

CATTAILS



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SEPTEMBER
IS LIBRARY
CARD SIGN
UP MONTH!**

CELEBRATE WITH BOOK
CLUBS, MOVIE NIGHTS,
CRAFTING CLASSES,
AND MORE!

**JOIN US
FOR ZOMBIE
PROM!**

DON'T MISS THIS
FRIGHTFULLY FUN NIGHT
WITH MUSIC, GAMES,
CRAFTS, AND MORE!



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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

LABOR DAY - Mon., Sept. 7th

FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!



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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Proceeds from the monthly book sale benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming. Note: If you would like to become a member, you can sign up at the door, or at your local library branch.

SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE

Member Presale: Thurs., Sept. 24th | 4-6 p.m.

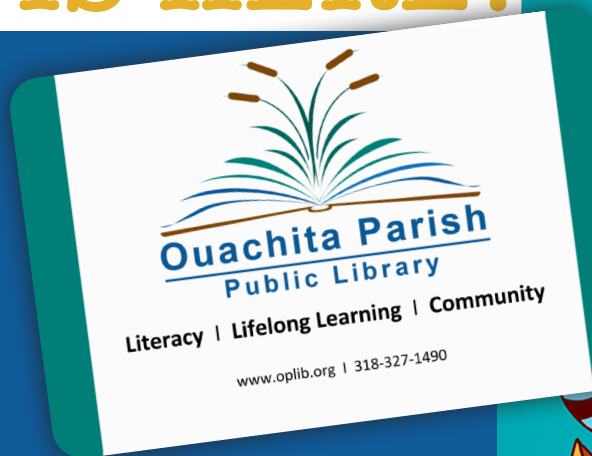
General Admission: Fri., Sept. 25th & Sat., Sept. 26th | 9-3 p.m.

OCTOBER BOOK SALE

Member Presale: Thurs., Oct. 29th | 4-6 p.m.

General Admission: Fri., Oct. 30th & Sat., Oct. 31st | 9-3 p.m.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH IS HERE!



No matter what your tastes are, a library card hits all the right notes!

Check out a classic story or hit shuffle and try something new. Find harmony at your library's book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and author talks. A headphone kind of day? Find your focus in a study room or vibe out in a cozy nook. Compose your future with new skills in your library's makerspace or check out instruments and tools in the Library of Things. No matter what rhythm you find yourself in, there's a seat in the front row at the library for you.

This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card!

A library card HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!



September is **LIBRARY** **CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

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Think Outside The Book

OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Something new is taking shape at 1000 Oliver Road.

When the doors open, you may discover a library unlike the one you're expecting.

The new Main Branch of the Ouachita Parish Public Library is being created for books, of course, but also for the many ways our community learns, works, creates, connects, and grows.

It's a place where you'll be able to:

- ✓ Meet and collaborate
- ✓ Make something
- ✓ Record an idea
- ✓ Learn a new technology
- ✓ Find a quiet place to focus
- ✓ Research your family history
- ✓ Let your children explore
- ✓ Give your teen a space designed with them in mind

In other words, we're inviting Ouachita Parish to Think Outside the Book.



A PLACE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOOK

Throughout the new Main Branch, you'll discover new ways to **learn, create, connect, focus, and explore.**

High-tech meeting rooms and private study areas will offer places to collaborate, work, or concentrate. An expanded computer classroom will support technology instruction and digital learning.

A new makerspace will open the door to hands-on learning and creativity, while a dedicated podcast and media room will give patrons a place to create, record, and share ideas.

Children will have an interactive learning area designed for reading, discovery, and play. **Teens** will have a space of their own for gaming, charging devices, studying, and spending time together.

For those who need privacy for work, study, or personal needs, the Main Branch will include additional **quiet spaces.**



WHERE THE PAST HAS A PLACE, TOO

Thinking outside the book doesn't mean leaving our history behind.

The new **Special Collections and Genealogy** area will provide improved access to local and historical resources, including books, yearbooks, family histories, periodicals, maps, microfilm, and research databases.

Original **manuscripts, photographs, and other materials unique to our area** will receive an additional level of protection in a secure, climate-controlled archives room.

One especially meaningful piece of Library history will also have a place of prominence: the library's collection of **Clementine Hunter paintings**, gifted in the 1960s. Some longtime Library fans may remember just how unusual this collection once was. The paintings were part of the library's circulating art collection, which meant patrons could check them out and take them home.

And yes, every single one came back.



YOUR FIRST LOOK AT WHAT'S AHEAD

Everything you've always valued about the library will still be here, with **new spaces, tools, and experiences** that give you even more reasons to walk through the doors. The ribbon cutting for the new Main Branch is tentatively planned for early October, with more details to come as plans are finalized. Until then, consider this your first invitation to **Think Outside the Book**.

We can't wait to show you what's waiting at 1000 Oliver Road.



KIDS PROGRAMS



EVENTS



MOVIES



ARTS & CRAFTS



IN THE GARDEN



STEM ACTIVITIES



BOOKS & STORIES



VIDEO GAMES



VIDEO GAMES

MAIN



ALL THINGS TWEEN: BALLOON POWERED CAR

Thurs., Oct. 1 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Join us for a STEM craft where you get to create and test out cars powered by balloons! Supplies will be provided.



SATURDAY MATINEE: THE ADDAMS FAMILY 2 (PG)

Sat., Oct. 3 | 2-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for a great Halloween movie with snacks!



ALL THINGS TWEEN: MINECRAFT SURVIVAL MODE

Thurs., Oct. 8 | 4-5:30 p.m. | AGES 9-12
You can either play on the Switch 2 provided by the library, or join us from your own device. (Maximum of 4 players on one console)



WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAY: HALLOWEEN MINUTE TO WIN IT

Wed., Oct. 14 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Celebrate Halloween with fun games and prizes.



