

# CATTAILS

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM THE  
OUACHITA PARISH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CARD  
SIGN UP MONTH

DURING SEPTEMBER TO  
CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING  
OF SCHOOL!

CELEBRATE  
NATIONAL COMIC  
BOOK DAY

WITH TEEN AND ADULT  
GRAPHIC NOVELS!



Ouachita Parish  
Public Library

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## Find Billie the Bookworm!

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

## LIBRARY CLOSURES:

Closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 5th, and will re-open Tuesday, September 6th.

## 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.

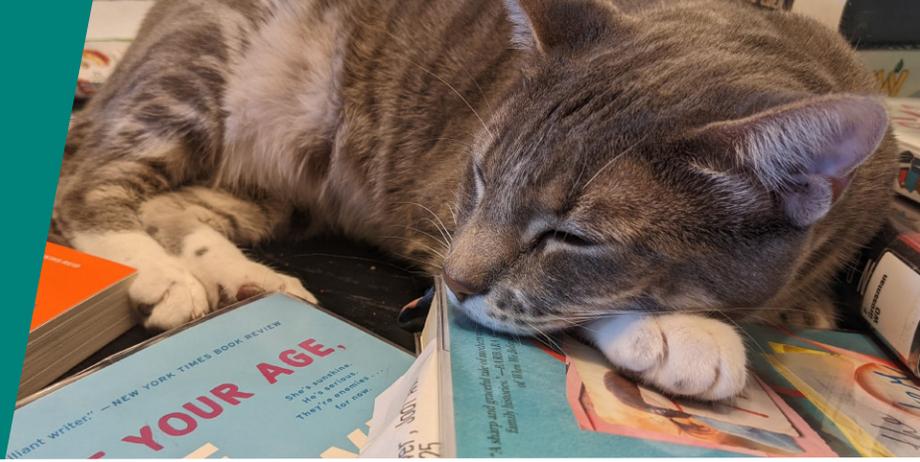
West Ouachita Branch

Friday & Saturday, August 26th and August 27th from 9am-3pm

Friday & Saturday, September 23rd and 24th from 9am-3pm



# STAFF PICKS



**Justin Hardy**  
PAGE, OLLIE BURNS BRANCH LIBRARY

***Lock Every Door* by Riley Sager**

*Lock Every Door* is slow burn thriller that touches on overarching themes like poverty, broken families, classism, sacrifice, conspiracy, and gaslighting. If you're a fan of the Hotel season of American Horror Story or the "rules" creepypasta subgenre, then I highly recommend.

The story starts with the struggling orphan Jules Larsen as she stumbles through life and quickly becomes homeless after she catches her smooth-talking boyfriend with another woman. In addition to losing her job, things get pretty dire. Luckily, she manages to land an apartment sitting job at the elegant playground for the rich and famous, The Bartholomew. Despite having to agree to an odd list of rules, the job seems way too good to be true. After neighbors start to disappear and ghost stories run rampant, Jules quickly learns everything isn't quite what it seems at The Bartholomew.

**Megan Head**  
CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT ASSOCIATE, WEST OUACHITA  
BRANCH LIBRARY

***Gilded Cage* by Vic James**

"Do those years when you're old, and you'll never get through them. Do them young, and you'll never get over them." *Gilded Cage* is a dystopian fantasy novel set in modern-day Britain. It's the first in the Dark Gifts trilogy by Vic James. In this series, the author creates a terrifying world in which slavery still exists. In this world, Britain is ruled by equals, aristocrats with magical gifts called skill. All others are commoners who are forced to serve the equals as slaves for ten years. They can choose anytime between the ages of 10 and 65 to serve their years. The series follows two families, the Jardines, the most powerful aristocratic family in Britain, and the Hadleys. The two families' lives become entwined when the Hadleys are forced to serve the Jardines as slaves. It's a fantastic series full of dark magic, politics and romance.



**Dana Robertson**  
CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATE, SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY

***The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline**

*The Exiles* is a gritty adventure over sea and land that takes place through 19th century colonial Australia. It's a time when missionaries and prisoners alike are being thrown together to develop and settle a land during a harsh and vulnerable time. Several plots are interwoven to keep this story moving at an interesting pace. A group of British female prisoners, sentenced to a Tasmanian prison colony for crimes such as conceiving out of wedlock, are put on a repurposed slave ship and sent across the ocean. The trip is brutal, with several unexpected moments, but the women form unbreakable bonds of friendship and love. Meanwhile, an aboriginal orphan born in Australia is taken in by a high society family as an experiment to see if she can be assimilated. Eventually these separate paths converge, and the lives of these women are forever changed as they learn to navigate this whimsical, yet harsh experiment that is a developing Australian society. For those curious about the colonization of Australia, this book is a must-read. It is also a book that captures the historical vulnerability of women in society and the incredible strength of the human spirit.

# LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card. And it's not just for kids – adults and teens are welcome to sign-up for a library card, as well!



