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LIBRARY LAGNIAPPE

THE LIBRARY HAS A
LITTLE SOMETHING
FOR ALL OF US!

PUMPKINS FROM PATCH TO PIE

CHECK OUT OUR
PUMPKIN THEMED
BOOK PICKS!





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

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

Fri, Sept. 26th & Sat., Sept 27th from 9-3pm
Fri., Oct. 24th & Sat., Oct. 25th from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

THANKSGIVING - Thurs., Nov. 27th
& Fri., Nov. 28th

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.

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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 LAGNIAPPE

THE LIBRARY HAS A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR ALL OF US

Sure, y'all know we have books, audiobooks, and DVDs to borrow, but did you know we also offer...

FIELD TRIPS FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

Bring kindergarteners for a fun story time, middle schoolers to discover their next favorite book, high schoolers to learn database skills, or special education classes for an adapted story time and library tour. We'd love to host your group.

To set up a free trip, email:

Angela at agreer@oplib.org (groups Pre-K -5).

Ashten at aestep@oplib.org (groups grade 6-12).

HONORARIUM BOOKS

Book dedications are a meaningful way to honor someone special or remember a loved one. We will purchase a book and dedicate it in their name.

Email agee@oplib.org for details.

THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

The Library of Things is where you can check out art prints, STEM kits, recreational kits, hotspots, and more.

Learn more at oplib.org/library-things



MEETING SPACE

Meeting spaces are available so you have a convenient place to gather. Rooms are available to rent at several branches.

Learn more at oplib.org/meeting-room-policy



TEST PROCTORING

Test proctoring, available at any library branch if you need a quiet place to take an exam.

Visit oplib.org/proctoring for details.



Your library is here for you in more ways than you might imagine.



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PUMPKINS: FROM PATCH TO PIE

From eating to carving, from playing to growing, pumpkins are our favorite part of fall! Whether you see them as gorgeous gourds, tempting treats, or fun to farm, the library has a book to satisfy your pumpkin passion.

GROWING PUMPKINS



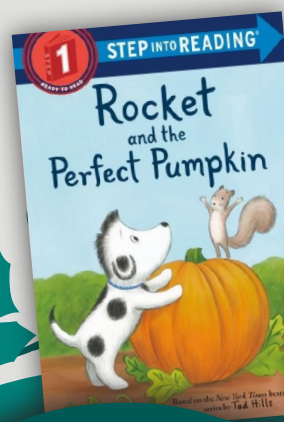
The Pumpkin Seed's Secret: A Life Cycle Poem by Hannah Rodgers Barnaby



The Garden That We Grew by Joan Holub



Ready for Pumpkins by Kate Duke



Rocket and the Perfect Pumpkin by Tad Hills



We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt by Goldie Hawk



Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell

PLAYING IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH



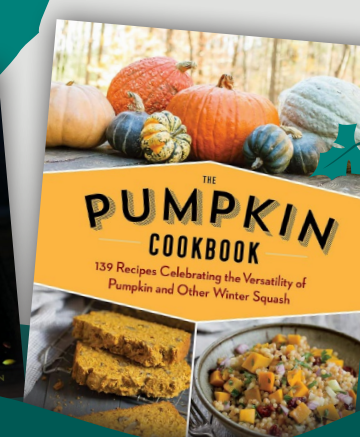
COOKING & EATING PUMPKINS



Purely Pumpkin: More Than 100 Wholesome Recipes to Share, Savor, and Warm Your Kitchen by Allison Day



The Pumpkin Pie Spice Cookbook: Delicious Recipes for Sweets, Treats, and Other Autumnal Delights by Stephanie Pedersen



The Pumpkin Cookbook: 139 Recipes Celebrating Versatility of Pumpkin and Other Winter Squash by Edith Stovel

DECORATING PUMPKINS



From Harvest to Home : Seasonal Activities, Inspired Decor, and Cozy Recipes for Fall by Alicia Tenise Chew



Pick a Pumpkin by Patricia Toht



Pumpkin Chic: Decorating with Pumpkins and Gourds by Mary Caldwell

KIDS PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKS & STORIES



STEM



EVENTS



MOVIES



MOVIES



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Oct. 2 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Create a witch face using the playful paint-splat technique.



SATURDAY MATINEE

Sat., Oct. 4 at 2-3 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Watch: *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation* (PG) and snacks



LEGO CLUB

Mon., Oct. 6 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Come join us for Lego Club! Kids will be able to free build, follow a tutorial, or complete a STEM challenge.



STEMULATING MONDAY

Mon., Oct. 6 at 4-5:30 p.m. | West Ouachita | AGES 6-12
We will be making ghost rockets.



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Oct. 7 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Make a cool fall suncatcher.



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Oct. 7 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial
AGES 3-5 | Come make a jazzy Jack-o-Lantern!



KID'S WORLD CRAFT

Tues., Oct. 7 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 6-12
Come join us as we make monsters from pool noodles.



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Oct. 9 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
DIY Mummy Luminaries - Wrap up some frightfully fun crafting with these glowing mummy luminaries!