ALL THINGS TWEEN: MARSHMALLOW ENGINEERING

Thurs., Oct. 15 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Join us for a STEM craft where you get to create architecture using only marshmallows and toothpicks! Refreshments will be provided.



SUPER SIZZLER: BALLOON PUMPKINS

Sat., Oct. 17 | 2-4 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Transform simple balloons into adorable pumpkins using assorted craft supplies. All supplies are provided.



ALL THINGS TWEEN: D&D ONE-SHOT

Thurs., Oct. 22 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Come to the library for a short and sweet Dungeons and Dragons one-shot! You will be able to pick from a set of pre-made characters provided by the host. Refreshments will be provided!



MAKE-IT-MONDAY: HALLOWEEN PAPER SQUISHY CRAFT

Mon., Oct. 26 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for a howling good time and make colorful Halloween squishies!



ALL THINGS TWEEN: GAME NIGHT

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Game Night! Test your skills with an afternoon of board games, card games, or other group activities!

OLLIE BURNS



FALL COMMUNITY GARDEN REFRESH

Sat., Sept. 5 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | FAMILY
Come help us clean up the beds, plant cool-season crops, and discover how a little work now leads to a delicious autumn harvest.



DESIGN YOUR OWN CANVAS PENCIL POUCH

Thurs., Sept. 10 | 3:30-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Show off your creative personality at school with your very own customized canvas pencil bag.



DIRTY SODA AND A MOVIE

Thurs., Sept. 17 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Come make your own dirty soda with Parish Pop and Play! Then enjoy a showing of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (PG) with your pop and popcorn.



HAUNTED TERRARIUMS

Sat., Oct. 10 | 12-3 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Build a spooky miniature world! Create a haunted terrarium with eerie landscapes, creepy decorations, and Halloween magic to take home.



MYSTERY MOVIE NIGHT

Thurs., Oct. 15 | 4-5:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Escape into a breathtaking world where dragons soar, mysterious spirits roam, and bravery unlocks incredible adventures. Bring the whole family for a cozy afternoon with treats and a movie (PG) that has captured hearts around the world.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Trade books for treats! Wear your favorite costume and join us for a festive Trunk or Treat filled with decorated trunks, candy, and Halloween fun for all ages.

OUACHITA VALLEY



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., September 1, 2026 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
DIY: Leaf Mosaic Artwork!



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., September 8, 2026 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Create a colorful fall owl suncatcher.



POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Saturday, September 12, 2026 | 3-4 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for a movie screening of *Goat* (PG).



CRAFTY TUESDAY

Tues., September 15, 2026 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Leaf Silhouette Canvas! Limited to 18. Register in person or call 318-327-1470 and ask for Children's Department.

ANNA MEYER



CHILDREN'S CINEMA

Sat., Sept. 12 | 12-2 p.m. | FAMILY
Bring the whole family for a fun showing of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (PG) and enjoy a laugh filled afternoon together!



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS: BEADED PUMPKINS

Fri., Sept. 18 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Get ready for fall fun by creating your own adorable beaded pumpkin to take home! Join us for this hands-on craft that's perfect for celebrating the season with creativity, color, and a little sparkle.



CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS: AUTUMN ARTSCAPES

Fri., Sept. 25 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Grab cotton swabs and paint a colorful fall masterpiece while relaxing music plays. Come create, unwind, and bring your autumn art home!



CHILDREN'S CINEMA

Sat., Oct. 10 | 12-2 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for a spooktacular showing of *Hotel Transylvania 2* (PG). Bring the family and enjoy popcorn and refreshments!



TOTALLY TWEENS: MONSTER ROCKS

Fri., Oct. 23 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | AGES 9-12
Join us for a monstrously fun craft of creating adorable monster rock friends with paint, pom-poms, googly eyes, and lots of imagination!



FAMILY GAME NIGHT: MINUTE TO WIN IT

Fri., Oct. 30 | 3:30-4:45 p.m. | FAMILY
Do you have what it takes to beat the clock? Put your speed to the test and join us for a fast paced "Minute to Win It" Game Night filled with quick challenges, big laughs, and friendly competition!

CARVER-MCDONALD



CARAMEL APPLE WITH POM-POMS

Tues., Sept. 8 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Caramel Apple with Pom-Poms Craft



FALL LEAFY SQUIRREL MAGNETS

Tues., Sept. 15 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Fall Leafy Squirrel Magnet Craft



CLASSIC APPLE TREE SIGN

Tues., Sept. 22 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Classic Apple Tree Sign Foam Craft



LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO

Tues., Sept. 29 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Jody Nobles, Educational Director at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo will bring and talk about the habitat of diverse animal species.



FALL LEAF BUTTERFLY MAGNETS

Tues., Oct. 6 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Fall Leaf Butterfly Magnet Craft



HEDGEHOG & PUMPKIN FALL MAGNETS

Tues., Oct. 13 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Hedgehog & Pumpkin Fall Magnet Craft



HALLOWEEN BAT CRAFT

Tues., Oct. 20 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Halloween Bat Craft



LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO

Tues., Oct. 27 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Jody Nobles, Educational Director at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo will bring and talk about the habitat of diverse animal species.

LOUISE WILLIAMS



IT'S TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

Sat., Sept. 19 | 10-11 am | FAMILY
Come join us for a special pirate-themed storytime.



STEMULATING MONDAY

Mon., Sept. 28 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Join us for a fun fall STEM activity. We will be making fizzing apples.



STEMULATING MONDAY

Mon., Oct. 12 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Come join us for a spooky STEM activity!



PAINTING WITH A POP

Sat., Oct. 17 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Come join and create a fun work of art on canvas.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for popcorn and watch *Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie* (G).

