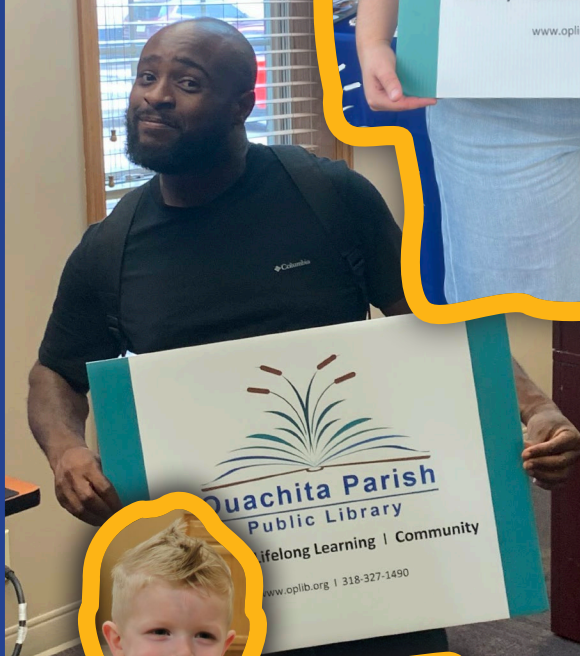


CATTAILS

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



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CONGRATULATIONS, LIBRARY SCIENCE GRADUATES!

Joshua Fisher, Master's in Library & Information Science, Louisiana State University



Ashten Estep, Master's in Library Science, University of Kentucky



FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!



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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

LABOR DAY - Mon., Sept. 1st

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

The book sale is cash only and proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming.

Fri., Aug. 29th & Sat., Aug. 30th from 9-3 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 26th & Sat., Sept. 27th from 9-3 p.m.

HEY!

Would you like to receive Cattails, the library's bimonthly newsletter, in your inbox or mailbox? Email hneeley@oplib.org to be added to the list.

TALES FROM THE SUMMER STACKS!

Dear patrons, thank you for an incredible summer filled with color, creativity and reading! We had so much fun celebrating the Summer Reading Challenge with you. We hope you continue to color your world, explore new stories and express your creativity all year long. To find out how many pages we collectively read together and see the grand prize winners, follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Ouachita Parish Public Library!



BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING?

DON'T FORGET YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

As a new school year begins, most of us are preparing with a long list of school supplies that we need to buy. The price of supplies can add up quickly, but there's one essential supply that won't cost a thing to you: a library card.

Q: How do you use your library card to learn?

"I really really love animals so when I go to the library I check out books about predators and movies like Scooby Doo."

Arthur H., age 6. A library cardholder for 5 years and a future veterinarian.



With a library card, you have access to an abundant amount of free educational resources throughout the school year. You and your child can access online tutoring, practice tests and a quiet place to study.

For students working toward Accelerated Reader goals, we offer a great collection of AR books. Our librarians can help locate books at the right reading level and on topics that interest your child. Kids and teens have access to databases like Scholastic TrueFlix, an educational platform with videos, books and games. For our adult learners, we offer access to databases like Mometrix eLibrary, a test preparation tool that has over 1,500 different exams and career development videos.

No matter the age, a library card remains one of the most valuable and free tools for education. When you are school supply shopping this year, be sure to add a library card to your list!





MOMETRIX ELIBRARY ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

Mometrix eLibrary

Mometrix eLibrary is an online test preparation database that gives you access to more than a thousand practice exams to help you reach your academic or professional goals. Whether you are studying for a standardized test or just brushing up on important material, Mometrix offers tools to support your success.

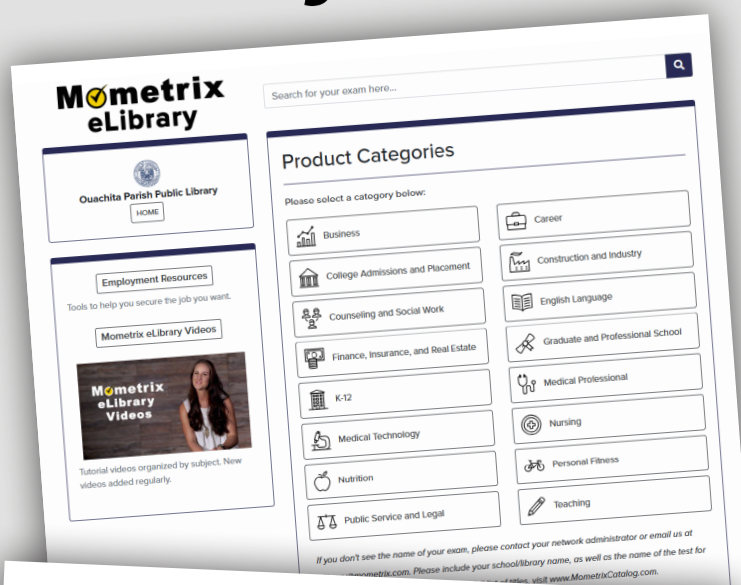
The platform includes hundreds of educational videos covering subjects like science, humanities, business and finance, teaching and more.