ANIMAL LEAVES

Fri., Oct. 10 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Paint your favorite animal on a leaf!



POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Sat., Oct. 11 at 2-3:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | FAMILY
Join us for a movie screening of *Sonic The Hedgehog 3* (PG).



CHILDREN'S CINEMA

Sat., Oct. 11 at 12-2 p.m. | Anna Meyer | FAMILY
Join us for a fun-filled Children's Cinema day featuring *The Addams Family 2* (PG). Snacks are on us!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sat., Oct. 11 at 10-12 p.m. | Ollie Burns | FAMILY
Prepare our community garden for the fall harvest! Help us while spending time with the community! Bring your shovel and gloves!



FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH

Sat., Oct. 11 at 10:30 -11:15 a.m. | Main | FAMILY
Featured Story: *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*. Join us for a fun and slightly spooky storytime adventure!



S.T.E.M.ULATING MONDAYS

Mon., Oct. 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer | AGES 9-12
Dancing Monsters - Tweens, it's time for spooky STEM fun. We will create dancing spiders using real chemical reactions!



PAINTING WITH A POP

Mon., Oct. 13 at 4-5:30 p.m. | West Ouachita | AGES 6-12
Come join us for a fun fall painting.



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Oct. 14 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Make your own friendly ghost craft.



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Oct. 14 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | AGES 6-12
Make a spooky wiggly 3-D spider craft.



TWEENS CLUB

Tues., Oct. 14 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 9-12
Come join us as we make a variety of fall crafts.



HALLOWEEN BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Tues., Oct. 14 at 4-5 p.m. | Carver-McDonald | FAMILY
Book Talk and signing with author, Anthony Mullins new Halloween children's book, *Evie*.



GAME DAY

Wed., Oct. 15 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Play classic game of Bingo with a spooky spin! Prizes will be provided.



PUMPKIN PAINTING

Thurs., Oct. 16 at 4-5 p.m. | Louise Williams | AGES 6-12
Join us as we celebrate the fall season by painting mini pumpkins. Snacks, candy, juice, and pumpkins provided.



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Oct. 16 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Halloween Clay Pot - Turn an ordinary clay pot into a spook-tacular Halloween decoration!



POTION PLAY

Thurs., Oct. 16 at 5:15-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns | AGES 3-5
It's time to get out your spell books and come make your own magic potion!



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS

Fri., Oct. 17 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer | AGES 6-12
Monster Rocks - Bring your imagination to life with cute, creepy monster rock creations!



SATURDAY STORY TIME

Sat., Oct. 18 at 10-12 p.m. | Louise Williams | FAMILY
Bring the family for a special Saturday Story Time and breakfast! Food, juice, book, and fun!



SUPER SIZZLIN

Sat., Oct. 18 at 2-3 p.m. | Main | AGES 9-12
3D Pumpkins - Make your very own 3D pumpkin creation!



MAKE IT MONDAY

Mon., Oct. 20 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Halloween Silhouette Art - Create brightly colored, abstract silhouette art with a choice of Halloween themed templates.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Mon., Oct. 20 at 4-5:30 p.m. | West Ouachita | AGES 6-12
Come join us for snacks and a movie. We will be watching *Pooh's Heffalump Movie* (G).



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Oct. 21 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Let's make a cool Halloween mobile!



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Oct. 21 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | FAMILY
Learn about the your skeleton and make a Q-tips skeleton.



KID'S WORLD CRAFT

Tues., Oct. 21 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 6-12
Come join us as we paint a fall silhouette on canvas.



THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO

Tues., Oct. 21 at 4-5 p.m. | Carver-McDonald | FAMILY
Mark Henderson, Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo Education Director will bring animals with hard shells and colorful features.



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Oct. 23 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Movie & Popcorn Mania - Featured Movie: *Monster House* (PG). Spooky laughs, big-screen fun, and all the popcorn you can eat!



SPIDER WEB SALT ART

Thurs., Oct. 23 at 5:15-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns | AGES 6-12
Come get SPOOKY and enjoy art in a new way!



HALLOWEEN STEM: CANDY CHEMISTRY

Fri., Oct. 24 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Explore the hidden colors of candy using paper chromatography and chemistry.



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS

Fri., Oct. 24 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer | AGES 6-12
Candy Corn Trees - It's crafting time! Kids can make their very own candy corn tree masterpiece!



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Oct. 28 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Decorate your Halloween Trick-or-Treat canvas bag! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470 and ask for the Children's Department.



HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 28 at 4:30-6 p.m. | Louise Williams | FAMILY
Join us for a movie night for spooky season as we watch Disney's *Under Wraps* (G). Popcorn, candy, and juice provided.



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Oct. 28 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | FAMILY
Come make a pizza craft based on the book, *The Wompananny* Witches Make One Mean Pizza by Jennie Palmer.



TWEEN CLUB

Tues., Oct. 28 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 9-12
Decorate a treat bag or box and fill it with goodies!



