

CATTAILS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOT SPOTS FOR BORROWING

YOUR LIBRARY WAS AWARDED A GRANT FOR WIFI HOTSPOT LENDING!

TALKIN' 'BOUT TOLKIEN

CELEBRATE HOBBIT DAY WITH SOME OF THE WORKS FROM THE MAN WHO CREATED THEM!

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

BOB SALE'S PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

The book sale is cash only. All book sale proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming. The book sale is the last Friday and Saturday of each month, **Aug. 25-26** and **Sept. 29-30** from 9-3 p.m. at West Ouachita Branch Library.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Labor Day: Monday, September 4



Find Billie the Bookworm!

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



WiFi HOT SPOTS

NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT AT THE LIBRARY!

Your Library was awarded an Emergency Connectivity Fund grant to purchase 25 WiFi hotspots to lend to the public. The hotspots will be available for checkout at the Main Branch, Ouachita Valley Branch, Louise Williams Branch, Ollie Burns Branch, and the Searcy Memorial Branch. The devices connect to the Verizon mobile network and create a WiFi network when turned on, allowing users to connect their mobile phone, tablet, or laptop.



“Our patrons will now be able to access free, easy-to-take home, high-speed Internet access that will serve as a game-changer for children and adults across Ouachita Parish, but especially in communities that have traditionally been underserved.”

- Betty Ward-Cooper, President of the Ouachita Parish Public Library Board of Control



KIDS' PROGRAMS



PETE THE CAT ACTIVITY  CRAFT  ACTIVITY  MOVIES  GAMES  STEM 

 PETE THE CAT BEGINS SCHOOL I	Tues., Aug. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Let's make crystals like Pete the Cat with this fun STEM activity.
 KIDS FREE PLAY	Fri., Aug. 11 3-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY We have coloring pages, puzzles, blocks, animal and car toys, and lots of fun - bring your imagination and make something great!
 PETE THE CAT BEGINS SCHOOL II	Tues., Aug. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Let's make crystals like Pete the Cat with this fun STEM activity.
 FAMILY GAME DAY	Thurs., Aug. 17 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Join us as we play board games for all ages! Come with your friends and family for a fun-filled game day.
 FAMILY MOVIE DAY	Sat., Aug. 19 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Join us for popcorn and a great movie! Bring your friends and family!
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Aug. 19 1-2:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Hang out with friends, eat popcorn, and watch <i>A Bug's Life</i> .
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Aug. 21 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Get a head start on homeschool activities and meet our community partners for the 2023-24 term. Library and community resources are available for parents. All families attending will receive a calendar of events for the upcoming year.
 PETE THE CAT BEGINS SCHOOL III	Tues., Aug. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Let's make crystals like Pete the Cat with this fun STEM activity.
 JAMMIES WITH MRS. ANGELA	Every Tues. in Sept. 5:30-6:15 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Wear your favorite pajamas and enjoy fun stories and crafts. Bring a friend and get something special.
 NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH	Fri., Sept. 1 9-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Celebrate National Library Card Sign Up Month and get your library card.
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Sept. 2 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Bring your family to the library for a movie and popcorn on us! We will be showing Disney's <i>Strange World</i> .
 GRANDPARENTS DAY CRAFT	Sat., Sept. 2 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Surprise your grandparents or another senior friend with a DIY craft made just for them.
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Sept. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Come see what you can create with Lego bricks.
 APPLE ACTIVITIES	Wed., Sept. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Let's try an erupting apple STEM with Apple-canos! We will observe and discuss its chemical reaction then create delightful apple stamping art to take home!
 ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 7 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 DIY Duct Tape Notebook. Registration required; call 327-1490 and ask for the Children's Department.
 PAPERBAG BOOK CRAFT	Thurs., Sept. 7 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Make your own book out of brown paper bags. Perfect for collecting your drawings, writings, and nature collections.
 CRAFTING FOR APPLES	Fri., Sept. 8 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Come join us for some fun apple-themed crafts! We will be making a sensory glitter jar and yarn art.
 STEM: SQUISHY SLIME	Fri., Sept. 8 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us as we learn about the science of slime and make our own to take home!
 FAMILY STORYTIME	Sat., Sept. 9 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Bring your whole family to a Saturday morning storytime. Enjoy stories and crafts as a family.
 YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Sept. 9 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY DIY Back to school / storytime crafts.
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 11 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Learn about the Library and its resources. September is National Library Card Sign Up Month; we encourage all families to get library cards and take advantage of our resources.
 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 11 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Can you design a creature that has never been seen before? Come join us for a fun STEM challenge, and design your own creature.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Sept. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Game Day Fun. Light refreshments served.
 PETE THE CAT IS ROCKING IN HIS SCHOOL SHOES I	Tues., Sept. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Pete the Cat is rocking in his school shoes as he discovers solar energy in this STEM activity.
 HANDPRINT LEAVES	Tues., Sept. 12 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Come join us for a fun Fall craft.
 ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 14 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Pencil Bag Craft. Personalize your pen/pencil bag with stickers and bling. Please register at 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041.
 FAMILY GAME DAY	Sat., Sept. 16 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Join us as we play board games for all ages! Come with your friends and family for a fun-filled game day.
 KIDS FREE PLAY	Sat., Sept. 16 1-3 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY We have coloring pages, puzzles, blocks, animal and car toys, and lots of fun - bring your imagination and make something great!