You will also find flashcards and practice tests for exams such as the ACT, GRE and many licensure and certification tests. It is a valuable resource for students, job seekers and anyone looking to advance in their career.

Mometrix also features employment tools to help you build a resume, prepare for interviews and learn how to negotiate your pay. This is a completely free resource that you have access to through the Library.

You can access this resource anywhere at any time with the internet. Visit oplib.org, go to the Databases section, and look under the Education tab to get started.

If you need help finding it, call your local branch or email help@oplib.org. We are happy to help!



KIDS PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKS & STORIES



STEM



EVENTS



GAMES



MOVIES



LEGO CLUB	Mon., Aug. 4 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Join our club! Kids will be able to free build, follow a tutorial, or complete a STEM challenge.
LIBRARY PETS	Thurs., Aug. 7 5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 3-5 Come make quiet library critters!
I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!	Sat., Aug. 9 1-2:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Come craft while we make ice cream in a bag! Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.
THE CRAYONS GO BACK TO SCHOOL!	Tues., Aug. 12 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most in this Flannel Board Activity.
ALL ABOUT ME BOOKBAG	Thurs., Aug. 14 4:30-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Have a great start to the new school year with school supplies and crafts. Available while supplies last.
WHOSE HANDS ARE THESE?	Tues., Aug. 26 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Community helpers make their community a safe and fun place to live.
BOOKS & BUMPS	Wed., Aug. 27 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join our Prenatal Storytime & Workshop Series, designed for expectant parents to explore early literacy before the baby arrives. Enjoy prizes, tips, and more! Email agreer@oplib.org or call 327-1490 for information.
SEPTEMBER FOODIE FUN PAPER CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 2 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a Scooby Snack/Sandwich paper craft!
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Sept. 2 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Design a custom set of laminated leaf magnets with a fun twist!
ALL THINGSZ TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 4 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Come play book bingo and win prizes!
SENSORY BIN DAY	Thurs., Sept. 4 4-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 18-36 MO. Come exercise those fine motor skills with our sensory bins!
PJS & POPTARTS	Sat., Sept. 6 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Kiddo's wear your pajamas and enjoy pop tarts and watch Saturday morning cartoons.
MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Sept. 6 2-4 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	FAMILY Come join us for a showing of <i>Ratatouille</i> (G).
LEGO CLUB	Mon., Sept. 8 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Join our club! Kids will be able to free build, follow a tutorial, or complete a STEM challenge.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., Sept. 8 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come paint with us!
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Sept. 9 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come out and create a yarn wrapped leaf!
SEPTEMBER FOODIE FUN PAPER CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 9 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a Pizza paper craft!
APPLE TROUBLE!	Tues., Sept. 9 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 The hedgehog and all the things that get stuck to him in this fun craft activity.
DIY MONOGRAM LETTER	Thurs., Sept. 11 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Design a custom monogram letter.
MOVIE NIGHT	Fri., Sept. 12 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a movie night celebrating the incredible wildlife of the sea! We will view <i>Finding Nemo</i> (G).
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Sept. 13 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Featured Story: <i>The Interrupting Chicken</i> . Join us for character-building stories and enjoy light breakfast refreshments from the Butter Bakery.
BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY	Sat., Sept. 13 2 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most in this Flannel Board Activity.
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Sept. 13 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us for a movie screening of <i>The Wild Robot</i> (PG)!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Sept. 13 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Step into a world of pure imagination at our Children's Cinema showing of <i>Wonka</i> (PG)! Bring your friends and family!
WIRE ART	Mon., Sept. 15 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Come create your own wire sculpture with us! Add beads, clay, or paper to make a unique piece of art!
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 15 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a pirate STEM activity.
MAKE IT MONDAY: APPLE STAMPING	Mon., Sept. 15 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Learn a fun way to make art with apples. Join us to create your own work of art.

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.

Aug. 18 | Resource Fair - Come and meet our community partners and get valuable information. Each family will receive a calendar of events for the 2025-26 year.

Sept. 8 | Meet and Greet - Families who did not receive a calendar of events at the resource fair will be given one during this session. Don't miss this chance to get informed, ask questions, and build community!

Sept. 15 | STEM - Join us for a day of hands-on STEM activities and exciting games that challenge your mind and spark your imagination. Whether you're building, experimenting, or strategizing, there's fun for everyone!