TRUNK OR TREAT AND A MOVIE

Thurs., Oct. 30 at 4:45-6:15 p.m. | Ollie Burns | FAMILY
Watch *Monster House* (PG) and Trunk or Treating! Don't forget to wear your costume for a chance to win the costume contest!



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Fri., Oct. 31 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Halloween Cupcake Workshop - Wear your costume and decorate cupcakes with spooky frosting and candy toppings.



SATURDAY MATINEE

Sat., Nov. 1 at 2-3 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Featured Movie: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* (PG). Enjoy a great movie with friends and family. Snacks will be provided.



MOVIE MANIA

Sat., Nov. 1 at 10:30 -12:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | FAMILY
Come watch the movie, *Free Birds* (PG) with refreshments.



LEGO CLUB

Mon., Nov. 3 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Come join us for Lego Club! Kids will be able to free build, follow a tutorial, or complete a STEM challenge.



STEMULATING MONDAY

Mon., Nov. 3 at 4-5:30 p.m. | West Ouachita | AGES 6-12
Come join us for a fall STEM challenge.



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Nov. 4 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Design Your Own Ceramic Owl! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 327-1470 and ask for the Children's Department



FALL CRAFTS

Tues., Nov. 4 at 4-5 p.m. | Louise Williams | AGES 6-12
Making an assortment of fall themed crafts!



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Nov. 4 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | AGES 6-12
Come make a fabulous fall leaf painting.



KID'S WORLD CRAFT

Tues., Nov. 4 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 6-12
Come join us as we make a variety of fall crafts.



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Nov. 6 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Fall Into Art: Autumn Painting Workshop - Celebrate the season with a cozy afternoon of creativity using vibrant fall colors!



DIY LANTERN CRAFT

Thurs., Nov. 6 at 5:15-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns | FAMILY
Make your own lantern to LIGHT up your FALL.



SCARECROW CRAFT

Fri., Nov. 7 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Make a fun scarecrow craft made out of popsicle sticks!



POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Sat., Nov. 8 at 2-3:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | FAMILY
Join us for a movie screening of *Moana 2* (PG).



CHILDREN'S CINEMA

Sat., Nov. 8 at 12-2 p.m. | Anna Meyer | FAMILY
Bring a friend and join us for a movie day! We'll be showing *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (PG). Popcorn's on us!



PAINTING WITH A POP

Mon., Nov. 10 at 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita | AGES 6-12
Come join us for a fall painting.



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Nov. 11 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Design your own wooden scarecrow craft!



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Nov. 11 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | AGES 3-5
Gobble! Gobble! Come make a turkey craft.



TWEEN CLUB

Tues., Nov. 11 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 9-12
Come join us as we craft and experiment with popcorn!



VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE!

Tues., Nov. 11 at 4-5 p.m. | Carver-McDonald | FAMILY
Chennault Aviation and Military Museum will bring a collection of artifacts and tell stories of American veterans.



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Nov. 13 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Cupcake Workshop - Learn the sweet art of cupcake decorating and create your own tasty masterpieces!



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS

Fri., Nov. 14 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer | AGES 6-12
Beaded Pumpkin Creations - Celebrate the Thanksgiving season and create your own beaded pumpkin with us!



SATURDAY STORY TIME

Sat., Nov. 15 at 12-2 p.m. | Louise Williams | AGES 6-12
Bring the family for a special Saturday Story Time and Thanksgiving style snacks!



SUPER SIZZLIN

Sat., Nov. 15 at 2-3 p.m. | Main | AGES 9-12
Paper Bag Turkey Craft. Turn an ordinary paper bag into an adorable Thanksgiving turkey!



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS

Mon., Nov. 17 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer | AGES 6-12
Turkey Craft - Kids, get ready to gobble 'til you wobble while crafting and decorating your unique turkey friends!



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., Nov. 18 at 4-5 p.m. | Ouachita Valley | AGES 6-12
Make a Thanksgiving Day Wreath.



CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY

Tues., Nov. 18 at 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Searcy Memorial | AGES 6-12
Create a silly scarecrow craft.



KID'S WORLD CRAFT

Tues., Nov. 18 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | West Monroe | AGES 6-12
Turkey Windsock Craft!



THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO

Tues., Nov. 18 at 4-5 p.m. | Carver-McDonald | FAMILY
Mark Henderson, Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo Education Director will bring unusual species of birds and reptiles.



THANKSGIVING TURKEY CONTEST

Wed., Nov. 19 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Main | FAMILY
Disguise a Turkey Contest - Disguise your turkey to keep him from becoming the Thanksgiving feast! Various materials provided. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and other prizes will be given.



FALL NATURE CRAFT

Thurs., Nov. 20 at 5:15-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns | AGES 3-5
Make a bracelet out of Nature!



ALL THINGZ TWEEN

Thurs., Nov. 20 at 4-5 p.m. | Main | AGES 6-12
Celebrate the season of gratitude with a festive crafting session!



THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

Fri., Nov. 21 at 4-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial | FAMILY
Come celebrate with us and make some fun Thanksgiving crafts.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Fri., Nov. 21 at 4-5 p.m. | Anna Meyer | FAMILY
Bring your game face and your family for a night!