 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Sept. 16 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Design a personalized sculpture using your favorite school supplies.
 HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Sept. 18 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Brush up on your STEM skills and creativity. Draw, build, and experiment with kitchen science.
 FALL SCAPES PAINTING	Mon., Sept. 18 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Paint a Fall scape canvas to relaxing music as we bring in the Fall vibes!
 STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Sept. 18 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a fun pirate-themed STEM challenge!
 KIDS WORLD	Tues., Sept. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Movie: <i>Zootopia</i> . Light refreshments served.
 PETE THE CAT IS ROCKING IN HIS SCHOOL SHOES II	Tues., Sept. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Pete the Cat is rocking in his school shoes as he discovers solar energy in this STEM activity.
 KIDS' MOVIE MANIA	Wed., Sept. 20 3:30-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Join us for popcorn and a great movie, featuring <i>Lyle, Lyle Crocodile</i> . Bring your friends and family!
 ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 21 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 DIY Supply Mug. Registration required; call 327-1490 and ask for the Children's Department.
 FAMILY GAME DAY	Thurs., Sept. 21 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Join us as we play board games for all ages! Come with your friends and family for a fun-filled game day.
 PLAY DOUGH STEM ACTIVITY	Thurs., Sept. 21 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a marble maze out of play dough.
 UNICORN PARTY	Fri., Sept. 22 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Love unicorns? Love magic? Love glitter? Join us for unicorn stories and crafts.
 DIY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	Fri., Sept. 22 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Have you ever wanted to make your own instrument? Join us to learn all about the science behind the creation of musical instruments.
 HOMESCHOOL FAMILY FIELD TRIP	Mon., Sept. 25 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Families must attend two sessions to be eligible to attend field trips. Registration is required talk to Angela at 327-1490 for more information.
 TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Sept. 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Make edible silly putty.
 PETE THE CAT IS ROCKING IN HIS SCHOOL SHOES III	Tues., Sept. 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Pete the Cat is rocking in his school shoes as he discovers solar energy in this STEM activity.
 ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Sept. 28 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Game Day: Board Games and more.

STORY TIMES

MAIN

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

- 0-24 months Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.
- 18-36 months.. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 3-5 years Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
- 9-12 years Thursdays at 4 p.m.

ANNA MEYER

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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

CARVER-MCDONALD

STORY TIMES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

- 0-5 years Mondays at 4 p.m.
- 6-12 years Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

ONLY MORNING IN AUGUST; BOTH RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

- 0-5 years Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- 6-12 years Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OLLIE BURNS

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

- 0-5 years Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- 6-12 years Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY

STORY TIMES RESTART AFTER LABOR DAY

- 0-36 months Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 3-5 years Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

STORY TIMES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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

WEST MONROE

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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

WEST OUACHITA

STORY TIMES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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UNDERSTANDING ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a widely used reading program in schools throughout Ouachita Parish. It assesses students' reading levels through a computerized test conducted at school. This information enables students to choose books suitable for their independent reading level, allowing them to read at their own pace. After completing a book, students take a test to assess their growth and progress. One of the program's greatest advantages is that it empowers students to select books based on their own interests, rather than relying solely on the teacher's choices. To support this program, the Library has labeled the books in our collection with their corresponding AR Levels. This labeling system assists parents in guiding their children towards books that align with their reading level and personal interests.