Sept. 22 | Community Event - Join us for our first community event at Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo. Bring fresh greens and fruit to donate. Details will be given at Sept. 15 session. Patrons must attend the Sept. 8 & 15 sessions in order to attend this field trip.

STORY TIMES

The branches with an asterisk will resume in September.

MAIN*

0-24 months: Tues. at 9:45 a.m.
18-36 months: Thurs. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years: Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years: Tues. at 4 p.m.
Family: 2nd Sat. each month at 10:30 a.m.

ANNA MEYER*

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

CARVER-MCDONALD

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

LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

OLLIE BURNS

0-5 years: Tues. at 4 p.m.
6-12 years: Thurs. at 4:30 p.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY*

0-36 months: Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years: Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years: Thurs. at 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

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

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL*

















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

WEST MONROE

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

WEST OUACHITA*

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

	CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Sept. 16 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a scrapbook paper squirrel craft!
	SEPTEMBER FOODIE FUN PAPER CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 16 3:45 -4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a Spaghetti paper craft!
	MOVIE MATINEE	Thurs., Sept. 18: 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Bring the whole family and enjoy an adventurous night with <i>Moana</i> (PG) on the big screen. Snacks and smiles guaranteed!
	DIY MAGNETIC PICTURE FRAMES	Thurs., Sept. 18: 4:30-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Ready for school pictures? Let's make a frame to show off those SMILES!
	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	Fri., Sept. 19 3:30 -5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Get ready for a night of fun and friendly competition at Family Game Night! Bring your loved ones, grab a game, and join us for an evening of laughter and bonding.
	SATURDAY STORY TIME	Sat., Sept. 20 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Bring the family for a special Saturday Story Time all about wildlife, breakfast, books, and fun!
	SUPER SIZZLIN-SCHOOL SUPPLY SCULPTURE	Sat., Sept. 20 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Celebrate the new school year with creativity! Join us to design a sculpture using school supplies. It's a hands-on way to kick off the school year with imagination and excitement.
	STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 22 3-4:15 p.m.	Anna Meyer	TWEEN 9-12 Spinning top CD's. Create a spinning top from a CD and explore gravity and friction in this fun STEM workshop! Hands-on learning meets tons of fun!
	STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 22 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for paper airplane STEM challenge.
	CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Sept. 23 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come out and make autumn silhouette art!
	SEPTEMBER FOODIE FUN PAPER CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 23 3:45 -4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a Watermelon/Strawberry paper Fruity Fruit Craft!
	THE AUTUMN LEAF!	Tues., Sept. 23 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Autumn leaf crafts offer a fun and engaging way to celebrate the fall season. Explore leaves through their shapes and textures and create a design.
	MUSHROOM MAGIC CRAFT	Thurs., Sept. 25: 4-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Join us for a whimsical story time and a magical mushroom craft.
	ALL THINGZ TWEEN: MOSAIC COASTERS	Thurs., Sept. 25: 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Add a splash of creativity to your day! Design and create your own mosaic coaster using colorful tiles.
	CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS	Mon., Sept. 29 3-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Plastic egg fireflies craft. Join us for a fun and eco-friendly craft where you will turn plastic eggs into glowing fireflies!
	CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Sept. 30 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Let's make a beautiful fall leaf canvas!
	SEPTEMBER FOODIE FUN PAPER CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 30 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 3-5 Create an Ice Cream paper craft and enjoy an icecream treat!

TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & EDUCATION



VIDEO GAMES



MOVIES & EVENTS



GAMES



MOVIES



FALL LEAF MASON JAR CRAFT	Tues., Aug. 5	5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Join us as we create fall leaf inspired mason jars for the fall season! Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.
POP CULTURE TRIVIA: MARVEL	Thurs., Aug. 7	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us for Marvel trivia!
GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Aug. 7	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
D&D ONE SHOT	Sat., Aug. 9	2:30-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join us for the adventure!
WRITE ON!	Mon., Aug. 11	5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Main	Learn about our new club for teen writers! We will be decorating notebooks to start your writing journey.
NO-SEW PILLOWS	Tues., Aug. 12	5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create a cozy, personalized pillow—no sewing required—in this fun and easy DIY craft! Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.
MOVIE MATINEE	Wed., Aug. 13	4-6 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a showing of <i>Mufasa: The Lion King</i> (PG).
D&D CAMPAIGN	Thurs., Aug. 14	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join us for the adventure!
GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Aug. 14	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
BEGINNER D&D WORKSHOP	Tues., Aug. 19	5 -6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Curious about D&D? Join us for a chill, beginner-friendly workshop where we chat about characters, share stories, and explore fun facts about the game!
BOARD GAME NIGHT	Thurs., Aug. 21	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Grab your friends and pick your favorite boardgame to play!
GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Aug. 21	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
DIY STICKERS	Tues., Aug. 26	5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Design and create your own custom stickers using fun materials and simple tools in this DIY sticker-making session!
MOVIE MATINEE	Wed., Aug. 27	4-6 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a showing of <i>Twilight</i> (PG-13).
BACK TO SCHOOL VISION BOARD	Thurs., Aug. 28	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Start your school year right with a vision board!
GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Aug. 28	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
JAPANESE MAPLE LEAF CRAFT	Tues., Sept. 2	5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create a stunning canvas inspired by the vibrant colors of Japanese maple leaves in this peaceful, fall-themed painting craft.
TAPE IT UP	Tues., Sept. 2	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Duct tape journals for the beginning of the school year. We supply the notebook and tape.
D&D ONE SHOT	Wed., Sept. 3	4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join us for the adventure!
BINGO	Thurs., Sept. 4	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Enjoy an afternoon of bingo and win prizes!