SATURDAY MOVIE

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TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOKISH & WRITING



CLASSIC GAMES



MOVIES



EVENTS



VIDEO GAMES



TAB INTEREST MEETING

Thurs., Oct. 2 | 4-5 p.m. | Main

Join us for a Teen Advisory Board (TAB) interest meeting. TAB members will help create book displays, design social media posts, share ideas for teen library programs, volunteer & more. Snacks will be provided.

GAME ON

Thurs., Oct. 2 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Get your gaming on with friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!

HALLOWEEN ROCK PAINTING

Thurs., Oct. 2 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Join us to create spooky scenes or scary friends on a river rock!

AUTUMN DIAMOND PAINTING

Mon., Oct. 6 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Main

Relax and paint with diamonds to create a fall-themed craft. Space is limited. Call 318-692-2851 or email aestep@oplib.org to register.

SWITCH GAMING NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 7 | 4-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Play spooky and fun games on the library's Nintendo Switch!

GAME NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 7 | 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come join us for classic board games and snacks.

BEETLEJUICE (1988)

Tues., Oct. 7 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Watch *Beetlejuice* (1988) (PG) from the mind of Tim Burton.

DISCO PUMPKINS

Tues., Oct. 7 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Decorate a pumpkin with mirror tiles for a disco pumpkin.

GAME NIGHT

Thurs., Oct. 9 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Louise Williams

Enjoy some friendly competition with games, snacks and fun!

GAME ON

Thurs., Oct. 9 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Get your gaming on with friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!

D&D CAMPAIGN

Thurs., Oct. 9 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Join the adventure with a pre-made or your own character!

HAUNTED BIRDHOUSE CRAFT

Thurs., Oct. 9 | 4-5 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Come create a haunted house for your bird friends.

D&D ONE-SHOT

Sat., Oct. 11 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | West Monroe

Join the adventure with a pre-made or your own character!

WRITE ON!

Mon., Oct. 13 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Main

Connect with fellow teen writers, share your work, learn about the world of creative writing together.

GHOST STORY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 14 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Bring your original ghost stories or read a classic aloud. Or just come to listen! Snacks and eerie ambiance included.

GHOST PORTRAITS

Tues., Oct. 14 | 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come join us for a fun fall craft. We will be making ghost portraits.

SWIFTIE CHARM BRACELETS

Tues., Oct. 14 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Make your own charm bracelet and live in your era.

FRANKENWEENIE AND DOG TREATS

Tues., Oct. 14 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Watch *Frankenweenie* (PG) and make spooky-themed dog treats.

PONY BEAD PUMPKINS

Wed., Oct. 15 | 4:45-5:45 p.m. | West Monroe

Make your own pumpkin out of pony beads.

GAME ON

Thurs., Oct. 16 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Get your gaming on with friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!



MONSTER BINGO

Thurs., Oct. 16 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Join us for a horror movie inspired game of bingo!



MOVIE MANIA

Thurs., Oct. 16 | 4-6 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Join us for a showing of *Hocus Pocus* (PG) and refreshments.



SPOOKY CINEMA

Sat., Oct. 18 | 10:30-12:30 p.m. | Main

Create a ghost portrait while we watch *Haunted Mansion* (PG-13).

SPOOKY WRITING WORKSHOP

Tues., Oct. 21 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Craft your own horror story! Use writing prompts, share your work, and get inspired by others. All skill levels welcome.



COSTUMES AND CANVASES

Tues., Oct. 21 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Come dressed up or dressed down for relaxing canvas painting.



MOVIE NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 21 | 4-6 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come join us for popcorn and the movie *Casper* (PG).



PUMPKIN CERAMICS

Tues., Oct. 21 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Paint small ceramics to help decorate your house or room.



GAME ON

Thurs., Oct. 23 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!



DIY YARN PUMPKINS

Thurs., Oct. 23 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Create your very own yarn pumpkin to have the entire fall season!



VIDEO GAME & VIBE

Thurs., Oct. 23 | 4-5 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 28 | 4:30-6:15 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Watch *The House with the Clock in its Walls* (PG). Enjoy popcorn, cozy vibes, and chills in the air. Costumes encouraged!



HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Tues., Oct. 28 | 4:30-6 p.m. | Louise Williams

Watch the Disney Classic, *Under Wraps* (G). Snacks provided.



COSPLAY CLUB

Tues., Oct. 28 | 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come dressed in costume for a Halloween themed Cosplay Club.

SCAR AND HORN PROSTHETICS

Tues., Oct. 28 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Make your own scar or horn prosthetics for the spooky season.



SPOOKY BINGO AND RIDDLES

Mon., Oct. 28 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Use riddles to fill out our Spooky Bingo cards and to win prizes.



HALLOWEEN JEOPARDY

Wed., Oct. 29 | 4:45-5:45 p.m. | West Monroe

Test your skills with a game of Halloween Jeopardy!



GAME ON

Thurs., Oct. 30 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Play board games, card games, and Switch games!