**Prek
&K**
0.0-0.9
Red

**1st
GRADE**
1.0-1.9
Blue

**2nd
GRADE**
2.0-2.9
Purple

**3rd
GRADE**
3.0-3.9
Green

**4th
GRADE**
4.0-4.9
Tan

**5th
GRADE**
5.0-5.9
Yellow

**6th
GRADE**
6.0-6.9
Pink

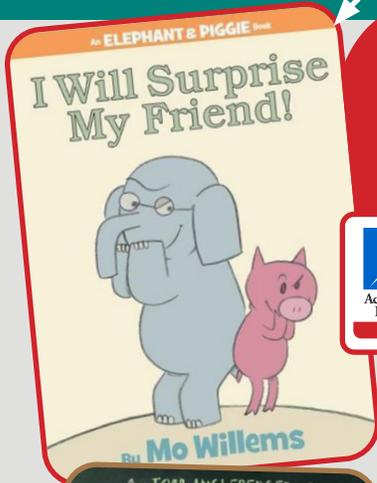
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GRADE**
7.0-7.9
Orange

**8th
GRADE**
8.0-8.9
Light Pink



AR BOOK LIST

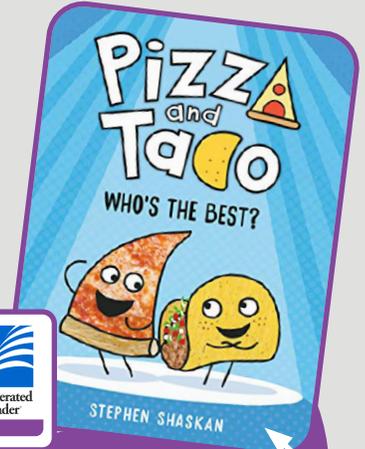
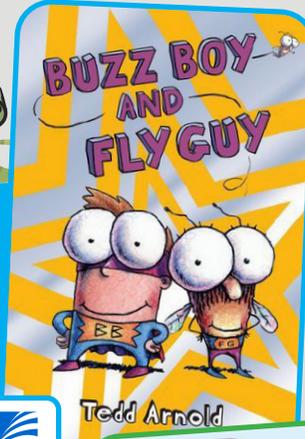
FIND YOUR COLOR TO FIND A GREAT BOOK, SERIES, OR GENRE FIT FOR YOU!



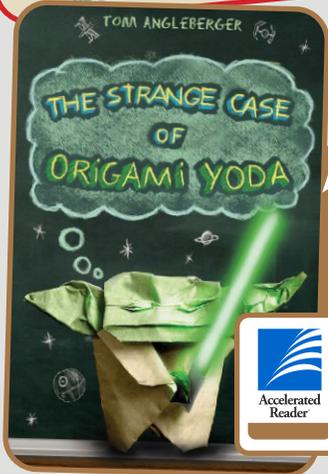
Elephant & Piggie Series
by Mo Willems



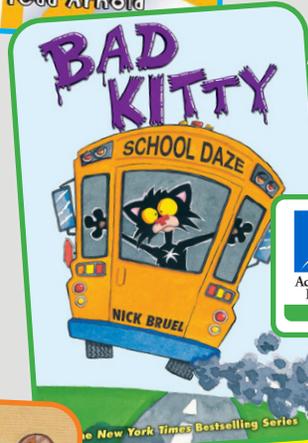
Fly Guy Series
by Tedd Arnold



Pizza & Taco Series
by Stephen Shaskan



Origami Yoda Series
by Tom Angleberger



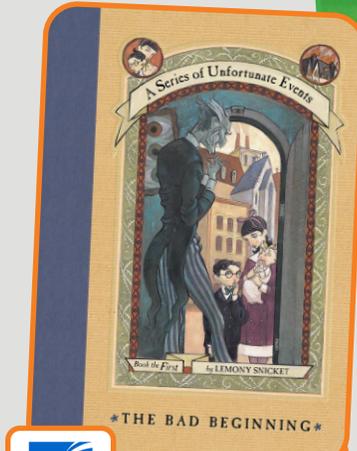
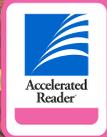
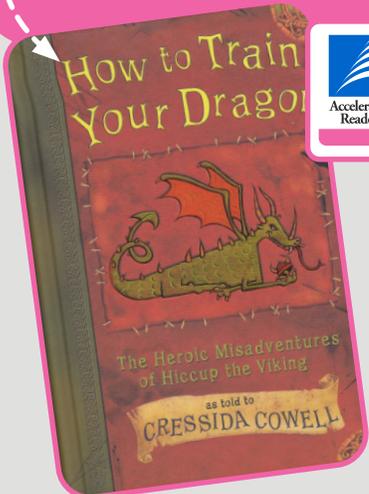
Bad Kitty Series
by Nick Bruel