	MOVIE MANIA	Thurs., Sept. 4	4 -6:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Come enjoy a showing of <i>Knives Out</i> (PG-13).
	GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Sept. 4	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
	SLIME TIME!	Thurs., Sept. 4	4 -5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us for a super fun time making slime in the YA Room!
	WRITE ON!	Mon., Sept. 8	5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Main	Connect with fellow teen writers, share your work, learn about the world of creative writing together.
	COSPLAY WORKSHOP	Tues., Sept. 9	5-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Step into the world of cosplay with this beginner-friendly workshop where you'll learn the basics, share ideas, and get tips on creating your own costume looks.
	PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., Sept. 9	4 -5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come paint with us!
	BIRD FEEDERS	Tues., Sept. 9	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Fascinated by bird feeders? Decorate your own bird feeder to make your home more chirpy.
	AFTERNOON CRAFT: PERLER BEADS	Wed., Sept. 10	4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come relax and make a design with perler beads.
	D&D CAMPAIGN	Thurs., Sept. 11	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join us for the adventure!
	ART CASE CRAFT	Thurs., Sept. 11	4 -5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Come decorate a pencil/art case.
	GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Sept. 11	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
	MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Sept. 13	2-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a showing of <i>The Twilight Saga: New Moon</i> (PG-13).
	COMMUNITY SERVICE	Mon., Sept. 15 - Fri. Sept 19	Passive	Sterlington Memorial	Recognizing Scams. Read through our pages of how to recognize and scam and discuss it with the staff. Get community service credit on your time.
	CANDY SUSHI	Mon., Sept. 15	5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Main	Prefer Swedish Fish to raw fish? Then you will love making (and eating) candy sushi! Available while supplies last.
	DIY LIP BALM WITH KOOL-AID	Tues., Sept. 16	5 -6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Mix up your own custom lip balm using Kool-Aid and simple ingredients in this fun, sweet-smelling DIY craft! Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.
	GAME NIGHT	Tues., Sept. 16	4 -5 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be playing classic board games.
	ACRYLIC POURING ART	Tues., Sept. 16	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Pour acrylic on canvas using different pouring methods and watch the crazy designs develop.
	PERLER BEAD CUP COVERS	Tues., Sept. 16	5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make a custom cup topper using perler beads!
	GAME WITH FRIENDS: JUST DANCE	Thurs., Sept. 18	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Bring your best dance moves and join us for Just Dance!
	VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Thurs., Sept. 18	4 -5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Come have fun and play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends and enjoy some friendly competition!
	GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Sept. 18	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
	STAINED GLASS PUMPKINS	Mon., Sept. 22	5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Main	Celebrate the first day of autumn by making stained glass pumpkins!
	MOVIE MATINEE	Tues., Sept. 23	5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Enjoy a cozy movie night with a screening of <i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> (PG).
	PICTURE FRAME PAINTING	Tues., Sept. 23	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Take a wooden picture frame and make it yours.
	MUSIC TRIVIA GAME	Thurs., Sept. 25	4 -5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Join us as we play Professor Puzzle Ultimate Music Trivia Game.
	GAME ON THURSDAY	Thurs., Sept. 25	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Get your gaming on with your friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!
	GAME NIGHT!	Fri., Sept. 26	4 -5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Get ready to have some friendly competition. Games, Snacks, Fun!
	MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Sept. 27	1-3 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Enjoy a showing of <i>Wicked</i> (PG).
	COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., Sept. 30	4 -5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for Cosplay Club! We will be making Kandi bracelets and talking about our favorite fandoms!
	BOARD GAMES AREN'T BORING	Tues., Sept. 30	3:30 -5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Let's play some good old fashioned board games.