POP CULTURE TRIVIA: HORROR

Thurs., Oct. 30 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Join us to challenge your knowledge of horror.



HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT

Thurs., Oct. 30 | 4-5 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Join us for Halloween Bingo and win some cool prizes!



MOVIE MATINEE: HOCUS POCUS (PG)

Fri., Oct. 31 | 3:45-5:45 p.m. | West Monroe

Watch *Hocus Pocus* (PG). Refreshments will be served.



AFTERNOON CHILL: VIDEO GAMES

Mon., Nov. 3 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | West Monroe

Enjoy a chill afternoon and play some games on the PS4.

PET PORTRAIT

Mon., Nov. 3 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Main

Create a custom pet portrait. Limited Space. Call 318-692-2851 or email aestep@oplib.org to register. Email your pet's picture by Oct. 30.



DIY GRATITUDE JOURNALS

Tues., Nov. 4 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Use prompts and art supplies to reflect on what you're thankful for. Space is limited. Call 318-327-1235 to register!



GAME NIGHT

Tues., Nov. 4 | 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come join us for board games and snacks.



BUDGETING 101

Tues., Nov. 4 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Learn how to adult and do your own budgeting.



PAINT AND POP

Tues., Nov. 4 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Come paint and have a blast at our soda bar! (Limited supplies)



COMMUNITY SERVICE: TAB MEETING

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 4-5 p.m. | Main

Join us for a Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting. Please call 318-692-2851 or email aestep@oplib.org to register.



SPOOKY GAME NIGHT

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Louise Williams

Let's keep the spooky vibes going with a mysterious and spooky game night of Clue and One Night With A Werewolf!



GAME ON

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Enjoy Board games, card games, and Switch games with friends.



FALL COLORING PAGE

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Relax and color a fall-inspired coloring page.



FALL CRAFT

Thurs., Nov. 6 | 4-5 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Create a watercolor leaf collage.



D&D ONE-SHOT

Sat., Nov. 8 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | West Monroe

Join the adventure with a pre-made or your own character!



WRITE ON!

Mon., Nov. 10 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Main

Connect with fellow teen writers, share your work, learn about the world of creative writing together.



COZY GAMING CAFÉ

Tues., Nov. 11 | 5-6 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Enjoy board games, card games, and puzzles with snacks and cocoa!



FALL MACRAME CRAFT

Tues., Nov. 11 | 4-5 p.m. | West Ouachita

Come join us for a fall macrame craft.



DIY PUZZLE

Tues., Nov. 11 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Draw and make your own puzzle.



THE LONG WALK TO MORDOR

Tues., Nov. 11 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Come join The Fellowship or your own group of adventurers on a journey from The Shire to the dark lands of Mordor.



GAME ON

Thurs., Nov. 13 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Get your gaming on with friends. Board games, card games, and Switch games are available to play!



D&D CAMPAIGN

Thurs., Nov. 13 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer

Join the adventure with a pre-made or your own character!



CALM DOWN WITH COLORING

Thurs., Nov. 13 | 4-5 p.m. | Searcy Memorial

Create a fall masterpiece using crayons, markers, and colored pencils.



D&D ONE-SHOT

Sat., Nov. 15 | 10:30-12:30 p.m. | Main

Join us for a D&D one-shot!



**Saturday, Oct. 25th
7-10 p.m.
at West Monroe Branch**

Dig up a date and join us for Zombie Prom! This frightfully fun night will include music, games, a zombie makeover station, and button-making fun.

Enjoy delicious snacks including nachos, cupcakes, pickles and punch. Wear your spookiest attire for a chance to win prizes. Tickets are free and available at all Ouachita Parish Public Library branches while supplies last. A signed permission slip is required to secure your spot. Don't miss it, this night is going to be a real scream!



THE MIDNIGHT READERS BOOK CLUB

Sat., Nov. 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Book of the Month: *The Hobbit* by J.R. Tolkien (+themed snacks and coloring sheets).



DIY BOARD GAME

Mon., Nov. 17 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Main

Design your own board game for International Games Month.



PAINT & COCOA NIGHT

Tues., Nov. 18 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Ollie Burns

A cozy painting night with cocoa, paints, and canvases. Space is limited. Call 318-327-1235 to register.



D & D MINI FIGURINES

Tues., Nov. 18 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Paint some cool Mini Figurines for Dungeons and Dragons.



CROCHET FUN!

Tues., Nov. 18 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

Come crochet a bookmark with us!



SILENCE IN THE STACKS

Wed., Nov. 19 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Louise Williams

Need some peace and quiet for a bit? Join us in the YA room for an hour of silent reading and a cup of hot chocolate and treats!



GAME ON

Thurs., Nov. 20 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial

Board games, card games, and Switch

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., Oct. 27 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Ex Hex by Erin Sterling

Mon., Nov. 24 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Not Another Love Song by Julie Soto



CULTURE IN CONTEXT

MAIN BRANCH

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

Tues., Oct. 21 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Sky Full of Elephants by Cebo Campbell

Tues., Nov. 18 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows by Balli Kaur Jaswal



DRAWN TOGETHER

OLLIE BURNS

Drawn Together Book Club reads and discusses graphic novels.