*Who Was?
OR Who Is?
Series*
by different authors.



How to Train Your Dragon Series
by Cressida Cowell



Series of Unfortunate Events Series
by Lemony Snicket



Many of the Classics such as *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson



TEEN PROGRAMS

CRAFT  ACTIVITY  COMIC BOOKS  STEM 

 TEEN GEMS: MAKING CRYSTALS PART I	Wed., Aug. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will grow crystals using STEM skills. Supplies are limited; call 327-1478
 DIY JOURNAL CRAFT	Mon., Aug. 14 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Decorate and personalize a notebook to kick off the school year or use as a journal! Limited to 10 teens. Supplies furnished. Registration begins July 26th. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1365.
 BATH BOMBS & RELAXATION	Mon., Aug. 21 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Had a stressful day at school? Come create a relaxing bath bomb full of aromatic essential oils to soak your worries and cares away!
 TEEN GEMS: MAKING CRYSTALS PART II	Wed., Aug. 23 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will grow crystals using STEM skills. Supplies are limited; call (318) 327-1479
 PICTURE FRAME PAINTING	Tues., Sept. 5 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Decorate and paint your own picture frame.
 PIZZA PARTY	Tues., Sept. 5 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for a back to school pizza party! We will have pizza and games!
 CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP	Wed., Sept. 6 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Main Branch	DIY candles to light up your room and give it a personalized scent.
 OPEN HOUSE	Thurs., Sept. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Meet your teen library worker and tour the teen area. We will also be discussing our online resources to help you understand how to use them for the school year.
 PLAYSTATION & PIZZA PARTY	Thurs., Sept. 7 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come out and enjoy some pizza while you try out our new video games! Food and drinks will be available while supplies last.
 SAFETY PIN BRACELET	Fri., Sept. 8 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come create a safety pin bracelet with beads to wear around town.
 KEVA PLANKS	Tues., Sept. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Make the tallest towers with Keva Planks.
 WASHI TAPE ART	Tues., Sept. 12 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make a simple yet unique piece of art using colorful washi tape.
 DIY KEY CHAIN	Tues., Sept. 12 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us and make a cute key chain for your backpack or keys!
 SOLAR ENERGIZED: PART I	Wed., Sept. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Explore the world of engineering with 197-piece solar vehicle creation kit.
 HOMEWORK AND SNACKS	Wed., Sept. 13 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Work on your homework together with your friends and enjoy snacks.
 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WATER BOTTLE	Mon., Sept. 18 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Create an emotional support water bottle by decorating a reusable bottle with a variety of stickers! Space is limited; call (318) 327-5422 to register by Sept. 13.
 COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT	Mon., Sept. 18 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Together we will work together to recreate "The Frame" by Frida Kahlo in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.
 PERLERMANIA	Tues., Sept. 19 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Get creative! It's a perler bead art free-for-all!
 PAINTING CLASS - KEEP CALM & PAINT	Wed., Sept. 20 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Main	Listen to the jazzy tunes of Kenny G and paint personalized scenes.
 MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK	Thurs., Sept. 21 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Create your very own comic book with our blank panels. Make your own story and character and draw them to life in a comic made by you!
 COMIC BOOK SWAP	Mon., Sept. 25 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Celebrate National Comic Book Day at the library. Bring new or gently used comic books to swap with other readers.
 FOLDED BOOK HEART	Mon., Sept. 25 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Recycle those discarded books into something new. Transform one of our withdrawn books into a cool sculpture of your own!
 PAINT A PLANTER	Mon., Sept. 25 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make a planter. Materials are limited. Call 327-1470 to register.
 SOLAR ENERGIZED: PART I	Wed., Sept. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Teens will explore the world of engineering with 197-piece solar vehicle creation kit.
 COLOR-RAMA	Tues., Sept. 26 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Color a fantastical page together and see what comes out.
 COLLABORATIVE COMIC BOOK	Tues., Sept. 26 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Celebrate National Comic Book Day by working together to create a unique comic book that everyone will get to take home.