JOIN A BOOK CLUB



BOOKS & BANTER

MAIN BRANCH

Books & Banter is a 'new adult' romance book club and will focus on protagonists in the 18-30 age range.

Mon., Aug. 25 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Paradise Problem by Christina Lauren

Mon., Sept. 29 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Done & Dusty by Lyla Sage



ONLINE BOOK CLUB

FACEBOOK

Check online to see what book we will be reading and discussing. Join us at facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary



PAGE TURNERS

WEST OUACHITA

We discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turners.

Fri., Aug. 8 at 2-3 p.m.
Darling Girls by Sally Hepworth

Fri., Sept. 12 at 2-3 p.m.
Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney



JUST READ

SEARCY MEMORIAL

We discuss our favorite books from all genres. Come and discuss while enjoying cookies and coffee.

Thurs., Aug. 28 at 2-3 p.m. **Thurs., Sept. 25 at 2-3 p.m.**

We will be discussing new titles for the fall. Bring any book that you have recently read and we will discuss it with you.



LOST IN THE STACKS

MAIN BRANCH

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

Tues., Aug. 12 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Pelican Girls by Julia Malys

Tues., Sept. 9 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Passengers by John Marrs



RAINBOW READS

MAIN BRANCH

Rainbow Reads is an 18+ book club that celebrates diversity with books by and about our LGBTQ+ community members. For questions reach out to Ellen at emasters@oplib.org.

Thurs., Aug. 28 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Thurs., Sept. 25 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas



SCIFI FANTASY

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Aug. 23 at 2-3 p.m.
Recursion by Blake Crouch

Sat., Sept. 27 at 2-3 p.m.
Red Rising by Pierce Brown



THRILLING THURSDAYS

MAIN BRANCH

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

Thurs., Aug. 21 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Note by Alafair Burke

Thurs., Sept. 18 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney



CULTURE IN CONTEXT

MAIN BRANCH

Discuss works written predominantly by authors that are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color).

Tues., Aug. 26 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

Tues., Sept. 30 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Love in Colour: Mythical Tales from Around the World, Retold by Bolu Babalola



KETTLE & CAULDRON

WEST MONROE

Where stories steep and conversations flow.

Mon., Aug. 11 at 4:45-5:45 p.m.
The Secret, Book & Scone Society by Ellery Adams

Mon., Sept. 8 at 4:45-5:45 p.m.
What Mrs. McGillicuddy Saw by Agatha Christie

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUBS



AFTER-SCHOOL

OLLIE H. BURNS

We discuss all kinds of Young Adult stories.

Thurs., Aug. 14 at 4-5 p.m.
Death at Morning House by Maureen Johns



GRIMM READER'S

ANNA MEYER

A Young Adult book club that discusses YA horror.

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The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson

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Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

BOOKS OF THE BOOK CLUBS

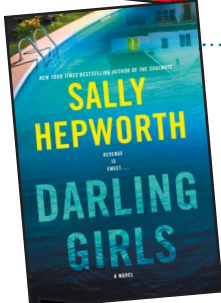
Preview the books of the book clubs to see what you'll be reading. If you're not in a book club yet, these titles will inspire you to join!



BOOKS & BANTER

***The Paradise Problem* by Christina Lauren**

A fake college marriage resurfaces when Anna's not-so-ex Liam Weston needs her to pretend to be married to his family to secure a \$100M inheritance. What starts as a lie might just lead to something real.



PAGE TURNERS

***Darling Girls* by Sally Hepworth**

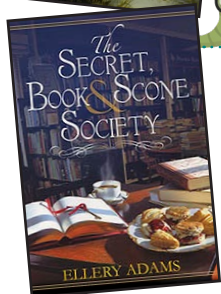
Three foster sisters, taken from traumatic pasts and raised by the strict and unpredictable Miss Fairchild, believe they've escaped her reign. But when a body is found under her home, they're named suspects.



LOST IN STACKS

***Pelican Girls* by Julia Malye**

Follow the journey of young women taken from their asylums in Paris and sent by ship to marry settlers in the dark, unforgiving swamplands of Louisiana.



KETTLE & CAULDRON

***The Secret, Book & Scone Society* by Ellery Adams**

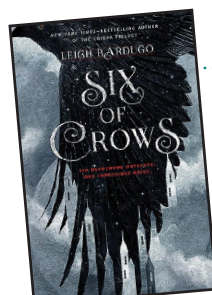
A cozy and mysterious story following Nora Pennington, a healer who prescribes books, and a society of women determined to find the truth of their mystical town.



AFTER SCHOOL

***Death at Morning House* by Maureen Johnson**

After an accidental house fire ruins her house-sitting career and a date with the girl she loves, Akilah, Marlow Wexler finds herself giving tours at a mysterious, deadly mansion.