Wowbrary is a weekly newsletter that any patron can sign up for that shows them all the latest items coming to Ouachita Parish Public Library's system. Whether you're on the hunt for a new read, the latest music, or the next big blockbuster DVD, Wowbrary has got you covered. **Signing up is super simple:**

1. Go to [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org)
2. Search the Library ZIP Code 71201
3. Select Ouachita Parish Public Library
4. Enter your email address
5. Hit Submit, and start getting the latest from your Library, delivered straight to your inbox every week!

It really is that simple. The email you get each week shows you the most popular choices, and you can filter it to show you specific types of items as well. Want movies? Music? Books? You can filter the Wowbrary newsletter to show you exactly what you want to see!

Wowbrary is essential for any Library patron. It helps you find the newest we have to offer, and helps you get on the waitlist sooner. You can even suggest items for the Library by using Wowbrary!

**So, what are you waiting for? Let the Library WOW you with Wowbrary!**

# BOOKISH BOOKS

Because our bookish readers love all types of books, our collection of bookish books spans all genres.

## **THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY** BY MATT HAIG

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN** BY MARIE BENEDICT AND VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **BY THE BOOK** BY JASMINE GUILLORY

Available in print on cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an ebook & audio

## **THE LAST CHANCE LIBRARY** BY FREYA SAMPSON

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE LIBRARY OF THE UNWRITTEN** BY A.J. HACKWITH

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE LIBRARY OF LOST AND FOUND** BY PHAEDRA PATRICK

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE READING LIST** BY SARA NISHA ADAMS

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE STARLESS SEA** BY ERIN MORGENSTERN

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **SEVEN DAYS IN JUNE** BY TIA WILLIAMS

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE BREAK-UP BOOK CLUB** BY WENDY WAX

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio

## **THE LOST BOOK OF ADANA MOREAU** BY MICHAEL ZAPATA

Available in print on cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an ebook & audio

## **THE PLOT** BY JEAN HANFF KORELITZ

Available in print on cloudLibrary as an ebook & audio



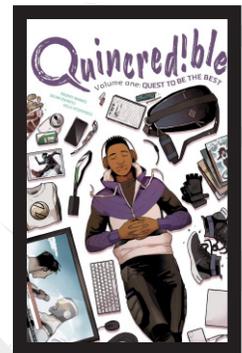
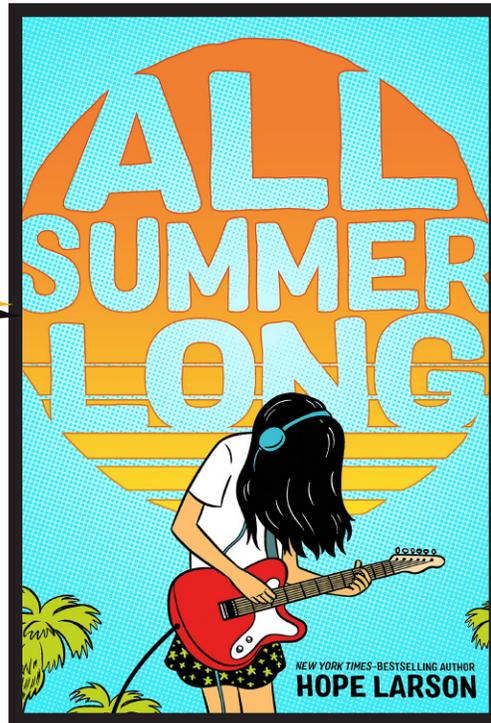
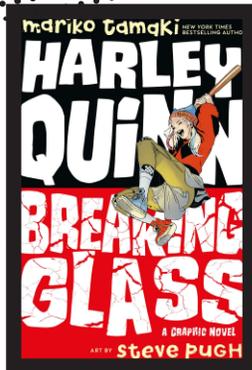
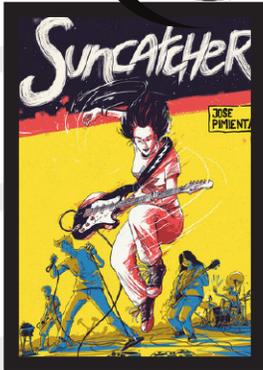
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# COMIC BOOK

DAY ANYWHERE  
WITH OPPL AND HOOPLA!

