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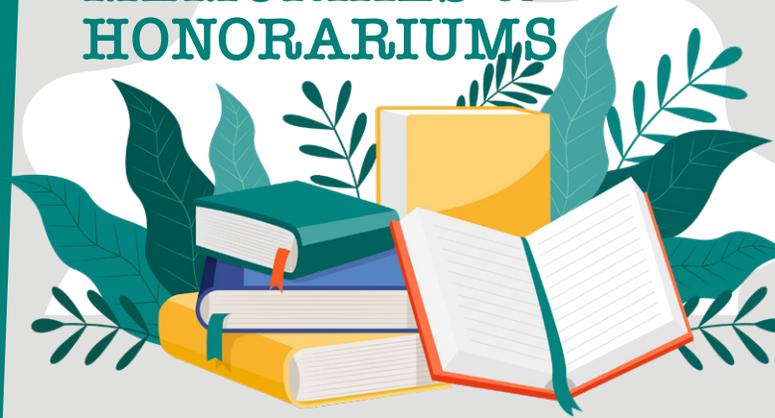
LELAND & MONROE
EDUCATION



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BOOKS AS MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



What better way to show your appreciation than with a Memorial or Honorarium in the form of a book in your local Library? Whether for the new baby in your family, a loved one who has passed, a birthday or anniversary, an outstanding achievement, or in recognition of your own local club, consider marking the moment with specially dedicated Library materials. Memorials and Honorariums can be accepted through monetary donations or physical items brought to any branch of the Library. Once the donation has been processed, the item will be placed into circulation with a dedication page in the name of your loved one or group. Each person who borrows these books or other items will continue the celebration of those honored or memorialized in them.

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.

Friday and Saturday, February and March 27th-28th from 9-3pm at the West Ouachita Library

PROCTORING



HEY STUDENTS! Do you need someone to proctor an exam for you? Each of our Library branches offers free proctoring services. Visit oplib.org/proctoring to view the proctoring agreement and to schedule your proctoring session at your preferred Library branch.



Find Billie the Bookworm!

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

STAFF PICKS



Nicole Goode
GENEALOGY ASSOCIATE

Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

A team of poor but ambitious teenagers from around the world are recruited by the Babel Corporation to go to another planet to mine Nyxia, a strange but important substance. But can our heroes trust that a corporation has their best interests at heart? This dystopian teen novel is the first in a series of three that will keep you hooked until the very end.



Wendy Kidd
REFERENCE ASSOCIATE AT WEST MONROE
BRANCH LIBRARY

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

A historical novel exploring Shakespeare's time as a young man with a growing family and growing financial woes. An intriguing read of Shakespearean daily domestic routines. My favorite character is the wife as she builds her reputation for herbs.



Andre Pierce

CIRCULATION ASSISTANT AT OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

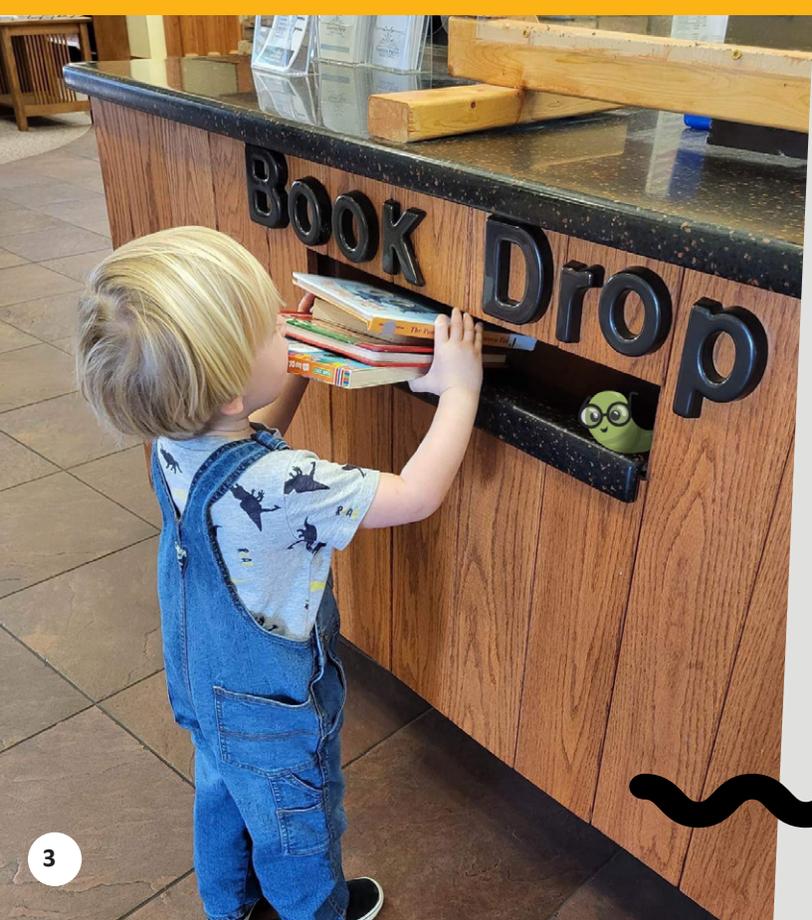
This title caught my attention with its attractive cover. By page six, I was drawn into Gabrielle Zevin's world. Sam Masur (aka 'Mazer') sends the reader time-traveling after he and his former childhood friend Sadie Green reconcile as adults. The two are night and day: Sam is the overlooked geek type, while Sadie is a beautiful popular girl. The story centers around the two working together at a young age to create a video game, which becomes a success. The only trouble for Sam is their somewhat forced platonic relationship as they experience many relatable emotional moments. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* does a good job of villainizing the guy who claims not to like people, but the reader gets to understand his logic. I think these characters bring a freshness to non-gamers and video gamers alike.