RAINBOW READS

***Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo**

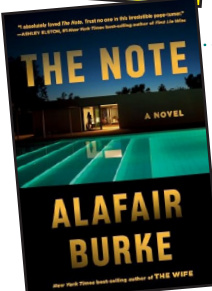
Kaz Brekker, a criminal prodigy, must gather six dangerous outcasts to pull off a deadly, near-impossible heist that could make him rich.



SCIFI FANTASY

***Recursion* by Blake Crouch**

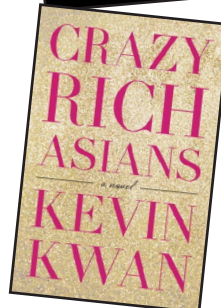
Cop Barry Sutton and neuroscientist Helena Smith work to uncover the truth behind False Memory Syndrome, a disease that plants unlivd memories in victims' heads and drives them mad. Together, they must act to save reality.



THRILLING THURSDAYS

***The Note* by Alafair Burke**

May Hanover is a rule-follower. But when a prank gone wrong at a vacation with her childhood friends sparks a police investigation, she starts to question where her loyalty lies.



CULTURE IN CONTEXT

***Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan**

When an heir to one of Asia's largest fortunes brings his American-born Chinese girlfriend as his wedding date, drama and gossip unfolds among three wealthy Chinese families.



GRIMM READERS

***The Weight of Blood* by Tiffany D. Jackson**

Bullied for her race, Maddy Washington faces torment from her classmates. On prom night, the school's dark history is exposed and her secret comes at a devastating cost.

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

OUACHITA VALLEY

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USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE
Mon., Sept. 15 at 3-4 p.m. | Tues., Sept. 16 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn how to operate and navigate your mobile device.

WEST OUACHITA

BEGINNING COMPUTERS PART I
Thurs., Aug. 7
at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of using a laptop using Windows 10 operating system.

BEGINNING COMPUTERS PART II
Fri., Aug. 8
at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Further basics of using a laptop using Windows 10 operating system.

BEGINNING WORD PART I
Thurs., Sept. 4
at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of using Word.

BEGINNING WORD PART II
Fri., Sept. 5
at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Continue to learn the basics of using Word.

OLLIE BURNS

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HELLO, E-MAIL

Fri., Aug. 27
at 10-11 a.m.
Learn the basics of logging in to your e-mail.

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MAIN BRANCH

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POWERPOINT BASICS
Thurs., Aug. 28 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to use PowerPoint's basic features to create presentations.

POWERPOINT SPECIAL EFFECTS
Thurs., Sept. 11 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to spruce up even the most basic PowerPoint presentations.



ANNA MEYER

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Space is limited. Call or email to register: (318) 327-1351 nflores@oplib.org

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS
Every Mon. & Wed.
at 10:30am-12:30pm
Learn computer basics and hone your skills to operate a computer.

PRACTICAL COMPUTER SKILLS
Every Tues.
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Build on basic skills to learn practical and useful computer skills.

SMARTPHONE LITERACY
Every Thurs.
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn more about smartphones, including how to operate, navigate, and utilize them in effective ways.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & BOOK TALKS



HEALTH & WELLNESS



GARDENING & PLANTS



TALKS



GAMES



MOVIES



WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Mon., Aug. 4 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Hone your skills and learn the craft of writing!

TOTE-ALLY STENCILLED
Wed., Aug. 6 at 5-6 p.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Design your own tote bag! Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.

SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS
Thurs., Aug. 7 at 10:30-11:15 a.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter educates us about nutrition topics.

THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD
Thurs., Aug. 7 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Come play D&D one-shots with us!

SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS
Fri., Aug. 8 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. | **West Monroe**
Tara Garlington from the LSU AgCenter discusses fruits and vegetables

ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Mon., Aug. 11 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Join our adult D&D campaign. Ideal for both new and experienced players.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE
Mon., Aug. 11 at 2-4 p.m. | **Ouachita Valley**
Watch *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* (PG).

WRITE CLUB
Mon., Aug. 11 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Join our club and hone your craft!

HOOKS & BOOKS
Tues., Aug. 12 at 2-3:30 p.m. | **Main**
Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All needlework is welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

WEBINAR WITH US: LAW TALKS
Wed., Aug. 13 at 12-1 p.m. | **Sterlington Memorial**
Making A Will Presented by Louisiana Lawyers in Libraries. Attorneys from Southeast Louisiana Legal Services discuss making a will with Q&A.

PICTURE PERFECT MOVIE CLUB
Wed., Aug. 13 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Come relax as we watch *Love Again*, 2023 (PG-13).