GAMING IN THE LIBRARY

WHY DO GAMES BELONG IN LIBRARIES?

More and more libraries across the country are incorporating gaming into their programs for kids and teens. On the surface, video games, board games, and tabletop role-playing games don't seem very educational. Sure, they're entertaining, but do they really help kids learn?

As a matter of fact, they do!

Recent studies have shown that games have a variety of social and cognitive benefits. They can even help kids' brains absorb and retain information. After all, kids tend to learn best when they're engaged and having fun!

Games belong in libraries because they improve literacy. Reading to understand instructions or rules helps with comprehension, and many games introduce players to unusual words that expand their vocabulary. Games also build skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. Playing games with a group gives kids a chance to practice communication and teamwork. Some games even help with math!

Games can boost mental health. Video games can improve memory and cognitive function, while board games and TTRPGs can reduce anxiety and depression and are often used in group therapy. Games can also demonstrate decision-making and consequences in a risk-free environment and build a sense of community and inclusion that many kids and teens desperately need.

Most importantly, games belong in libraries because they tell stories. They can even tell our stories. Tabletop role-playing games in particular provide a place to share our experiences and learn about the experiences of others. Games develop empathy and understanding. They help us find common ground that we may never have found without games.

Call or visit your local branch to find out how OPPL is bringing games to our community!



In Real Life by Cory Doctorow & Jen Wang



Vox Machina Origins by Matthew Mercer, Matthew Colville, Olivia Samson, & Chris Northrop



Slay by Brittney Morris



Otherworld by Jason Segel & Kirsten Miller



Chaotic Good by Whitney Gardner



Queen of the Tiles by Hanna Alkaf



GAME ON PROGRAMS AT YOUR LIBRARY!

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

GAMING DAY | EVERY TUESDAY IN AUGUST AT 3-4:30 P.M.

Aug. 1: Board Games | Aug. 8: Card Games | Aug. 15: Trivia
Aug. 22: Nintendo Switch Games | Aug. 29: All Games

MEGALAND | SEPT. 19 AT 3-4:30 P.M.

Discover the fun of playing Megaland the board game.

SEARCHY MEMORIAL

VIDEO GAME & VIBE | TUES., SEPT. 5 AT 4-6 P.M.

Come decompress after school with some chill video games.

GAME MASTER WORKSHOP | FRI., SEPT. 15 AT 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Overwhelmed by the idea of running your own TTRPG? Join us to learn tips and tricks that will make it easier!

WEST OUACHITA

GAME NIGHT | TUES., SEPT. 19 AT 4-5 P.M.

Come join us for classic board games and snacks!

ANNA MEYER

GAMING GUILD | AT 3-5 P.M.

Wed., Aug. 9: Dungeons and Dragons - Our first August session will be a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Stop by, make a character, and join in the adventure!

Wed., Aug. 23: Magic the Gathering - Our second August session will be a Magic the Gathering session. Stop by, pick a deck, and make the magic come to life!

Wed., Sept. 13: Dungeons and Dragons - Our first September session will be a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Stop by, make a character, and join in the adventure!

Wed., Sept 27: Board Games - Our second September session will be a board game party. Join in the fun with board games both old and new!

OLLIE BURNS

GAME NIGHT | WED., SEPT. 27 AT 4-5:30 P.M.

Bring your friends for a game night.

COMPUTER CLASSES



Go to oplib.org/computer-classes for one-on-one lessons and more.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

MAIN

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Tues., Aug. 8 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to create and navigate an email account.

INTERNET BASICS

Tues., Sept. 12 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of internet browsers, search engines and websites.

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Thurs., Aug. 10 at 3-5 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 7 at 5-6 p.m.

The computer lab will be open to come and go with a staff member available for more targeted help.

WEST MONROE

Space is limited. Call to register: (318) 327-1365

BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS

Tues., Aug. 15 at 1-2 p.m. | Thurs., Aug. 17 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to navigate the internet and build your computer skills and confidence. Learn how to go to different sites.

BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS PART II

Thurs., Sept. 19 at 1-2 p.m. | Tues., Sept. 21 at 1-2 p.m.

Come and learn the basics of Word. Reinforce what you may already know.

ANNA MEYER FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Space is limited. Call to register: (318) 327-1351

CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Afternoon Class 1-3 p.m.

Core classes are meant for people with little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer with our computer instructor.

BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday

Morning Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Afternoon Class 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Beginner classes build your computer knowledge by teaching you new things and reinforcing what you already know. If you have some computer knowledge already then, this class is for you.

OUACHITA VALLEY

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Wed., Aug. 2 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to set up an email account.

ONLINE SAFETY

Tues., Aug. 8 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to be safer online.

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL 2: BEYOND THE BASICS

Wed., Sept. 6 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn more than the basics of navigating your email account.

ACCOUNTS AND PASSWORDS

Wed., Sept. 13 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn the basics of online accounts and safe passwords.

WEST OUACHITA

COMPUTER BASICS

Thurs., Aug. 3 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of using a PC with Windows 10 operating system.

INTERNET BASICS

Thurs., Aug. 10 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn about search engines, the internet, and navigating around websites.

CYBERSECURITY BASICS

Thurs., Sept. 7 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to be safer online with accounts/passwords, an overview of frauds/scams.

GMAIL BASICS

Thurs., Sept. 14 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to set up and use a Gmail email account.

OLLIE BURNS

HOW TO USE A MOUSE AND SURF THE INTERNET

Thurs., Aug. 3 at 10-11 a.m.

Join Nora Collins as we learn how to use our computer mouse and safely surf the Internet.

GETTING FAMILIAR WITH THE HOME KEYS

Mon., Aug. 7 at 10-11 a.m.

Let's learn to type and improve your typing.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR EMAIL

Tues., Aug. 8 at 10-11 a.m.

Having problems getting to your email then join Nora Collins as we learn how to access our email.

HOW TO USE YOUR SMARTPHONE

Thurs., Aug. 10 at 10-11 a.m.

Join Nora Collins as we learn to access our smartphones.

HOW TO LOG INTO COMPUTERS

Tues., Sept. 5 at 10-11 a.m.

It can get confusing how to log onto a computer. Join Nora Collins as we revisit key points to basic login and surfing the Internet.

LET'S REVIEW: MICROSOFT WORD

Thurs., Sept. 7 at 10-11 a.m.

Your login is your username and password. Don't trust anyone else to your private information.



JOIN A BOOK CLUB



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club.

Tues., Aug. 8 at 6-7:30 p.m.

Afterlives by Abdulrazak Gurnah

Tues., Sept. 12 at 6-7:30 p.m.

The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton.



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Join Beyond the Pages Book Club as we discuss our favorite books over coffee and cookies.

Wed., Aug. 30 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 27 at 2-3 p.m.



JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

Join us for the afternoon as we discuss new and old favorite books with refreshments.

Thurs., Aug. 31 at 2-3 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 28 at 2-3 p.m.



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Wed., Aug. 16 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing the ongoing case of Kouri Richins, the children's author who allegedly poisoned her husband.

Wed., Sept. 20 at 4-5 p.m.

We will be discussing Richard Allen and the Delphi Murders.



MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

Mon., Aug. 7 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Finding Me by Viola Davis



OH, THE HORROR! LOUISE WILLIAMS

If you wish it were Halloween all year around, then you'll love our new horror-themed book club.

Sat., Sept. 30 at 2-3 p.m.

Lute by Jennifer Marie Thorne



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

Join us as we discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books

Fri., Aug. 11 at 2-3 p.m.

Zero Days by Ruth Ware

Fri., Sept. 15 at 2-3 p.m.

Only One Left by Riley Sager



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

Thurs., Aug. 17 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica

Thurs., Sept. 21 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Nine Lives by Peter Swanson



RAINBOW READS MAIN

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. For more information: emasters@oplib.org

Mon., Aug. 28 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A Marvelous Light by Freya Marske

Mon., Sept. 25 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

I Kissed a Girl by Jennet Alexander



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Thurs., Aug. 21 at 10-11 a.m.

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Thurs., Sept. 18 at 10-11 a.m.

Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier by Arthur C. Brooks and Oprah Winfrey



ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

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



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Aug. 26 at 2-3 p.m.