OUACHITA VALLEY

-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Sept. 22 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
DIY: Wood Slice Scarecrow!
-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Sept. 29 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Create fall Shrinky Dinks necklaces.
-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Oct. 6 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Create a mini yarn monster!
-  **POPCORN AND A MOVIE**
Saturday, Oct. 10 | 3-4 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for a movie screening of Hoppers (PG).
-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Oct. 13 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
DIY: Tea Light Pumpkin Lanterns
-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Oct. 20 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Let's make coffee filters ghosts!
-  **CRAFTY TUESDAY**
Tues., Oct. 27 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Come out and decorate your very own mini pumpkin. Limited to 18. Register in person or call 318-327-1470 and ask for the Children's Department.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Sept. 1 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
In honor of National Cherry Pop-Over Day, create a cherry tree craft.
-  **MOVIE MATINEE**
Sat., Sept. 5 | 10:30-12:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Come watch the movie *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* (PG). "Cowabunga!"
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Sept. 8 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Create a Grandparent's/Special Person Day Craft.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Sept. 15 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Create a paper robot craft. "Beep!" "Chirp!"
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Sept. 22 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Welcome the first day of autumn by creating an autumn mosaic.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Sept. 29 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 3-5
Come make a cool little acorn man.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Sat., Oct. 3 | 10:30-11:30 am | FAMILY
Make a ghostly "boo-tastic" wreath for Halloween.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Oct. 6 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Join us as we make bat art for Bat Appreciation Month.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Oct. 13 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Create a mosaic pumpkin masterpiece.
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Oct. 20 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | FAMILY
Make your own spaghetti skeleton! "Dem bones!" "Dem bones!"
-  **CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY**
Tues., Oct. 27 | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Make a Halloween witch. "Cackle!" "Cackle!"

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

-  **BACK-TO-SCHOOL LITERACY FAIR**
Sat., Sept. 5 | 2-4 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for fun activities and get to know the Sterlington library and how its resources can help with your reading goals this school year. Activities include an interactive book walk through the library, literacy activities, take and make crafts, snacks, and an information table for parents.
-  **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BINGO**
Fri., Sept. 11 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Come enjoy a special literature version of Bingo with prizes and snacks for the whole family.
-  **LEGO CLUB**
Mon., Sept. 14 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Build a Lego set, complete a fun Lego challenge card, or free-build.
-  **FOSSIL WHALES OF NORTH LOUISIANA**
Mon., Sept. 21 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Dr. Gary Stringer from ULM will have whale fossils from right here in North Louisiana! Come hear his fascinating presentation.
-  **YOGA STORYTIME**
Sat., Oct. 3 | 2-3 p.m. | FAMILY
An active storytime with fun yoga games and creative activities that encourage mindfulness. Come read and move with us!

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

-  **LEGO CLUB**
Mon., Oct. 5 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Build a cool Lego set, complete a Lego challenge card, or free-build!
-  **PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST**
Fri., Oct. 16 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Come paint a pumpkin and enter it into our library pumpkin contest. The winner will receive a special prize! Registration is required, but the contest is not. You can just enjoy painting if you like. Call 318-327-1382 to register.
-  **FALL BOOK FESTIVAL**
Mon., Oct. 19 | 4-5 p.m. | FAMILY
Dress up as your favorite book character and come enjoy a fun literature-themed book festival with lots of games and treats.
-  **HALLOWEEN SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS**
Fri., Oct. 30 | 4-5 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Participate in Halloween science experiments and make your own glow-in-the-dark slime. Call 318-327-1382 to register.

WEST MONROE

-  **GOODIES WITH GRANDPARENTS**
Fri., Sept. 11 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | FAMILY
Join us for an afternoon of celebrating our grandparents, limited room, please sign up by calling 318-327-1365.
-  **MOVIE MATINEE**
Thurs., Sept. 17 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | FAMILY
Join the adventure of *Treasure Planet* (PG).
-  **MOVIE MONDAY**
Mon., Sept. 21 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | FAMILY
Enjoy a super time with and watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG).
-  **MOVIE MONDAY**
Mon., Oct. 5 | 3:35-4:45 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Start off spooky month with us in a viewing of *Hotel Transylvania* (PG).
-  **DIY MONSTER BOTTLES**
Thurs., Oct. 15 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Show off your decorating power as you turn a water bottle into the perfect monster. Limited room, call 318-327-1365 to register.
-  **MOVIE MONDAY**
Mon., Oct. 19 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | AGES 3-5
Join the adorable fun of *Spooky Buddies* (G).
-  **DIY LAVA MONSTERS**
Thurs., Oct. 29 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. | AGES 6-12
Come create your own spooky lava monster! Space is limited, call (318) 327-1365 to register.



OLLIE BURNS

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

OUACHITA VALLEY

0-36 mo. Tues. | 10:30 a.m.
0-5 yrs. Wed. | 9:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. | 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Thurs. | 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

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

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

WEST MONROE

0-24 mo. Tues. | 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. | 10:45 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. | 3:45 p.m.

WEST OUACHITA

0-24 mo. Tues. | 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. | 3:45 p.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. | 10:45 p.m.

MAIN

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

ANNA MEYER

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

CARVER-MCDONALD

0-5 yrs. Mondays | 4 p.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. | 4 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

MOVIES  BOOKISH & LEARNING  EVENTS & SOCIALS  CLASSIC GAMES 

VIDEO GAMES  COMMUNITY SERVICE  ARTS & CRAFTS  D&D AND RPB 

ANNA MEYER

-  **HOUSEHOLD RPG**
Sat., Sept. 5 | 2-4 p.m.
Join us as we play Household! This tabletop RPG, similar to D&D, focuses on exploring an abandoned house as a 'littling.'
-  **D&D**
Sat., Sept. 12 | 2-4 p.m.
Join our adventure! Bring your character or choose a pre-made one!
-  **PRESSED LEAF BOOKMARK**
Mon., Sept. 14 | 2-3 p.m.
Bring your most unique leaves and flowers to create your own autumn-themed bookmark!
-  **MUMMY PUMPKINS**
Mon., Oct. 5 | 2-3 p.m.
Turn a pumpkin into a mummy!
-  **D&D**
Sat., Oct. 10 | 2-4 p.m.
Join our adventure! Bring your character or choose a pre-made one!
-  **HAUNTED BIRD HOUSE**
Mon., Oct. 12 | 2-3 p.m.
Design your own Halloween-themed bird house!
-  **HOUSEHOLD RPG**
Mon., Oct. 26 | 3-5 p.m.
Join us as we play Household! This tabletop RPG, similar to D&D, focuses on exploring an abandoned house as a 'littling.'
-  **HALLOWEEN TRIVIA**
Thurs., Oct. 29 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join us for fun and prizes as you show off your Halloween trivia!