STORY TIME

WHEN IS STORY TIME?

Story time is the same time every week at your local library branch.



MAIN BRANCH

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 BRANCH

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

CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

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

LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

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

OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

0-5 years Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Family (0-12 years) Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

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 BRANCH

0-5 years Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
Family (0-12 years) Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

STERLINGTON BRANCH

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

WEST MONROE BRANCH

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 BRANCH

18-36 months Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m.
Family (0-12 years) Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.



JOIN A BOOK CLUB!



OH, THE HORROR! LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

Sat., Feb. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

The Death of Jane Lawrence by Caitlin Starling

Sat., Mar. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

The Boatman's Daughter by Andy Davidson



ONLINE TEEN BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Join our bimonthly Online Teen Book Club on the Library's Facebook page to find your next favorite read

February & March

I'm Not Dying with You Tonight by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal



MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

Mon., Feb. 6 at 5:30-7 p.m.

We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza

Mon., Mar. 6 at 5:30-7 p.m.

In Every Mirror She's Black by Lola Akinmade Åkerström



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

Tues., Feb. 14 at 6-7:30 p.m.

Writers & Lovers by Lily King

Tues., Mar. 14 at 6-7:30 p.m.

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Wed., Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

MURDERISH Podcast by "Killer Sally"

Wed., Mar. 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

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

Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney

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

All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers



RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

Mon., Feb. 27 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Mon., Mar. 27 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Wrong End of the Telescope by Rabih Alameddine



ANY GOOD BOOKS OUACHITA VALLEY

Any Good Books Book club is a space for you to share your favorite and/or current reads.

Mon., Feb. 13 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 13 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Thurs., Feb. 23 at 10-11 a.m.

A Single Spark by Judith Miller

Thurs., Mar. 23 at 10-11 a.m.

The Kind Worth Killing by Peter Swanson



JUST READ SEARCY

Thurs., Feb. 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we discuss new and old titles with a Winter theme.

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

Join us as we discuss new and old titles with the coming of Spring theme.



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON

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

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

Reaper Man by Terry Pratchett

Sat., Mar. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

Hogfather by Terry Pratchett



ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Join at facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary. You can check out the e-book or e-audiobook through the free Hoopla or cloudLibrary apps, or you can check out a physical copy at your local branch.

February & March - TBD



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

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

Wed., Feb. 14 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 22 at 2-3 p.m.