Legends & Lattes by Travis Baldree

Sat., Sept. 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

ADULT PROGRAMS

CRAFTS



HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB

Main | Tues., Aug. 8 at 2-3:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Aug. 17 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Acrylic painting class for budding artists! Limited to 15 students, class fills quickly. Register in person or by phone: (318) 327-5414 starting August 1.

ARTIST'S CIRCLE: FOLLOW YOUR ART

Main | Tues., Aug. 22 at 5-7 p.m.

Join us as we make a watercolor painting using flower and insect using acrylic on canvas. All materials will be provided, but supply is limited.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING USING RUBBING PLATES

Searcy Memorial | Thurs., Sept. 14 at 2-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we make a watercolor painting using flower and insect rubbing plates. Limited to the first 12 patrons, so call today to register for the program. Our number is 318-327-1240.

WATER COLOR MUG

Ouachita Valley | Wed., Sept. 20 at 1-2 p.m.

Create your own watercolor coffee mug! Please note that space is limited, call 318-327-1470 to register.

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MOVIES



TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., Aug. 14 at 5-7 p.m.

Come and join us for a screening of the 1953 classic film *Roman Holiday* starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Thurs., Aug. 31 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.

In *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, Robert Donat stars as Mr. Chipping, a schoolmaster who undergoes a remarkable transformation from an awkward and withdrawn individual to a passionate and highly respected headmaster.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., Sept. 18 at 5-7 p.m.

Come and join us for a screening of the 1939 comedy film *The Women* starring Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, and Rosalind Russell.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Thurs., Sept. 28 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz star in *The Long, Long Trailer*, a comedy about a newlywed couple whose attempts to have a mobile home meet every possible problem, all during their honeymoon.

GARDENING



HEIRLOOM APPLES

West Monroe | Wed., Sept. 6 at 3-4 p.m.

Come and join us to hear Kerry Heafner discuss heirloom apples and apple orchards.

KEEP A COMPOST PILE FOR YOUR GARDEN

West Monroe | Wed., Aug. 16 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us to hear Kerry Heafner talk about how to maintain a compost pile and effectively utilize it to enrich your soil for gardening or flowerbeds.

SWEET! HOW TO GROW YOUR OWN SWEET POTATOES

West Ouachita | Thurs., Aug. 10 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a delightful presentation by Cole Gregorie, the statewide sweet potato specialist of the LSU Ag Center. Learn how to grow your own sweet potatoes and create delicious dishes!

SPEAKERS & EDUCATION



AUTHOR VISIT: RODNEY HALL SR.

Anna Meyer | Fri., Aug. 4 at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Local Author Rodney Hall Sr. will be answering questions about his book, book signing, and meeting local readers.

CUSTOM GENEALOGY

Main | Tues., Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you've hit a genealogy brick wall or need help getting started, schedule one-on-one assistance. For information or to reserve your time, email Genealogy_SC@oplib.org or call 318-327-1490 and ask for the Genealogy Department.

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LAYTON CASTLE VIRTUAL TOUR & HISTORY

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Aug. 24 at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pam Dupuy will guide us through Layton Castle via a virtual tour. We will explore the historic 5 acres of gardens and learn about its evolution from a Creole cottage to a castle, a 1790s wine house and historic museum, as well as a converted carriage house.

THE E. RUSS WILLIAMS COLLECTION

Main | Mon., Sept. 11 at 5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Bill Stafford, Archives Supervisor at the Louisiana State Archives, will discuss the E. Russ Williams Collection. This collection is of particular relevance to families in the Ouachita Valley and was generously donated by E. Russ Williams, an author and professional genealogist. The event will take place in the Louis Lock Room.

A TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE

Louise Williams | Thurs., Sept. 14 at 1-2 p.m.

Join us as Mr. Rocky Boudreaux takes us on a photographic journey to Yellowstone National Park. He will share tips on how and when to plan a trip to Yellowstone, ensuring you make the most of your visit.

COLORFUL CHARACTERS OF OUACHITA PARISH

Sterlington Memorial | Tues., Sept. 19 at 2-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we welcome speaker Lora Peppers from the Genealogy Department of the Ouachita Parish Public Library. Lora will be sharing stories about the Colorful Characters of Ouachita Parish.