Wed., Oct. 1 at 5-6 p.m.
Haunted Pages Edition: Read and discuss any horror themed graphic novel. Can't think of one? Try *Through the Woods* by Emily Carroll

Wed., Nov. 5 at 5-6 p.m.
Read and discuss graphic novels about found families and friendships. Can't think of one? Try *One Piece*, *Fruits Baskets*, *Yona of the Dawn*, or *Blue Period*.



JUST READ

SEARCY MEMORIAL

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

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

Thurs., Nov. 20 at 2-3 p.m.

We will discussing new and old titles for the fall. Bring your recently read book and tell us all about it!



KETTLE & CAULDRON

WEST MONROE

Where stories steep and conversations flow.

Mon., Oct. 13 at 4:45-5:45 p.m.
A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons by Kate Khavari

Mon., Nov. 10 at 4:45-5:45 p.m.
The Great Passion by James Runcie



LOST IN THE STACKS

MAIN BRANCH

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

Tues., Oct. 14 at 5:30-7 p.m.
The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer

Tues., Nov. 11 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Email Melinda at mdewberry@oplib.org for this month's title.



MYSTICAL MARGINS

WEST OUACHITA

Mystical Margins Book Club is escaping the ordinary one enchanted page at a time!

Fri., Oct. 17 at 2-3 p.m.
Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher

Fri., Nov. 21 at 2-3 p.m.
The Unmaking of June Farrow by Adrienne Young



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., Oct. 10 at 2-3 p.m.

How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix

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

The Guest List by Lucy Foley



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

Nicked by M.T. Anderson

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

I Shall Never Fall in Love by Hari Conner



SCIFI FANTASY

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Oct. 18 at 2-3 p.m.

No Gods, No Monsters by Cadwell Turnbull

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

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor



THRILLING THURSDAYS

MAIN BRANCH

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

Thurs., Oct. 16 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Framed by John Grisham

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

The Twyford Code by Janice Hallet

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUBS



AFTER-SCHOOL

OLLIE BURNS

Thurs., Oct. 9 at 4-5 p.m.

City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab



GRIMM READER'S

ANNA MEYER

A Young Adult book club that discusses YA horror.

Sat., Oct. 19 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Clown in a Cornfield by Adam Cesare

Sat., Nov. 22 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Together We Rot by Skylar Arndt



THE MIDNIGHT READER

OUACHITA VALLEY

Sat., Oct. 18 at 2-3:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 18 at 2-3:30 p.m.
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (+ Dice Game/Bingo for Discussion)

Sat., Nov. 15 at 2-3:30 p.m.
The Hobbit by J.R. Tolkien

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

OLLIE BURNS

BEGINNER-FRIENDLY COMPUTER BASICS

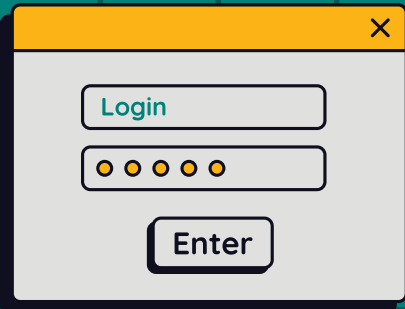
Get comfortable with the basics—using a computer, checking email, searching the web using Google, and more. Bring your questions!

Tues., Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.
Thur., Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

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internet



MAIN BRANCH

File Edit View Help

COMPUTER BASICS

Thurs., Oct. 9 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

If you know a bit about using a mouse and keyboard but don't know your way around using a computer just yet, this is the class for you.

GOOGLE DOCS

Thurs., Nov. 13 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn how to use Google Docs basic features for creating, editing, and sharing documents.



computer

ANNA MEYER

File Edit View Help

Space is limited. Call or email to register:

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COMPUTER BASICS CLASS

Every Mon. & Wed.

at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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.

Classes may not meet during the week of a holiday. Call 327-1351 for more information. The Holiday Schedule can be found at oplib.org

ADULT PROGRAMS



PROJECT: COLD WAR
Wed., Oct. 1 | 2-3 p.m. | West Monroe
Learn about the Cold War. Dr. Jennifer Dumas, Assistant Professor of Political Science at ULM, will be here to discuss the Cold War between the USA & the USSR.

CHAIR YOGA
Thurs., Oct. 2 | 10-11 a.m. | Main
Join instructor Jamie Burgess for gentle yoga class designed for seniors and those with limited mobility. All poses are done seated or with the support of a chair.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Mon., Oct. 6 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer
Hone your skills as a writer and learn the craft of writing.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION: DEBT REDUCTION
Wed., Oct. 8 | 3-4 p.m. | Ouachita Valley
Come learn more about debt reduction from Regions Bank representative, Patsy Meche.

AUTUMN IRIS FOLDING
Wed., Oct. 8 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial
Learn the art of iris folding to create a layered fall-themed design using patterned paper. All supplies are provided and no experience is needed.