CARVER-MCDONALD

-  **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Sat., Sept. 5 | 3-4 p.m.
Explore options after high school with Louisiana Delta Community College.
-  **PLAN & PREPARE FOR WEATHER**
Thurs., Sept. 17 | 4-5 p.m.
Meteorologist Marcus Walter, KNOE, gets us ready for weather safety.
-  **SUICIDE AWARENESS**
Sat., Sept. 19 | 3-4 p.m.
Niatra Bell of the Wellspring Alliance gives a presentation on Suicide Prevention.
-  **CANVAS TIE-DYE BAG**
Thurs., Sept. 24 | 4-5 p.m.
Create a tie-dye canvas bag.
-  **TEEN VIOLENCE AWARENESS**
Sat., Oct. 3 | 3-4 p.m.
Christine Oliveaux, of the Wellspring Alliance, gives a talk on Teen Violence.
-  **MOSAIC TILE ART**
Thurs., Oct. 8 | 4-5 p.m.
Create a mosaic art design.
-  **PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER**
Sat., Oct. 17 | 3-4 p.m.
Author RaShad Bristo unveils the effects of Bullying.
-  **DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH**
Thurs., Oct. 22 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Dr. Samuel B. Sanders and staff give a talk on healthy dental hygiene.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

-  **GAME NIGHT**
Wed., Sept. 9 | 4-5 p.m.
Come join us for board games and snacks!
-  **MOVIE NIGHT**
Wed., Sept. 23 | 4-5 p.m.
Come celebrate "Hobbit Day" with us and enjoy a screening of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (PG-13).
-  **COSPLAY CLUB**
Wed., Sept. 30 | 4-5 p.m.
Come join us for Cosplay Club! Costumes are welcome!

LOUISE WILLIAMS

-  **GAME NIGHT**
Wed., Oct. 7 | 4-5 p.m.
Come join us for board games and snacks!
-  **MOVIE NIGHT**
Wed., Oct. 21 | 4-5 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and the movie *The Mummy* (PG-13).
-  **COSPLAY CLUB**
Wed., Oct. 28 | 4-5 p.m.
Come join us for Cosplay Club! Costumes are welcome!

MAIN

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You can either play on the Switch 2 provided by the library, or join us from your own device. (Maximum of 4 players on one console)
-  **D&D ONE-SHOT**
Mon., Oct. 19 | 4-6:00 p.m.
Come to the library for a short and sweet Dungeons and Dragons one-shot! Bring your own character sheet, or pick from a set of pre-made characters (All starting at level 1). Refreshments will be provided!
-  **BOARD GAME NIGHT**
Wed., Oct. 28 | 4-6 p.m.
Game Night! Test your skills with an afternoon of board games, card games, or other activities!

OLLIE BURNS

-  **COMMUNITY GARDEN**
Sat., Sept. 5 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Come help us clean up the beds, plant cool-season crops, and discover how a little work now leads to a delicious autumn harvest.
-  **KAHOOT TOURNEY**
Tues., Sept. 8 | 4-5 p.m.
Bring your A-game & your smartphone for the ultimate Kahoot Tourney! Compete in fast-paced trivia rounds covering pop cultures, movies, gaming, & more. Claim bragging rights and prizes!
-  **THE SEMESTER SURVIVAL LAB**
Sat., Sept. 19 | 1-3 p.m.
Decorate a canvas bag and customize your own supply with essential tools, stress-relief items, and personalized flairs.
-  **KNOTTY BY NATURE**
Sat., Sept. 19 | 1-3 p.m.
Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, join us for stitching, sharing ideas, and creating together. Materials provided.
-  **NAME THAT TUNE MUSIC BINGO**
Tues., Sept. 22 | 4-5 p.m.
Test your music knowledge and play for prizes. Instead of numbers, we'll blast clips of tracks from hip hop, R&B, and viral trends.
-  **LIT LOUNGE: GAME & CONNECT**
Tues., Sept. 29 | 4-5 p.m.
Play everything from fast-paced card games and strategy board games to casual party favorites. Come solo or bring your crew.
-  **CUPCAKE COMBAT**
Tues., Oct. 6 | 4-5 p.m.
Put your creativity to the test in our Cupcake Combat. You'll get a cupcake and toppings, frosting, and secret ingredients to design the ultimate edible masterpiece. Supplies will be provided.
-  **HAUNTED ESCAPE ROOM**
Tues., Oct. 20 | 4-5 p.m.
Trapped inside the library's haunted room, your team must search for hidden clues, solve eerie riddles, and uncover the secrets holding you captive. Work together, beat the clock, and make your escape.
-  **KNOTTY BY NATURE**
Sat., Oct. 24 | 1-3 p.m.
Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, join us for stitching, sharing ideas, and creating together. Materials provided.
-  **TRUNK OR TREAT**
Thurs., Oct. 29 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Hit up decorated car trunks in the library parking lot and score plenty of free candy, themed treats, and swag just for teens.