GB COOLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Thurs., Aug. 14 at 11-12:30 p.m. | **Carver-McDonald**
Annissa Payne, advisor for LA Advocacy for G. B. Cooley Behavioral Health Services, will share information about crisis stabilization, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, assessing persons with disabilities and mental health.

SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS
Tues., Aug. 19 at 1:15-2 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter educates us about nutrition topics.

CHAIR YOGA
Wed., Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. | **Main**
A gentle yoga class designed for seniors and those with limited mobility. All poses are done seated or with the support of a chair.

PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARKS & CARDS
Wed., Aug. 20 at 2-3:30 p.m. | **Sterlington Memorial**
Design bookmarks and greeting cards using real pressed flowers. All supplies are provided. Just bring your creativity!

CAPTURE THE STARS IN A BOTTLE
Wed., Aug. 20 at 4-6 p.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Create a shimmering galaxy in a jar and enjoy a piece of cosmos anytime you need a little wonder. Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.

BINGO BONANZA
Mon., Aug. 25 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

CHRONICLES OF YARNIA
Tues., Aug. 26 at 5:30-7 p.m. | **Main**
Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All needlework is welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON
Thurs., Aug. 28 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. | **West Ouachita**
Come watch *August Rush* (PG), starring Freddie Highmore and Keri Russell.

CHAIR YOGA
Wed., Sept. 3 at 9:30 a.m. | **Main**
A gentle yoga class designed for seniors and those with limited mobility. All poses are done seated or with the support of a chair.

SNAP-ED
Thurs., Sept. 4 at 10:30-11:15 a.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Learn to resize your portions with Tara Garlington from the LSU AgCenter.

TASTE OF HERBS & SPICES
Thurs., Sept. 4 at 1-2 p.m. | **Louise Williams**
Join LSU AgCenter Agent Markaye Russell as she demonstrates how to use new herbs and spices to create low-sodium recipes.

THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD
Thurs., Sept. 4 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Come play D&D one-shots with us!

WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Mon., Sept. 8 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
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MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE
Mon., Sept. 8 at 2-4 p.m. | **Ouachita Valley**
We will be showing *Snow White*, 2025 (G).

WRITE CLUB
Tues., Sept. 9 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Join our club and hone your craft!

HOOKS & BOOKS
Tues., Sept. 9 at 2-3:30 p.m. | **Main**
Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All needlework is welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

CRAFT YOUR SPA EXPERIENCE
Wed., Sept. 10 at 4-6:30 p.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Pamper yourself and learn how to make a homemade bath bomb. Space is limited. Call 327-1235 to register.

PICTURE PERFECT MOVIE CLUB
Wed., Sept. 10 at 5-7 p.m. | **Main**
Watch *Juror #2* (PG-13), a movie that will have you on the edge of your seat.

AFTERNOON MOVIE BREAK
Thurs., Sept. 11 at 1:30-4 p.m. | **Searcy Memorial**
We will present the film *World Trade Center* (PG-13) in honor of 9/11. This powerful movie highlights the bravery of the first responders and their families during the rescue.

SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS
Fri., Sept. 12 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. | **West Monroe**
Learn about dairy products with Tara Garlington from the LSU AgCenter.

TORTILLA TIME!
Sat., Sept. 13 at 1-2 p.m. | **Louise Williams**
LSU AgCenter Agent Markaye Russell and Terrie Williams will discuss flour, corn and gluten free tortillas. Sample all three. Space is limited. Call 343-3476 to register.

ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Mon., Sept. 15 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Join our adult D&D campaign for both new and experienced players.

SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS
Tues., Sept. 16 at 1:15-2 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter educates us about nutrition topics.

CHAIR YOGA
Wed., Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. | **Main**
A gentle yoga class designed for seniors and those with limited mobility. All poses are done seated or with the support of a chair.

DIY BIRD FEEDER CRAFT
Wed., Sept. 17 at 2-3:30 p.m. | **Sterlington Memorial**
Build an unfinished wooden feeder, paint it, then fill it with seeds and place it outdoors to attract birds to your yard.

DIY FALL GNOMES
Wed., Sept. 17 at 5-6:30 p.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Celebrate adorable, beginner-friendly gnome crafts!

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB
Thurs., Sept. 18 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. | **West Ouachita**
Paint a Monarch butterfly in honor of the annual fall migration. All supplies are provided. Space is limited. Call 327-5414 to register.

HERB GARDENING BASICS
Thurs., Sept. 18 at 11-12:30 a.m. | **Carver-McDonald**
Angela Opry shares tips on herb gardening, how to choose the right location, understand climate and soil conditions, and pick the best herbs.