 = Available on Hoopla Comics  = Available in Print

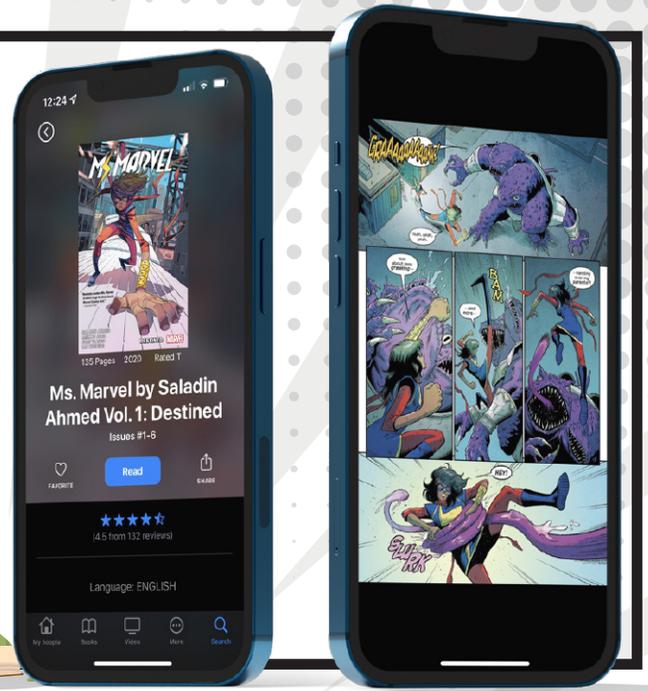
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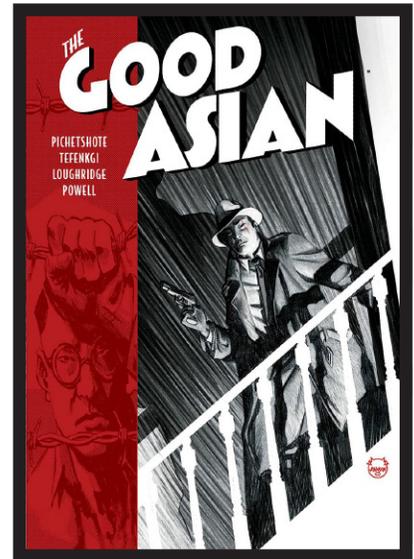
-   **MAGNIFICENT MS. MARVEL** BY SALADIN AHMED
-   **QUINCREDIBLE** BY RODNEY BARNES
-   **HARLEY QUINN: BREAKING GLASS** BY MARIKO TAMAKI
-  **SUNCATCHER** BY JOSE PIMIENTA
-  **ALL SUMMER LONG** BY HOPE LARSON

## National Comic Book Day is September 25th, and you can celebrate it anywhere with your Library and Hoopla!

With Hoopla, you can borrow exciting new comics like *The Good Asian* to read on your mobile or smart device no matter where you are. Browse through popular titles or search for your favorites to keep up with the latest issues. You can download up to 7 items each month, and they automatically return at the end of the lending period—which means no waiting and no late fees. Just download the Hoopla app from the App Store or Google Play Store and log in with your Ouachita Parish Library card to get started!



# ADULT GRAPHIC NOVELS



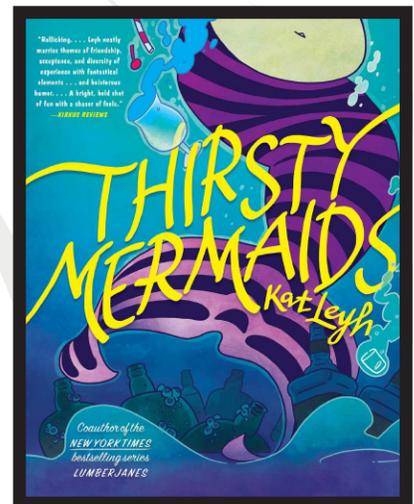
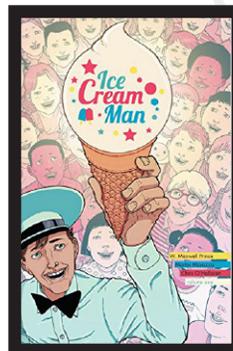
**AMERICAN CARNAGE**  
BY BRYAN EDWARD HILL

**THE GOOD ASIAN**  
BY PORNSAK PICHETSHOTE

**THIRSTY MERMAIDS**  
BY KAT LEYH

**ICE CREAM MAN**  
BY W. MAXWELL PRINCE

**BAD GIRLS**  
BY ALEX DE CAMPI



## GAME ON



### ESCAPE ROOM

**Louise Williams Branch**  
September 15 at 4-5 p.m.

Can you escape the library's meeting room? Join us while we solve math problems using multiplication and division to escape – and maybe even find a prize along the way!

### GAME TIME

**Ollie Burns Branch**  
September 21 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for lots of fun and excitement! Choose your game!

## EDUCATION



### SPECIAL STORYTIME/GUEST SPEAKER

**Ollie Burns Branch**  
September 13 at 4-5 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Yolanda McElroy, author of the book "It's not Candy". Everyone come out and receive helpful information about the dangers of confusing medications with candy.

## NATURE



### BIRD-BRAINED

**Louise Williams Branch**  
September 8 at 3-4 p.m.

Let's make binoculars, go birdwatching in the Library, and then craft our own birds to join the flock!

### WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

**Louise Williams Branch**  
September 22 at 3-4 p.m.

Join us as we learn about the wildlife of Louisiana, and experience some of the furs and footprints up-close! Afterwards we will make our own tracks using paint, so please have children wear old shirts.