OUACHITA VALLEY

-  **FINGERPAINT NIGHT**
Tues., Sept. 1 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Paint like a kid again with some fingerpainting. Wear clothes to get messy in! Call 318-327-1470 or email cccolding@oplib.org to register.
-  **CROCHET CLUB**
Tues., Sept. 8 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn crochet in our beginner friendly crochet club! Materials provided.
-  **PERLER BEAD KEYCHAINS**
Tues., Sept. 15 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Create pixel-art keychains, charms, and backpack accessories for the upcoming fall season.
-  **D&D CAMPAIGN**
Sat., Sept. 26 | 2-4 p.m.
Join our RPG adventure campaign! Bring your own character sheet, or choose a pre-made one! Players must have a complete character sheet! Call 318-327-1470 or email cccolding@oplib.org to register. Feel free to meet me before pre-session for character building.

OUACHITA VALLEY

COLLAGEBOARD: FALL MOOD

Tues., Oct. 6 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Create a fall-inspired mood board using collage and journaling prompts, stickers, and scrapbook materials.

CROCHET CLUB

Tues., Oct. 13 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn to crochet in our beginner friendly teen crochet club! Materials provided.

D&D CAMPAIGN

Sat., Oct. 24 | 2-4 p.m.
Join our RPG adventure campaign! Bring your own character sheet, or choose a pre-made one! Players must have a complete character sheet! Call 318-327-1470 or email ccolding@oplib.org to register. Feel free to meet me before pre-session for character building.

CREEPY CLAY CHARMS

Tues., Oct. 27 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Make tiny Halloween charms out of clay, from ghosts and pumpkins to bats, cats, eyeballs, and other creepy creations. Register by calling 318-327-1470 or email ccolding@oplib.org to RSVP.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

MOVIE NIGHT

Thurs., Sept. 3 | 4-6 p.m.
It's Skyscraper Day! Join us to watch the movie *Skyscraper* (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.

CRAFTY CACTUS

Thurs., Sept. 10 | 4-5 p.m.
Make the cutest paper cactus crafts!

MAGIC MUSHROOM CRAFT

Thurs., Sept. 17 | 4-5 p.m.
Make a magic mushroom using recyclable materials.

AUTUMN MOSAIC

Thurs., Sept. 24 | 4-5 p.m.
Come celebrate the beginning of autumn by making an autumn mosaic.

VIDEO GAME & VIBE

Thurs., Oct. 1 | 4-5 p.m.
Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends.

BEAD BRACELET CRAFT

Thurs., Oct. 8 | 4-5 p.m.
Create a personalized beaded bracelet.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thurs., Oct. 15 | 4-6 p.m.
Watch the movie *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.

3D WITCH CRAFT

Thurs., Oct. 22 | 4-5 p.m.
Make a wicked witch 3D craft. Cackle! Cackle!

MOSAIC SKULL ART

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 4-5 p.m.
Make a mosaic skull art project.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

BLINDFOLD CHALLENGE DAY

Tues., Sept. 1 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Draw, cup stack, take photos, build structures, guess snacks, and chase each other with pool noodles all while blindfolded.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Sept. 3 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

COLORFUL JAR LANTERNS

Tues., Sept. 8 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Create colorful jars for holding art supplies.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Sept. 10 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

FINISH THIS COMIC

Tues., Sept. 15 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Finish the comic panels to create a story.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Sept. 17 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Tues., Sept. 22 | 3:30-5 p.m.
How well do you know books and movies? Do a scavenger hunt to see.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Sept. 24 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

DUCT TAPE IT UP

Tues., Sept. 29 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Jazz up boring notebooks with crazy patterned duct tape.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Oct. 1 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

GLOW IN THE DARK GHOST JAR

Tues., Oct. 6 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Make a spooky jar with a glowing ghost inside.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Oct. 8 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

ROLL A MONSTER STORY

Tues., Oct. 13 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Create a monster using the roll of the dice and put them in a story.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Oct. 15 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

BEADED PUMPKINS

Tues., Oct. 20 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Make a little pumpkin from pipe cleaners and beads.

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Oct. 22 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

CHEESY MOVIE: TREMORS (1990)

Tues., Oct. 27 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Watch the 1990 cheesy horror movie *Tremors* (PG-13).

GAME ON THURSDAY

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 3:30-5 p.m.
Game with your friends! Switch games, board games, card games, etc.

WEST MONROE

BOOKMARK DECORATING

Wed., Sept. 2 | 2-3 p.m.
Create a one-of-a-kind bookmark to keep place in your favorite books!

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Wed., Sept. 9 | 2-3 p.m.
Join us for board games! Bring your friends or meet new ones while playing classic favorites and discovering new games.

D&D ONE-SHOT

Sat., Sept. 12 | 2:30-4 p.m.
Come join us for a D&D one-shot!

DIY BRACELETS

Wed., Sept. 16 | 2-3 p.m.
Get creative and make your own custom bracelets!

STRESS BALL WORKSHOP

Wed., Sept. 23 | 2-3 p.m.
Feeling the back-to-school pressure? Make your own stress ball and learn a fun way to relax and unwind.

COSPLAY PARTY

Sat., Oct. 3 | 1-3 p.m.
Come dressed as a beloved character, share your creations, take photos, and enjoy an afternoon of fandom fun with fellow teens.

GHOST PAINTING

Wed., Oct. 7 | 2-3 p.m.
Get into the spooky spirit with a ghost painting workshop! Create a cute, creepy, or silly ghost masterpiece to take home.

D&D ONE-SHOT

Sat., Oct. 10 | 2:30-4 p.m.
Come join us for a D&D one-shot!

MOVIE MATINEE

Wed., Oct. 14 | 2-3:30 p.m.
Join us for a screening of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG)! Grab a seat and celebrate Halloween with this spooky favorite.

FOAM POTION BOTTLES

Wed., Oct. 21 | 2-3 p.m.
Creating your own potion bottle! Use foam, paint, and decorations to design a keepsake worthy of any witch, wizard, or mad scientist.

**Saturday, Oct. 24th
7-10 p.m.
at West Monroe Branch**

For more information
call (318) 327-1490 or
email jfisher@oplib.org

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. Plus, you can 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. This will be a night to dismember.

JOIN A BOOK CLUB



BOOKS & BANTER

MAIN BRANCH | AT 5:30-7 p.m.