CHRONICLES OF YARNIA
Tues., Sept. 23 at 5:30-7 p.m. | **Main**
Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All needlework is welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

PUMPKIN COASTERS
Wed., Sept. 24 at 5-6:30 p.m. | **Ollie Burns**
Craft a cute, simple decor, perfect for a fall gathering or everyday use.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON
Thurs., Sept. 25 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. | **West Ouachita**
Come watch *Hope Floats* (PG), starring Sandra Bullock and Louisiana's very own Harry Connick, Jr.

BINGO BONANZA
Mon., Sept. 29 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | **Anna Meyer**
Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!





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.

HISTORY OF THE BRANCHES; LIBRARY CARDS THEN AND NOW

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Registration cards have been used to manage circulation of library materials since at least May 1931, according to Library board minutes. During the April 6, 1937, board meeting, members decided that the 25-cent fee for borrowers' cards would be discontinued. It was reported in the next meeting, May 28, 1937, that the increase in circulation was a result of the discontinuation of the charge for a library card. There is still no charge for a library card that can be used at any branch location.

Anna Meyer – 418 Jackson Street, named for Anna Ruth Meyer, who left her home to the library, when the Main Branch opened at 1800 Stubbs, the Jackson Street location became known as the Anna Meyer branch. This branch relocated to 1808 U.S. Highway 165 South, Monroe, in 1994

Bookmobile – mobile branch service began in 1948, van service was added in 1989

Carver-McDonald - opened as Carver Branch at 109 ½ Powell's Alley in February of 1949, moved to 116 North 10th Street, Monroe in February of 1950, moved to 2941 Renwick Street in December of 1964, named after scientist and inventor George Washington Carver, and in 2009 renamed Carver-McDonald in honor of Odalie McDonald, the first Carver Branch and African-American librarian in the public library system.

Cpl. J.R. Searcy Memorial – opened in 2011 at 5775 Jonesboro Road, West Monroe, named for Corporal Clovis Wayne "J.R." Searcy, Jr., an officer with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office who died in 2010 in the line of duty .

Monroe Morning World, October 1969
(clipping - Library Card Usage)

Your Library card is the passport to the world of reading. If you do not have one now, apply at one of the libraries very soon.

Monroe Morning World, July 1943 (clipping - School Children Urged to Get Library Cards)

School Children Urged To Get Library Cards

All school children in Ouachita parish were urged by their teachers to secure library cards this summer in order that they might borrow books at the public libraries. During the month of June, children have flocked to the libraries in order to take advantage of the attractive and interesting books available for them. The fact that a total of 2,300 books were checked out to children during the first month of their vacation, reveals that children appreciate more than ever before the worthwhile books which are now at their disposal.

Since its organization in 1916, the Monroe Public library has recognized the importance of fine children's books and has continually added to its juvenile collection.

Each year two outstanding awards are made in the field of juvenile literature—the Newberry and Caldecott awards. The Newberry award, given for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, was presented this year to Elizabeth Janet Gray for her book "Adam of the Road," a delightful story of 13th century England about a minstrel boy who loses both his father and his dog, and sets out along the great highways to find them. Ages nine to twelve will especially enjoy this book.

Monroe Morning World, June 1965
(clipping - Library Card is a passport to the world)

Ouachita Parish residents with library cards may use the cards, at any branch, and books may be returned to any branch, according to Librarian Miss Frances Flanders.

Louise Williams – opened in 2005 at 140 Bayou Oaks Drive, Monroe, Grady Williams, a retired Ouachita Parish Police Juror, donated the land in memory of his late wife, Louise Pepper Williams.

Main – the Monroe Public Library opened in 1916 at 119 Wood Street, Monroe, moved to 418 Jackson Street in 1921, became the Ouachita Parish Public Library in 1940, and 1959 opened at 1800 Stubbs Avenue.

Ollie Burns Memorial – opened in 2010 at 5601 Hwy 165 By-Pass, Richwood, named for Ollie Burns, the first African American to serve on the Ouachita Parish Library Board of Control and the first African American graduate of the Louisiana State University Library School.

Ouachita Valley – opened in 1977 at 601 McMillan Road.

Sterlington Memorial – opened in 2007 at 305 Keystone Road, Monroe, named after the one-million-dollar contribution from the 1991 Angus Chemical Plant explosion settlement.

West Monroe – opened at 307 Wood Street, West Monroe in 1941, moved to the corner of Natchitoches and Cypress Street in 1946, and then to 315 Cypress Street in 1958.

West Ouachita – opened in 2001 at 188 Hwy 546, West Monroe.



OPPL Card from the 1960s

OPPL Card Now



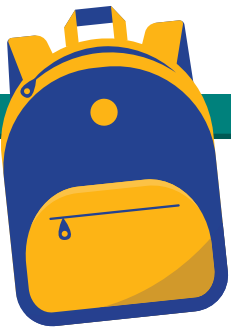


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