# KIDS PROGRAMS

## BACK TO SCHOOL



### NEW DO'S FOR YOU

**Main Branch** | August 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Back to School Haircuts & Perfect Nails. Registration required: Limit 30

### HOMESCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

**Main Branch** | August 22 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A community event for homeschool families. Get your families registered and receive a calendar of activities for the year. We will also have agencies from our parish to share resources we have for families.

### HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS - LIBRARY RESOURCES

**Main Branch** | September 12 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn how to get the most from your library with e-services and more.

### HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS - S.T.E.M. ACTIVITIES

**Main Branch** | September 19 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS - FIELD TRIP

**Main Branch** | September 26 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## CRAFTS



### CRAYON CANVAS ART

**Anna Meyer Branch** | August 11 at 3-4 p.m.

It's National Crayon Collection Month. We're turning our old crayons into new, cool art!

### CRAFTY KIDS

**Searcy Memorial Branch** | September 1 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for arts and crafts.

### CRAFTY KIDS

**Searcy Memorial Branch** | September 15 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for arts and crafts.

### PLAY-DOH CREATURES

**Anna Meyer Branch** | September 16 at 3-4 p.m.

Get creative by making Play-Doh creatures just in time for National Play-Doh Month

# STEM



## MAGIC TOOTHPICK STAR EXPERIMENT

**West Monroe Branch** | September 6 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Make a star by using water and toothpicks

## STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** | September 12 at 4-5 p.m.  
Come join us for a paper airplane challenge.

## MAGICAL WATER PAINTING

**West Monroe Branch** | September 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Use dry eraser markers to make your picture float

## CAN YOU FIT THROUGH AN INDEX CARD

**West Monroe Branch** | September 20 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Find out how to fit through an index card

## STEMULATING MONDAY

**West Ouachita Branch** | September 26 at 4-5 p.m.  
Can you save Fred? Come join us for a stem activity, and try to save Fred the gummy worm. Fred fell out of us boat, and can't swim! Can you save Fred with the provided materials?

## HOVER CRAFT

**West Monroe Branch** | September 27 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Make a Hover Craft

# WATCH WITH US



## CHILDREN'S CINEMA: MATILDA

**Louise Williams Branch** | August 18 at 4 p.m.

Join us as we get back into the school spirit! We'll be hosting a *Matilda* movie viewing and having lots of fun!

## CINEMA DAY

**Anna Meyer Branch** | August 27 at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join us for movie time fun as we feature Disney Pixar's *Inside Out*

## FANTASTIC FLICKS

**Ollie Burns Branch** | September 7 at 3:30-5 p.m.

Join us for an exciting movie featuring *Clifford the Big Red Dog*

## CINEMA DAY

**Anna Meyer Branch** | September 24 at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join us for movie time fun as we feature the movie *Home*

## CHILDREN'S CINEMA: OPEN SEASON

**Louise Williams Branch** | September 29 at 4 p.m.

We've learned all about animals during our September storytimes -- so now let's have fun watching this funny film!

# STORY TIME

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

## MAIN BRANCH

0-24 mo. Tues. at 9:45 a.m.  
18-36 mo. Thurs. at 10:30 a.m.  
3-5 yrs. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.  
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.  
9-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.

## ANNA MEYER

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

## CARVER-MCDONALD

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

## LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

## OLLIE BURNS

No story time Aug. 1 - Sept. 6  
0-5 yrs. Tues. at 10 a.m.  
0-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

## OUACHITA VALLEY

No story time Aug. 1-Sept. 11  
0-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.  
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.  
0-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

## SEARCY MEMORIAL

No story time Aug. 1-9  
0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10 a.m.  
3 and up Wed. at 3:30 p.m.

## STERLINGTON

No story time Aug. 1-Sept. 6  
0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.  
6-12 yrs. Thurs. at 4 p.m.

## WEST MONROE

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

## WEST OUACHITA

No story time Aug. 1-Sept. 5  
18-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.  
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:45 a.m.  
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# TEEN PROGRAMS

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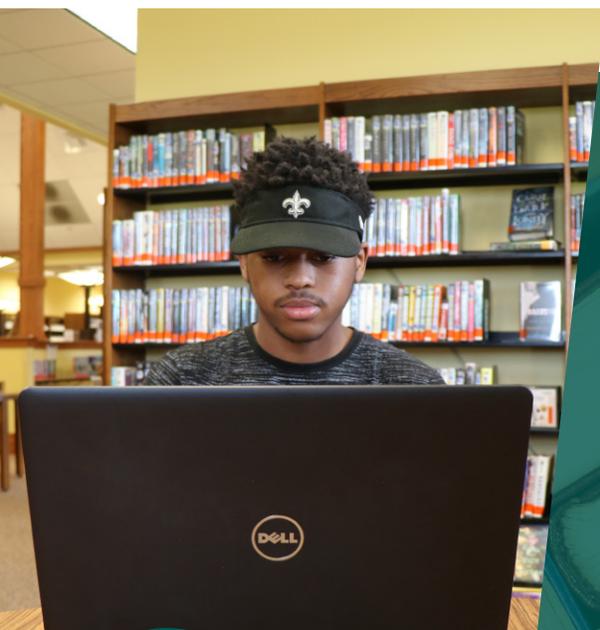
STEM 