Books & Banter is for romance lovers who enjoy stories and even better conversation.

Tues., Oct. 6 *Wolf Gone Wild* by Juliette Cross



CULTURE IN CONTEXT

MAIN BRANCH | AT 5:30-7 p.m.

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

Tues., Oct. 19 *Automatic Noodle* by Annalee Newitz



JUST READ

SEARCY MEMORIAL | 10-11 a.m.

We discuss our favorite books of all genres. Join us at and discuss while enjoying cookies and coffee.

Thurs., Sept. 24 | Thurs., Oct. 22



KETTLE & CAULDRON

WEST MONROE | AT 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Where stories steep and conversations flow.

Mon., Sept. 14 *The Titanic Survivors Book Club* by Timothy Schaffert

Mon., Oct. 12 *Tea & Treachery* by Vicki Delany



LOST IN THE STACKS

MAIN BRANCH | 5:30-7 p.m.

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

Tues., Oct. 13 *The Names* by Florence Knapp



PAGE TURNERS

WEST OUACHITA | 2-3 p.m.

We discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turners.

Fri., Sept. 12 *We Are All Guilty Here* by Karin Slaughter

Fri., Oct. 16 *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney



QUARTERLY READS: AN ONLINE BOOK CLUB

FACEBOOK



Too busy to join a traditional book club? Try our Facebook group and check online to see what our quarterly read will be! Scan our QR code to join.



RAINBOW READS

MAIN BRANCH | 5:30-7 p.m.

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.

Sat., Sept. 24 *Can't Spell Treason Without Tea* by Rebecca Horne

Sat., Oct. 29 This month, we're choosing our own books. Come share what you've read, and tell us why we should (or shouldn't) read it too.



READ WELL WITH OTHERS

OUACHITA VALLEY | 1-2 P.M.

Join us at Read Well With Others Book Club as we read and discuss our favorites and recent reads.

Sat., Sept. 15 *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry

Sat., Oct. 10 *Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass



SCIFI-FANTASY

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL | 2-4 p.m.

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

Sat., Sept. 26 *A Language of Dragons* by S. F. Williamson

Sat., Oct. 24 *What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher



THRILLING THURSDAYS

MAIN BRANCH | 5:30-7 P.M.

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

Thurs., Sept. 17 *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis

NOTE: Sept.'s meeting will be held at West Monroe Branch

Thurs., Oct. 15 *The Last One at the Wedding* by Jason Rekulak

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUBS



GRIMM READERS

ANNA MEYER | 2-3:30 p.m.

A Young Adult book club that discusses YA horror.

Sat., Sept. 19th *How to Survive Your Murder* by Danielle Valentine

Sat., Oct. 17th This month we're choosing our next books.

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



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MAIN BRANCH

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GOOGLE SHEETS

**Thurs., Oct. 8
at 5:30-7 p.m.**

Learn how to create and manage spreadsheet data with Google Sheets. You must have a Gmail email account set up prior to this class. Please bring your Gmail email address and password to the class.

ANNA MEYER BRANCH

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Space is Limited. Call (318) 327-1351 or email Nathan at nflores@oplib.org to register.

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS

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

Learn computer basics and hone your skills to operate a computer.

PRACTICAL COMPUTER SKILLS

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

Build on basic knowledge to learn practical and useful computer skills.

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS

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

Learn computer basics and hone your skills to operate a computer.

SMARTPHONE LITERACY

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

Learn more about smartphones including how to operate, navigate, and utilize them in effective ways.

OUACHITA VALLEY

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ANCESTRY: LIBRARY EDITION

Mon., Oct. 26 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn how use OPPL's online Ancestry resource.



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WHAT KIND OF DIGITAL RESOURCES ARE AT MY LIBRARY? ⓘ



With e-Book and e-Audiobook collections at your local library, you can enjoy reliable cozy reads and discover new fall favorites!



Use your library card and PIN number (last 4 digits of your telephone number) to:

- Access your OPPL account online
- Access Free Digital Apps



Convenient Services at Your Fingertips:

Place or order items online for pickup at any of our **10 branches**.

Check out and return items at **any location**.

Extend your checkout period by phone or online.



Access Free Digital Apps Enjoy books, movies, music, and more through:

- Hoopla
- cloudLibrary
- Freegal
- Kanopy



Easy Login Tips:

- Hoopla: Library card number + email + password
- cloudLibrary: Library card number + PIN (last 4 digits of your phone number)

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HISTORY TALKS



GAMES



D&D & RPG GAMES



IN THE GARDEN



ANNA MEYER

ARKHAM HORROR



Fri., Sept. 11 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us as we play Arkham Horror, a Lovecraftian Board Game. Open to both new and experienced players.

TABLETOP RPG



Mon., Sept. 14 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join our tabletop RPG campaign! We'll continue our Fallout campaign.

BINGO BONANZA



Mon., Sept. 21 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

ARKHAM HORROR



Sat., Sept. 26 | 3-5 p.m.

Join us as we play Arkham Horror, a Lovecraftian Board Game. Open to both new and experienced players.

TABLETOP RPG



Mon., Sept. 28 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join our tabletop RPG campaign! This session continues our Dungeons & Dragons campaign.

TABLETOP RPG



Mon., Oct. 5 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join our tabletop RPG campaign! We'll continue our Fallout campaign.

BOARD GAME NIGHT



Mon., Oct. 12 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for board game fun!

ARKHAM HORROR



Fri., Oct. 16 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us as we play Arkham Horror, a Lovecraftian Board Game. Open to both new and experienced players.

TABLETOP RPG



Mon., Oct. 19 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join our tabletop RPG campaign! This session continues our Dungeons & Dragons campaign.

BINGO BONANZA



Mon., Oct. 26 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

ARKHAM HORROR



Sat., Oct. 31 | 3-5 p.m.