POVERTY POINT ADVENTURE
Thurs., Oct. 9 | 11-12:30 p.m. | Carver-McDonald
Join us for an unforgettable adventure looking deeper at Poverty Point archaeological site.

MOVIE MATINEE
Thurs., Oct. 9 | 2-4 p.m. | JR Searcy
Get in the mood for the football season and watch the movie *Rudy* (PG). Refreshments will be provided.

HERBS & SPICES WITH MARKAYE
Thurs., Oct. 9 | 1-2 p.m. | Louise Williams
Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, uses a new herb or spice to reduce sodium intake.

ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
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Join our adult D&D campaign! Friendly to both new and experienced players.

WRITE CLUB
Mon., Oct. 13 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Main
Join Write Club and hone your craft.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE
Mon., Oct. 13 | 2-4 p.m. | Ouachita Valley
Come watch *Captain America: Brave New World* (PG-13).

BOOK EXCHANGE PARTY
Tues., Oct. 14 | 12-1:30 p.m. | Louise Williams
Bring your book wrapped with the genre on the front cover. Refreshments served. Limited seating. Email at twilliams@oplib.org or call 327-5422 to register.

HOOKS & BOOKS
Tues., Oct. 14 | 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.

BOO-TIFUL BRUSHSTROKES
Wed., Oct. 15 | 5-7 p.m. | Main
Come and grab an art print and make it seasonal with spooky additions.

SPOOK & SCRAP
Wed., Oct. 15 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Ollie H. Burns
Join us for a frightfully fun evening of scrapbooking inspired by your favorite spooky stories.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION: CONSUMER PROTECTION
Wed., Oct. 15 | 3-4 p.m. | Ouachita Valley
Come Learn how to protect yourself as a consumer from Regions Bank representative, Patsy Meche.

PRESSED FLOWER PUMPKINS
Wed., Oct. 15 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | West Monroe
Join us on this fun DIY using pumpkins, flowers, and mod podge!

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB
Thurs., Oct. 16 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | West Ouachita
Paint an autumn-themed piece with us! Space is limited. Call 327-5414 to register.

WEBINAR WITH US: LAW TALKS: FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY | PRESENTED BY LOUISIANA LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES
Mon., Oct. 20 | 12-1 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial
Attorneys from Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will discuss everything you need to know about filing for bankruptcy. The Q&A will follow the presentation.

KARAOKE NIGHT
Tues., Oct. 21 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Louise Williams
Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and fun! Our Karaoke Night is the perfect chance to take the stage and share your voice. Bring a book to donate to the Friends of the Library.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE TEA PARTY
Wed., Oct. 22 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Main
Don your tea party best, enjoy light refreshments and hear Amber Jorgensen, Graduate Teaching Assistant at LSUS, present a fun and lively talk about the use of poison in literature. Please call 327-1490 to register.

GHOST STORIES OF OUACHITA PARISH
Wed., Oct. 22 | 2-3 p.m. | Ouachita Valley
Join Lora Peppers from our very own Genealogy Department discuss the ghost stories of Ouachita Parish.

WATERCOLOR PUMPKINS
Wed., Oct. 22 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial
Learn about using a mother color, a technique that makes your paintings look cohesive, while painting watercolor illustrations of pumpkins.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
Thurs., Oct. 23 | 11-12:30 p.m. | Carver-McDonald
Join us for a Book Talk and Signing with author, Shayla Kennedy's new book, *When the Prey Had to Pray*.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON
Thurs., Oct. 23 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | West Ouachita
Join us for popcorn and a movie. This month's selection is *The Ballad of Wallis Island* (PG-13).

WEBINAR WITH US: LAW TALKS: HOW TO NAVIGATE ONLINE LEGAL RESOURCES | PRESENTED BY LOUISIANA LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES
Fri., Oct. 24 | 12-1 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial
Attorneys from Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will discuss what you need to know about using Louisiana's Civil Navigator and Free Legal Answers.

BINGO BONANZA
Mon., Oct. 27 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer
Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

CHRONICLES OF YARNIA
Tues., Oct. 28 | 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.

A HAUNTING ON CANVAS
Wed., Oct. 29 | 5-7 p.m. | Ollie H. Burns
Step into the shadows and unleash your creativity, come in costume (library appropriate) or come as you are.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE
Fri., Oct. 31 | 4-6 p.m. | Main
Come and watch a special Halloween movie with us! You can dress up as well!

CAT'S TAIL GUILD
Fri., Oct. 31 | 5-6 p.m. | Main
D&D one-shots--Halloween Edition!

WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Mon., Nov. 3 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Anna Meyer
Hone your skills as a writer and learn the craft of writing.

FALL SALADS
Mon., Nov. 3 | 1-2 p.m. | Louise Williams
LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, will demonstrate how to make delicious Fall Salads. Limited seating. Call 327-5422 to register.

EATING HEALTHY DURING THE HOLIDAYS
Thurs., Nov. 6 | 11-12:30 p.m. | Carver-McDonald
LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, will discuss ways to eat healthily for the holidays by substituting a variety of herbs and seasons.