BOOKISH 

MOVIES & CHILL 

	<b>FUZZY SOCK PENCIL CASE</b>	Aug. 1 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	As summer comes to an end, get ready for the new school year by making your own fuzzy pencil case, backpack organizer, or makeup bag! No sewing skills needed. Call 318-327-1470 to register starting July 18
	<b>DIY JOURNAL CRAFT</b>	Aug. 8 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Decorate and personalize a notebook to kick off the school year or use as a journal! Limited to 10 teens. Supplies furnished. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5422 beginning July 25.
	<b>GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b>	Aug. 9 at 3-5 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Come join the gaming guild! Teens are welcome to create a character and play Dungeons and Dragons
	<b>KICK BACK AND CHILL</b>	Aug. 9 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	In honor of National Book Lovers Day, teens can kick back with one last movie during summer, <i>The Book Thief</i>
	<b>DUCT TAPE SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b>	Aug. 17 at 3-5:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Personalize & form your school supplies with duct tape.
	<b>TEEN CINEMA DAY</b>	Aug. 20 at 2-4:30 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Read the first book in the <i>Harry Potter</i> or <i>Vampire Diaries</i> series, then watch the screen adaptation when you come to this program! Contact Janet at 327-1477 to vote for your choice of series.
	<b>WEEKEND WIND DOWN</b>	Aug. 27 at 9-4 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Stop by anytime Saturday to hang out in the game room! Giant Jenga and perler beads will be available, and movies will run continuously all day.
	<b>HOGWARTS EXPRESS</b>	Sept. 1 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Climb aboard the Hogwarts Express! Get sorted into your house, discover your patronus, and make you own wand! Limited to 15 teens. Registration opens August 15. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5422.
	<b>LET'S READ</b>	Sept. 6 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	It's National Read a Book Day! Bring your favorite graphic novel, fiction or nonfiction, whatever you like, and spend some time enjoying reading!
	<b>GAME NIGHT</b>	Sept. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come join us for game night! We will be playing classic board games.
	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE</b>	Sept. 8 at 4-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	We will be touring the library as well as getting familiar with the YA section. Also, we will be discussing all the available resources to help you with the school year.
	<b>GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b>	Sept. 13 at 3-5 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Come join the gaming guild! Teens are welcome to create a character and play Dungeons and Dragons
	<b>TEEN TUESDAY: RANDOM FANDOMS</b>	Sept. 13 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Random Fandom: Represent your fandom with pride. We will be making buttons to show what fandoms we belong to.
	<b>FALL LEAF RESIN COASTER CRAFT</b>	Sept. 13 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Searcy</b>	Preserve some beautiful autumn foliage in a simple resin coaster. Old t-shirts and close-toed shoes recommended for this craft.
	<b>VOLCANIC STEM BLAST</b>	Sept. 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Come see who can make the largest eruption with this volcano STEM activity.

	<b>DIY UPCYCLED PHONE HOLDER</b>	Sept. 14 at 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Make your own personalized phone holder out of recycled materials.
	<b>UPCYCLED VASE CRAFT</b>	Sept. 20 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Join us for a fun craft! We will be upcycling yogurt containers to vases.
	<b>TEEN GAME DAY</b>	Sept. 22 at 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Teens will play a variety of board games and electronic games. Winners will be determined at the end of the hour.
	<b>GAME NIGHT</b>	Sept. 22 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Enjoy board games and our Wii
	<b>WEEKEND WIND DOWN</b>	Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Stop by anytime Saturday to hang out in the game room! Giant Jenga and perler beads will be available, and movies will run all day.
	<b>MACRAME RAINBOW</b>	Sept. 26 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Learn the basics of macrame and make a happy rainbow decoration to brighten your day!
	<b>TEEN TUESDAY: COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT</b>	Sept. 27 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Together we will recreate "The Frame" by Frida Kahlo in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.
	<b>COLLABORATIVE COMIC BOOK</b>	Sept. 27 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Searcy</b>	Celebrate National Comic Book Day by working together to create a unique comic book that everyone will get to take home. Take turns illustrating frames or filling in speech bubbles as we tell a story that could be amazingly epic or utterly absurd!



## VIRTUAL ACT FREE PRACTICE TEST

**MAIN BRANCH**  
August 20 at 9 a.m.

**OUACHITA VALLEY**  
September 24 at 9 a.m.

Visit [oplib.org/ACT](http://oplib.org/ACT) at any time for up-to-date ACT Practice information. The Virtual ACT Free Practice Test will be hosted Saturday, August 20th at 9am at the Main Branch Library and on Saturday, September 24th at 9am at the Ouachita Valley Branch Library.