Join us as we play Arkham Horror, a Lovecraftian Board Game. Open to both new and experienced players.

CARVER-MCDONALD

BOOK TALK & SIGNING



Sat., Sept. 5 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Book Talk & Signing with author Kathy Caldwell's new book, *Cookies and Bananas: A Far Cry From Child's Play*. The children's book helps families explain Sickle Cell Anemia in a simple and relatable way.

ELDERLY PROTECTION AND CARE



Thurs., Sept. 10 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Donna Cole will host an educational community program related to elderly protection and care.

EXERCISE & WELLNESS



Thurs., Sept. 17 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy safe, low-impact activities that improve strength, balance, and flexibility, along with practical nutrition tips to support healthy living.

CARVER-MCDONALD

LOUISIANA HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE



Thurs., Oct. 15 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hospice Volunteer Program-giving comfort and quality medical care to people in your community.

EXERCISE & WELLNESS



Thurs., Oct. 22 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy safe, low-impact activities that improve strength, balance, and flexibility, along with practical nutrition tips to support healthy living.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

HERBS & SPICES



Thurs., Sept. 10 | 1-2 p.m.

Pick up your sample of herbs/spices for this month! Then, join Cathy Agan as she uses that seasoning in a dish to reduce sodium intake.

BINGO



Mon., Sept. 14 | 1-2 p.m.

Join your friends and play a few rounds of Bingo! Prizes and refreshments served.

LEGENDS OF BRYANT'S ADDITION



Sat., Sept. 19 | 1-2 p.m.

Videographer Marcus Simmons will showcase stories about Southside Monroe Athletes who later became professionals at their game.

A CONVERSATION WITH BBB'S JO ANN DEAL



Thurs., Oct. 15 | 1-2 p.m.

Join us as the Better Business Bureau's Regional Manager, Jo Ann Deal, provides information and answers your questions.

B-I-N-G-O



Mon., Oct. 19 | 1-2 p.m.

Join your friends and play a few rounds of B-I-N-G-O! Prizes and refreshments served.

HERBS & SPICES



Thurs., Oct. 22 | 1-2 p.m.

Pick up your sample of herbs/spices for this month! Then, join Cathy Agan as she uses that seasoning in a dish to reduce sodium intake.

ATAKAPA'S PART II



Thurs., Oct. 29 | 1-2 p.m.

Come listen as Rocky Boudreaux discusses the Cajun story of what happened once the Acadians settled in Louisiana in 1765.

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CAT'S TAIL GUILD



Thurs., Oct. 1 | 5-7 p.m.

Adventure awaits! Join us for D&D one-shots as we get into all manner of shenanigans.

WRITE CLUB



Mon., Oct. 5 | 5:30-7 p.m.

Join Write Club and hone your craft!

HOOKS & BOOKS



Tues., Oct. 13 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

CHRONICLES OF YARNIA



Tues., Oct. 27 | 5:30-7 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

HARVEST AROUND THE WORLD



Sat., Oct. 31 | 2-5 p.m.

We're learning about harvest festivals and how they are celebrated around the world! Join us with special guest, Saswati Majumdar, as we explore the world from the library!

OLLIE BURNS

CHAIR ONE FITNESS WITH ZAKIYA

OLLIE BURNS

Every Mon., Tues., and Wed. in Sept. & Oct.
From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Join us for 1 hour of invigorating dance fitness from a chair. You'll enjoy the music, movement, and fun. Sit while you get fit. *Closed for Labor Day (Sept. 7th).*

SCRAPBOOKING SOCIAL

Tues., Sept. 8 | 5:30-7 p.m.
Preserve your favorite memories while crafting with friends.

LOUD IN THE LIBRARY

Thurs., Sept. 10 | 5:30-7 p.m.
Come share your talent through spoken word, poetry, and creative writing with artist Kattina Trosclair!

KNOTTY BY NATURE

Sat., Sept. 19 | 1-3 p.m.
Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, join us for a cozy time of stitching, sharing ideas, and creating together.

FALL WREATH WORKSHOP

Sat., Sept. 26 | 1-4:30 p.m.
Create a beautiful fall wreath to decorate your home.

LOUD IN THE LIBRARY

Thurs., Oct. 15 | 5:30-7 p.m.
Come share your talent through spoken word, poetry, and creative writing with artist Kattina Trosclair!

HOMEMADE BATH SALTS

Sat., Oct. 17 | 1-4:30 p.m.
Make relaxing, scented bath salts to take home.

SCRAPBOOKING SOCIAL

Tues., Oct. 20 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Preserve your favorite memories while crafting with friends.

KNOTTY BY NATURE

Sat., Oct. 24 | 1-3 p.m.
Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, join us for a cozy time of stitching, sharing ideas, and creating together.

OUACHITA VALLEY

MOVIE MATINEE

Mon., Sept. 14 | 2-4 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and a movie. We will be showing *Michael* (PG-13).

AI FOR REAL LIFE

Sat., Sept. 19 | 3-4 p.m.
Come learn how to use AI in your everyday life.

DIY HALLOWEEN GIFT

Mon., Oct. 5 | 2-3 p.m.
Create your own easy Pom-pom Pumpkin Coaster.

MOVIE MATINEE

Mon., Oct. 12 | 2-4 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and a movie. We will be showing, *Miss Willoughby and the Haunted Bookshop* (PG).

MAHJONG GAME NIGHT

Mon., Sept. 21 | 5-7 p.m.
Enjoy a game of Mahjong. Limited Space. Call 318-327-1490 to register.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

COLORING FOR FOCUS AND STRESS RELIEF

Thurs., Sept. 3 | 1-2 p.m.
Join us as we relax, have a snack, and color the afternoon away!

MOVIE MATINEE

Thurs., Sept. 10 | 1-3 p.m.
Spend the afternoon with snacks and the movie *Mr. Mom* (PG).

COLORING FOR FOCUS AND STRESS RELIEF

Thurs., Oct. 1 | 1-2 p.m.
Join us as we relax, have a snack, and color the afternoon away!