LOUISIANA LEGEND & THE LIFE OF THE ARTIST

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tom Whitehead, a leading expert on Clementine Hunter's artwork, will discuss the sale of her art and share his experience of meeting Hunter at Melrose Plantation in Natchitoches, La.

INTERNET GENEALOGY

Louise Williams | Thurs., Sept. 28 at 1-2 p.m.

Ouachita Parish Public Library's Lora Peppers guides us through the process of conducting genealogy research on the internet.

GAMING AT THE LIBRARY



BINGO BONANZA

Anna Meyer | Thurs., Aug. 17 at 3-5 p.m.

Come join us for Bingo. Refreshments provided!

THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Wed., Sept. 6 at 5-7 p.m.

Weary traveler, have you heard? Dungeons & Dragons is making a comeback at the Main! But with a new Game Master (GM), there will be new rules and play styles. At our introductory meeting we'll explain how we'll be operating, introduce your GMs, and share more about the Cat's Tail Guild! We can't wait to see you there!

COMIC BOOK TRIVIA

Anna Meyer | Mon., Sept. 25 at 3-5 p.m.

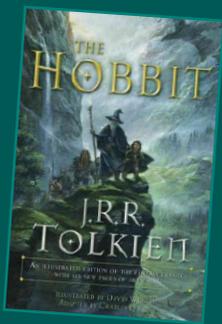
Celebrate National Comic Book Day by testing your knowledge at Comic Book Trivia! Refreshments provided and superhero shirts are encouraged!

TALKIN' 'BOUT TOLKIEN

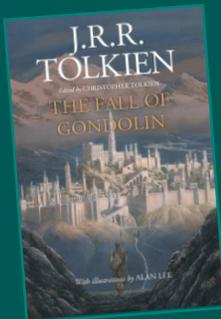
September 22nd is informally known as Hobbit Day. Hobbits were created by J. R. R. Tolkien for his works set in Middle-Earth, most notably *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Hobbit Day is recognized on September 22nd because that is the birthday of two of Tolkien's most famous Hobbit characters: Bilbo Baggins, and his nephew, Frodo Baggins.

Hobbits are short, bare-footed, and love food and drink. They may be small in stature, but they are large in heart.

Celebrate Hobbit Day with some of these works from the man who created them: J. R. R. Tolkien



The Hobbit
Available in print, audio, cl-both, Hoopla- both



The Fall of Gondolin
Available in print, cl-ebook, Hoopla- ebook



The Silmarillion
Available in print, cl-ebook, Hoopla- ebook



The Lord of the Rings series
Available in print, audio, cl-both, Hoopla- both

The Fellowship of the Ring
The Two Towers
The Return of the King

Already read Tolkien's books? Try some read-a-likes.

The Fall of Shannara series by Terry Brooks
Available in print, cl-both

The Earthsea Trilogy by Ursula K. LeGuin
Available in print, cl-both, hoopla-eAudio)

An Ember in the Ashes series by Sabaa Tahir
Available in print, audio, cl-both

Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan
Available in print, cl-both

The Broken Earth series by N. K. Jemison
Available in print, cl-both)

A Game of Thrones series by George R.R. Martin
Available in print, audio, cl-both

The Kingkiller Chronicles by Patrick Rothfuss
Available in print, cl-ebook





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.



LOUISIANA DIGITAL LIBRARY AND THE BOB SALE COLLECTION



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Monroe Louisiana



E. A. Conway Hospital Ambulance 1961





Christmas Parade
Louisville Avenue 1970



Fields Store 1959

Bob Sale Gift and Camera began in 1946 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Sale. Bob Sale has been a part of the business since 1972 following the sudden death of his father. Bob Sale Gift and Camera has been an important part of preserving people, places and things through film. The last day of business was June 30, 2023. Bob and his wife Sandy are looking forward to a much-deserved retirement.

Photography has changed dramatically over the last few years. The way we do the work of Special Collections, preserving unique history for future generations, has also changed. The Ouachita Parish Public Library was given a collection of seventy-five images taken between 1959 and 1979 that belonged to Robert A. Sale. These images document events, businesses, churches, schools and other buildings in northeast Louisiana. Through technology, these images have been digitized and are available online as part of the Louisiana Digital Library. View the Bob Sale Camera Collection at

Safeway National Apple Week Display



Imperial Gas Station



<https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/oplib-bsc:collection>



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