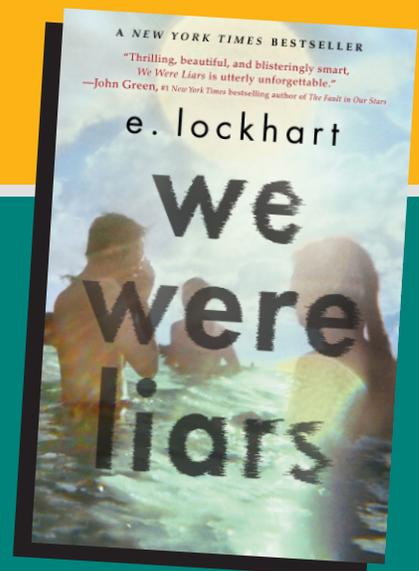


## ONLINE TEEN BOOK CLUB



[facebook.com/groups/oplpteens](https://facebook.com/groups/oplpteens)  
Month of August & September

Join us for the launch of our bimonthly Online Teen Book Club on the Library's Facebook page. We will be reading *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart which is available in print and book on CD as well as on CloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook. Contact Ashten at [aestep@oplib.org](mailto:aestep@oplib.org) for more information.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

SPEAKING 

CRAFT 

GAME ON 

NATURE 

HEALTH & WELLNESS 

	<b>FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</b>	Aug. 3 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join Pam Sapp, LSU AgCenter, for a series of Nutrition Classes. Topic: Make half your plate Fruits and Vegetables.
	<b>BOOK TALK WITH COMBAT VETERAN</b>	Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Combat veteran, publicist, mentor, entrepreneur, mother, survivor, and author Charlie Green talks about her book <i>Love and War</i> . She will also discuss her role as founder and CEO of Purpose Unleashed and sign copies of her book.
	<b>CREATIVE THURSDAYS: LIGHTHOUSE PAINTING</b>	Aug. 18 at 1-3 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley Library</b>	Paint a beautiful lighthouse against the sea. Supplies furnished. Limited to 10 artists. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470 beginning August 1.
	<b>EYE STRAIN: SYMPTOMS, DIAGNOSIS, MANAGEMENT &amp; PREVENTION</b>	Aug. 23 at 10-11 a.m.	<b>Ollie Burns Memorial</b>	Mable Joiner, Certified Ophthalmic/Surgical Assistant at Ochsner Health Greater Monroe Area, will discuss Eyestrain, a common condition that occurs when we get tired from intense use, such as driving long distances or staring at computer screens and other digital devices.
	<b>OPEN CANVAS ART NIGHT</b>	Aug. 25 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	We will provide the canvases and paint; you bring you creativity and imagination.
	<b>CROCHET CLUB</b>	Sept. 1 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come crochet at the library! Crocheters from beginners to experts are welcome. Basic supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Register: (318) 327-5414
	<b>WHAT TO PLANT, WHEN TO PLANT</b>	Sept. 6 at 10-11 a.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Join us while Kerry Heafner from LSUAg presents what to plant and when to plant
	<b>EASY PINECONE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS</b>	Sept. 8 at 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Searcy</b>	Make an easy pinecone flower arrangement using acrylic craft paint. All supplies will be furnished. Limited to the first 10 patrons. Register in person or by phone at 318-327-1240 beginning August 25.
	<b>KELLY BRANTLEY PRESENTS FINANCIAL FREEDOM</b>	Sept. 10 at 1-2:30 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Kelly Brantley uses the Dave Ramsey method of Financial Freedom. She will go over the Financial Freedom Plan.
	<b>LOUISIANA'S FIGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR</b>	Sept. 14 at 2-3 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Did you know that we fought the Revolutionary War from Louisiana? Come and let Margaret Michel Riviore tell you all about it.
	<b>DAIRY</b>	Sept. 14 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Pam Sapp, LSU AgCenter, will teach how to make healthier choices from the dairy group of MyPlate. Come for fun and recipes
	<b>BEEKEEPING &amp; HONEY TASTING!</b>	Sept. 15 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Amy Weeks, Master Craftsman Beekeeper with the LSU Ag Center, discusses how to get started in beekeeping, proper safety equipment, and the best hive designs. Samples will be available.
	<b>CREATIVE THURSDAYS: SUNFLOWER PAINTING</b>	Sept. 15 at 1-3 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley Library</b>	Create a sunflower painting to celebrate the late summer days! Limited to 10 artists, please register to participate. Supplies furnished. Registration begins August 29. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470
	<b>PUB-STYLE TRIVIA</b>	Sept. 15 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Theme: School's Back
	<b>SEPTEMBER IS ABOUT MONARCH BUTTERFLIES</b>	Sept. 20 at 10-11 a.m.	<b>Ollie Burns Memorial</b>	September is about Monarch Butterflies! Danny Spinks with the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo will discuss their habitat and the great monarch migrations.
	<b>REPURPOSE A CAN INTO A WALL POCKET</b>	Sept. 22 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Join us as we upcycle and decoupage tin cans. We will turn them into something useful and beautiful. Register by phone at (318) 327-5414.