MOVIE MATINEE

Thurs., Oct. 8 | 1-3 p.m.
Spend the with snacks and the movie *Frankenweenie* (PG).

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

HAND-PAINTED WINE GLASSES

Wed., Sept. 2 | 2-4 p.m.
Decorate your own wine glass using paints and printed templates. You can trace a design, or make your own, and add decorative touches to make your wine glass a one of a kind. Register by calling 318-327-1382 or emailing Clair at croane@oplib.org.

CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Thurs., Sept. 3 | 5-7 p.m.
The Guild is open and ready for adventure! Are you? Join the table for some D&D one-shots.

UNWIND CLUB

Tues., Sept. 15 | 5-6:45 p.m.
Enjoy quiet companionship at our monthly parallel-play session for adults. Bring your own project or choose from our puzzles, coloring sheets, or simple crafts. It's a calm space to unwind, create, and just exist alongside others.

BEADED PEN CRAFT

Wed., Sept. 16 | 2-4 p.m.
Customize a simple pen into something fun, colorful, and totally your own. Choose the pen, mix and match beads, charms, and rhinestones, then build a design that is completely your own. Call 318-327-1382 or email Clair at croane@oplib.org to register.

EASY NO-SEW FABRIC PUMPKINS

Wed., Oct. 7 | 2-4 p.m.
Make a pair of fabric pumpkins. Perfect to use as a centerpiece or mantel decor. Call 318-327-1382 or email Clair at croane@oplib.org to register.

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Tues., Oct. 20 | 5-6:45 p.m.
Enjoy quiet companionship at our monthly parallel-play session for adults. Bring your own project or choose from our puzzles, coloring sheets, or simple crafts. It's a calm space to unwind, create, and just exist alongside others.

AUTUMN ACRYLIC WITH ALEX OGLE

Wed., Oct. 28 | 2-4 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of painting autumn scenes with local artist, Alex Ogle to assist. Call 318-327-1382 or email Clair at croane@oplib.org to register.

WEST MONROE

BEFORE AND AFTER '79: A HISTORY OF MODERN IRAN

Wed., Sept. 9 | 2-3 p.m.
Rescheduled from June. Dr. Jennifer Dumas, Assistant Professor of Political Science at ULM, will be here to discuss Iran in the 20th and 21st centuries.

MUSICAL MORNINGS

Sat., Sept. 12 | 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Come join us for *In the Heights* (PG-13).

SPOOKY BOOK PAGE SILHOUETTES

Wed., Sept. 30 | 2-3 p.m.
Create enchanting seasonal decor using repurposed book pages.

MUSICAL MORNINGS

Sat., Oct. 10 | 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Come join us for *Little Shop of Horrors* (PG-13).

AUTUMN-THEMED PAINTING DIY

Wed., Oct. 14 | 2-3 p.m.
Join us for a delightful afternoon of painting.

WEST OUACHITA

ADULT COLORING FOR FOCUS

Fri., Sept. 4 | 1-2 p.m.
Join us as we relax, have a snack, and color the afternoon away!

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Fri., Sept. 11 | 1-3 p.m.
We'll Watch *Jerry & Marge Go Large* (PG-13). Snacks will be provided.

ADULT COLORING FOR FOCUS

Fri., Oct. 2 | 1-2 p.m.
Join us as we relax, have a snack, and color the afternoon away!

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Fri., Oct. 9 | 1-3 p.m.
We will be watching *The 'Burbs* (PG). Snacks will be provided.

FALL PLANT SWAP

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 1-3 p.m.
Come for our annual fall plant swap! Bring plants, seeds, and other gardening goodies to share! Or, don't bring anything at all and go home with a treasure!



NEW SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & GENEALOGY

Special Collections/Genealogy at the new location is designed for the access, care, and preservation of local and historic Ouachita area resources. Many of the special features will ensure resources are both safe and accessible for patrons now and in the future.

With adequate shelving for books, yearbooks, family histories, periodicals, and microfilm, the new Genealogy area has been designed to be both welcoming and functional. The upgraded area has space for maps, files of general and biographical information, computers, and microfilm readers with enough room to ensure patrons can use

the resources and technology with ease. Patron access to Ancestry.com is in-library only, however other databases such as Newspapers.com can be accessed from anywhere including the public access computers within the Genealogical area. All Genealogy periodicals will be located on shelves with the books and arranged according to the Dewey Decimal system. Patrons looking for ancestral history will be able to browse all items within the Genealogy department in one location. For example, Virginia books and periodicals will be in the 975.5 area, Georgia items will be in the 975.8 area, and Ouachita Parish items will be in 976.38.



The new Special Collections has been designed to allow space for patrons, staff, and resources. The large work area has shelves for books, a computer, and a scanner. Many of the most fragile items and photographs have been scanned and made available online through the Louisiana Digital Library. The original items and manuscript collections that are unique to local history are stored in a climate-controlled secure archives room. This room has high density shelving to maximize available space and a waterless fire suppression system to protect its contents from water damage in the event of a fire. The archives room provides long-term care for rare and fragile items. Special Collections items are included in the online library catalog, and staff are available to assist patrons in their use.

A permanent display case has been designed to house the library collection of Clementine Hunter paintings so that the community can enjoy these works of art that were a gift to the library in the 1960's and were part of the circulating art collection until the 1980's. It was a testament to our faith of the wonderful patrons of Ouachita Parish Public library that all paintings were always returned

Please make plans to visit the new library soon. Remember, our mission is to advance literacy, inspire lifelong learning and strengthen our community by serving everyone in Ouachita Parish. We look forward to serving you at 1000 Oliver Road, Monroe, Louisiana.



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AUTUMN CROSSWORD

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2 The season when the
leaves change color and
fall to the ground

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5 A spooky holiday
with candy,
costumes, and fun

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8 Something animals do
when winter comes
and they go to sleep

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