CAT'S TAIL GUILD
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Come join us for D&D one-shots!

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Join instructor Jamie Burgess for gentle yoga class designed for seniors and those with limited mobility. All poses are done seated or with the support of a chair.

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We will be showing *The Karate Kid* (PG).

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PICTURE PERFECT MOVIE CLUB
Wed., Nov. 12 | 5-7 p.m. | Main
Come and Watch *A Quiet Place: Day One* (PG-13).

GRATITUDE AND GROWTH
Wed., Nov. 12 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Ollie H. Burns
As the season shifts and the year winds down, join us for a reflective journaling program focused on mental wellness and gratitude.

CHARCUTERIE BOARD 101
Wed., Nov. 12 | 1-2 p.m. | Ouachita Valley
Join as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell teaches how to build a charcuterie board. Registration is required.

MAKE AN HERBAL HEATING PAD
Wed., Nov. 12 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | West Monroe
It's time to get cozy. Craft an herbal heating pad and sip a warming tea blend to support winter health. Space is limited, please call 327-1365 to register.

ART EXHIBIT USING CERAMIC PORTRAITS!
Thurs., Nov. 13 | 11-12:30 p.m. | Carver-McDonald
Artist Becky Gottsegen will feature a powerful art exhibit featuring ceramic busts of several men wrongfully imprisoned in Louisiana.

MOVIE MATINEE
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Come and enjoy the Thanksgiving season with the movie *Beethoven* (PG) - the 185 pound St. Bernard dog! Refreshments will be provided.

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SWEATER WEATHER AND PAINT
Wed., Nov. 19 | 5-7 p.m. | Ollie H. Burns
Join us for an afternoon of peaceful painting and seasonal serenity.

AUTUMN SCENE STEP-BY-STEP PAINTING
Wed., Nov. 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Sterlington Memorial
Join Tech artist, Madison DiCarlo, for a fun, step-by-step acrylic painting session featuring a beautiful autumn scene. No experience needed. Just bring your creativity and we'll provide the rest! Please call 318-327-1382 to register.

CUSTOM TISSUE BOX COVERS
Wed., Nov. 19 | 2-3 p.m. | West Monroe
Create your own custom tissue box cover using colorful cardstock! Assemble and decorate a tissue box, while adding a personal touch to something both functional and beautiful.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB
Thurs., Nov. 20 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | West Ouachita
Paint a wooden Christmas ornaments in time for the holidays! Space is limited. Call 318-327-5414 to register.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON
Fri., Nov. 21 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | West Ouachita
Join us for popcorn and a movie. This month's selection is *Bob Trevino Likes It* (PG-13).

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MIX IT UP FOOD DRIVE
Sterlington Memorial
Donate boxed mixes like cake, brownie, muffin, or cornbread to help stock the shelves at the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana.



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.

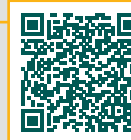
FROM THE ARCHIVES NATIONAL ARCHIVES MONTH—OUR ARCHIVES

The word archives can mean different things such as a collection of government or business records, documentary evidence of past events or a place where collections are stored. There are also different kinds of archives such as government archives, business or corporate archives, university and college archives, religious archives, museum archives and historical societies. Archives staff work to create, arrange, administer and house important history. Archives work has developed into programs for Museum Studies, Records Management, Library Science and Archival Studies. Staff still provide documentary evidence of past events; they are still dedicated to preserving documents, and they still provide a place where archival materials are kept.

The Genealogy and Special Collections department at the Ouachita Parish Public Library Main Branch is a type of archive where patrons can find family and local

history. The Genealogy room is located on the first floor. Patrons have access to books on Genealogy from many different places and a large collection of books about Northeast Louisiana. There are yearbooks from many local schools, historic city directories and microfilm from local newspapers. The Special Collections area is located on the second floor of the library in a secure, temperature and humidity-controlled environment. This local history "archive" contains primary source material from Ouachita Parish and surrounding areas. Books in Special Collections are rare or hard-to-find and concentrate on local and library history as well as local authors. Many of the fragile items have been digitized and made available online. Print 1926 and 1932 Monroe Sanborn maps can be viewed in Special Collections or found online at the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov). Library archives and photographs including some 1927 and 1932 flood images, photographs of Ouachita

Postcard image of the Monroe Zoo during the 1932 Ouachita River flood



Monroe Steam Laundry owned by Gilbert Brian "G. B." Cooley



Ouachita Parish Junior High School with I-20 Ouachita River Bridge visible in the background

Parish Schools, photographs from Bob Sale, the Bastrop Enterprise, Mac Ward and Layton Castle can be viewed on the Louisiana Digital Library (louisianadigitallibrary.org). Manuscripts collections on the LDL include the Works Progress Administration papers, Ouachita Business Records, Leonidas Barkdull Faulk World War I letters, and the Stan Shlosman Reveille Seven Collection. A software upgrade is anticipated by the beginning of 2026 which should make the LDL even better and faster. Visit in person or online to help celebrate National Archives month at your library.



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