## COMPUTER CLASSES & TUTORING PROGRAMS

<b>CORE COMPUTER CLASS</b>	<b>EVERY TUES. &amp; THURS.</b> Morning: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon: 1-3 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Core classes are for people who have little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer at a core level with our computer instructor. Space is limited. Register: (318) 327-1351
<b>BEGINNER'S COMPUTER CLASS</b>	<b>EVERY MON. &amp; TUES.</b> Morning: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon: 1-3 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Beginners classes build on your current computer skills by teaching you new things and reinforcing what you already know. Space is limited. Register: (318) 327-1351
<b>ONE ON ONE TECH TUTORING</b>	By Registration	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Learn at your own pace with personalized computer sessions. Register: (318) 327-1490 or email bpearce@oplib.org
<b>INTRODUCTION TO WORD</b>	Aug. 2 at 10-11 a.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn how to format, change fonts, and save a Word document. Also, learn how to open, save, and rename documents to a USB drive.
<b>FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES</b>	Aug. 23 at 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn library local history and family resources and how to use them. American Historical Periodicals, History Reference Center, Newspapers.com, Louisiana Digital Library, Find-a-Grave and Ancestry.com will be introduced in this hands-on training session.
<b>TYPING LESSONS</b>	Sept. 6 at 10-11 a.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn how to type and improve your speed
<b>LEARN ANCESTRY.COM</b>	Sept. 27 at 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn how to use this popular database to search for ancestors by starting with what you know and working backwards. Bring names of ancestors that you know with birth and death dates (prior to 1950) and staff will show you how to use Ancestry.com to find out more.

# BOOK CLUBS



## SPOILER ALERT! LOUISE WILLIAMS

Spoiler Alert: they end up together. If you love Happily Ever Afters, then you'll love this club!

**Tues., Sept. 20 at 5-6 p.m.**

*Book Lovers* by Emily Henry



## COMIC CLUB ANNA MEYER

**Fri., Aug. 12 at 4-6 p.m.**

Venture into the darkness as we discuss the comics of *Hellboy*.

**Fri., Sept. 9 at 4-6 p.m.**

Learn about Ms. Marvel, her origin, her powers, and Jersey City's most famous hero.



## COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

**Fri., Aug. 12 at 4-6 p.m.**

*Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson - The people of Galveston, Texas believe no storm could put them all in danger. This was a fatal error.

**Fri., Sept. 9 at 4-6 p.m.**

*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern - This novel is about a trip to the circus, covered in glitter and stamped with magic!



## ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

**All Month** *Rose Code* by Kate Quinn



## JUST READ SEARCY

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

Discuss new and old reads at the end of summer.

**Thurs., Sept. 29 at 2-3 p.m.**

Discuss new and old reads for the fall season.



## LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

**Tues., Aug. 9 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson

**Tues., Sept. 13 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



## MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrating stories of People of Color

**Mon., Aug. 1 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*The Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois* by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

**Mon., Sept. 12 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Black Buck* by Mateo Askaripour



## BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Beyond the Pages Book Club will meet to discuss their favorite books that they have been reading.

**Wed., Aug. 31 at 2-3 p.m.**

**Wed., Sept. 28 at 2-3 p.m.**



## SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON

**Sat., Aug. 27 at 2-3 p.m.**

*The Toll* by Neal Shusterman

**Sat., Sept. 24 at 2-3 p.m.**

*The Gunslinger* by Stephen King



## RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

**Mon., Aug. 29 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*The Boys of Alabama* by Genevieve Hudson

**Mon., Sept. 26 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*Something to Talk About* by Meryl Wilsner



## TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

**Thurs., Sept. 15 at 5-5:45 p.m.**

*I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara



## HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHETING MAIN

**Tues., Aug. 2 at 2 p.m.**

Initial meeting of the crocheting Book Club.

Bring your works-in-progress and join the discussion on upcoming book options.



Clara Hall Elementary is named for Clara Wendel Hall (1893- 1958) Miss Hall graduated from Ouachita Parish High School in 1912 and was a talented musician who taught music at the city schools from 1921 to 1954. The Monroe News-Star of May 18, 1912 listed the graduates that year and wrote of Miss Hall, not being present to receive her diploma as she accompanied her parents to Baton Rouge to attend her father, Luther Hall's, inauguration as governor of Louisiana.

Jack Hayes Elementary is named for Jack Hayes who was principal of the Ouachita Parish High School for 41 years from 1908 to 1949. His wife was librarian at the school, and they were both honored for their contributions in 1954 by the Ouachita Parish Alumni Association.

Sallie Humble Elementary is named for Sallie Graham Lacy Humble (1863- 1957). Mrs. Humble was a fourth-grade teacher at Central Grammar School for 35 years from 1902 to 1937. She was educated at the Ouachita Female Academy in Monroe, and she taught at the Ouachita Male Academy, in private and public schools in Caldwell Parish and in the Monroe City High School. She retired in 1937 and was the first teacher in the Monroe City School system to retire.

Minnie Ruffin Elementary is named for Minnie Markette Ruffin (d. 1945), a teacher, principal and Dean of Girls at Monroe City and Neville High Schools from 1909 to 1941.

Roy Neal Shelling Elementary is named for Roy Neal Shelling (1940-2017). Mr. Shelling graduated from Carroll High School and Grambling. He taught at Carroll Jr. High, was assistant principal at Lee Junior High and Carroll Jr. High and was principal at Lincoln Elementary. He retired in 2002 after 38 years in education.

Lida Benton and Georgia Tucker are no longer grammar schools but are remembered by many. Lida Benton was named for Lida St. Clair Benton (1857-1938) who taught at the colony school near Swartz, was a principal in Mer Rouge and headed the departments of English and Literature in Monroe City High School. Georgia Tucker was named for Georgia Anna Tucker Stubbs (1838-1894), the mother of Colonel Frank P. Stubbs. Col. Stubbs donated the land where Georgia Tucker was built to the city of Monroe for use as a site for a public school.

Several schools are named for educators who worked together in the early days of public education. A listing of school faculty in the September 5, 1911 *Monroe News-Star* included from the Monroe City System E.L. Neville, superintendent; Miss Lida Benton, English; Mrs. Minnie Ruffin, history; Miss Julia Wossman, 7th grade; and Mrs. Sallie Humble, 4th grade and from the Ouachita Parish system T.O. Brown, superintendent and Jack Hayes, principal.

The Library is a great place to research local schools. Books, yearbooks, and databases are sources available to you if you want to learn more about the ones listed and those that are not.



**Jack Hayeses To Be Honored Here**

The Ouachita Parish Alumni Association will hold an informal open house at the Frances Hotel here Wednesday between 5 and 7 p.m. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, formerly of Monroe but now residing in Corydon, Ky.

Hayes, who is now visiting in Monroe with his wife, was principal of Ouachita Parish High School here 41 years but has been living in Corydon since his retirement five years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Manheim, teacher at Ouachita, said not only members of the alumni association but all of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes' friends are invited to attend the open house.

Mrs. Hayes was librarian at the school while her husband was principal.

**OPENING OF SCHOOLS**

CITY AND PARISH SCHOOLS HAVE LARGE ATTENDANCE.

All Teachers Present on the Opening Day—St. Hyacinth's Academy Has Fine Opening.

The City School enrollment today ran above the six hundred mark which equals the opening of previous years. With the addition of two new class rooms this big crowd is being more easily cared for than before. The City School faculty for the coming session is as follows:

Prof. E. L. Neville, superintendent.  
 Prof. William Hopkins, principal.  
 Prof. T. R. Le Compte, science.  
 Prof. Elliott James, mathematics.  
 Miss Lida Benton, English.  
 Mrs. Minnie Ruffin, history.  
 Miss Katie Key, 8th grade.  
 Miss Julia Wossman, A7th grade.  
 Miss Mattie Turnley, B7th grade.  
 Capt. W. J. Bewman, A6th grade.  
 Miss Maggie Murphey, B6th grade.  
 Mrs. N. M. Davis, A5th grade.  
 Miss Emma Oswalt, B5th grade.  
 Mrs. Sallie Humble, A4th grade.  
 Mrs. Bertha Sanders, B4th grade.  
 Miss Daisy Strong, A3rd grade.  
 Miss Lena Strong, B3rd grade.  
 Miss Bessie Wetzel, A2nd grade.  
 Miss Bessie Johnston, B2nd grade.  
 Miss Katie Green, 1st grade.  
 Miss Daisy Richardson, primer.  
 Miss Helen Chauvin, kindergarten.  
 Miss Sara Lewis, music and drawing.

**Parish School Opening.**

The Ouachita Parish High School had the best opening yesterday in the history of the institution. The enrollment was 450 and quite a number were turned away for lack of room. Following is a list of the Parish High School faculty:

Prof. T. O. Brown, superintendent.  
 Prof. Jack Hayes, principal.  
 Mrs. S. W. Harris, high school.  
 Miss Mary C. Stevens, high school.  
 Miss Isabella Dubroca, high school.  
 Prof. C. V. Reser, 7th grade.  
 Miss Louise Gilbert, 6th grade.  
 Mrs. Jack Hayes, 5th grade.  
 Miss Lottie Grant, 4th grade.  
 Mrs. Sallie Matthews, 3rd grade.  
 Mrs. J. R. Tidwell, 2nd grade.  
 Mrs. Nellie Wheeler, 1st grade.  
 Miss Manie Miller, primer.  
 Miss Elizabeth Grotton, music and drawing.  
 Miss Rida Wise, domestic science.



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