KIDS PROGRAMS



- CRAFT
- GAME ON
- STEM
- BOOKISH
- ACTIVITIES
- MOVIES

LET'S VOTE!	Wed., Feb. 1 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 9-12 All tweens are invited to read and discuss their favorite Louisiana Young Readers' Choice book. We will have voting machines for kids to cast their vote for their favorite book!
GUMBALL MACHINE CRAFT	Thurs., Feb. 2 at 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Let's make a neat gumball machine craft out of red cups and clear Christmas ornaments.
VALENTINE CRAFT	Sat., Feb. 4 at 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Valentine Card Craft. Make a valentine card for your special valentine.
HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS	Mon., Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us the first three Mondays of each month for STEM Challenges, holiday fun, and learning as a family.
MATHY MONDAY	Mon., Feb. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a numbers story and some math games! Focus will be on addition.
PAJAMAS PLUS	Tues. Feb. 7 at 5-6 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Wear your cozy pajamas and enjoy a craft, movie, or other activity each Tuesday.
COLORFUL MOSAIC HEARTS CRAFT	Wed., Feb 8 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 3-12 Let's get crafty and make easy and colorful mosaic hearts to either keep or give to someone special.
HOMEMADE ROCKETS	Fri., Feb. 10 at 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington	AGES 6-12 Whose rocket will launch the highest? For all the kids who love science or just making things explode, come join us as we make our own homemade rockets!
LIBRARY ESCAPE ROOM	Fri., Mar. 10 at 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington	AGES 6-12 Can you escape from the Library? Put your brains to the task as we try to solve a library-themed escape room!
FAMILY STORYTIME	Sat., Feb. 11 at 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft. Join us and read <i>Mr. Prickles: A Quill-Fated Love Story</i> and make a craft that sure to prick your heart.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Feb. 11 at 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Valentine Man Craft. Make this huggable craft to give to your special valentine.
VALENTINE WINDSOCKS	Mon., Feb. 13 at 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 You will surely "love" making these adorable Valentine windsocks from cardboard tubes!
KIDS' CRAFT: VALENTINES	Mon., Feb. 13 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Prepare for Valentine's Day by making cards at the library!
FAMILY STORYTIME	Tues. Feb. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Come make a sweet Valentine's Day craft.
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY	Tues. Feb. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Valentine's Day Party. Enjoy games and crafts for this festive holiday.
PAJAMAS PLUS	Tues. Feb. 14 at 5-6 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Wear your cozy pajamas and enjoy a classic movie about puppy love: <i>Lady and the Tramp</i>
BINGO	Thurs., Feb. 16 at 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Play Bingo to win Valentine prizes.
BOOK SIGNING WITH TYNEKA HILL	Sat., Feb. 18 at 11 a.m-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY In <i>Eek! There is a FLY on Me!</i> , Odessa Ann finds herself communicating with a special fly. Come out and meet the author for a reading and book signing opportunity.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Feb. 18 at 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Bring your family to enjoy a movie at the Library! We will feature Disney's <i>Turning Red</i> .
STEM PROGRAM	Sat., Feb. 18 at 1-2 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Grab the family and join us for an afternoon of learning. This month we will be making volcanoes erupt.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Feb. 18 at 2-4 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Black History Bowl. Play a Black History Trivia Game and win prizes.
KIDS' CRAFT: MARDI GRAS MASK	Mon., Feb. 20 at 3-4 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us at the library as we make Mardi Gras masks!
SHOE BOX MARDI GRAS FLOATS	Mon. Feb. 20 at 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington	AGES 6-12 Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us! We will be making Mardi Gras floats from shoe boxes.

 MARDI GRAS SHAKERS AND MASKS CRAFT	Wed., Feb 22 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 Make your very own Mardi Gras shaker and/or mask, and let's have a parade in our Library!
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Fri., Feb. 24 at 4:30-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Relax at the library with Disney's <i>The Princess and the Frog</i> .
 DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY CRAFT	Thurs., Mar. 2 at 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a story and a craft.
 MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY	Thurs., Mar. 2 at 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Movie night for all ages.
 SATURDAY CRAFT	Sat., Mar. 4 at 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 Celebrate the luck of the Irish with a decorative shamrock.
 DIY FAUX SNOW & SENSORY PLAY	Mon., Mar. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 3-5 Let's learn about the season of Winter through sensory play. We will make faux snow!
 MATHY MONDAY	Mon., Mar. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a numbers story and some math games! Focus will be on subtraction.
 MAGIC FIZZING SHAMROCKS	Wed., Mar. 8 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 This fizzing shamrock painting activity combines art and science for lots of fun and creativity.
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Mar. 11 at 1-2:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Relax at the library with a Pixar's <i>Soul</i> .
 YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Mar. 11 at 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Create a vibrant 3D flying kite scene to hang on your wall.
 CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY	Tues. Mar. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 3-12 St. Patrick's Day / Green Party
 CLAY POT LEPRECHAUN	Thurs., Mar. 16 at 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by painting a clay pot to look like a Leprechaun head. Plant some grass seeds and watch his hair grow!
 KIDS' CRAFT: ST. PATRICK'S DAY	Thurs., Mar. 16 at 4-4:45 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Are you ready for St. Patrick's day? Get in the holiday spirit when we make this rainbow craft!
 CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Mar. 18 at 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Come enjoy a movie at the Library with your friends and family! We will feature <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i> .
 STEM PROGRAM	Sat., Mar. 18 at 1-2 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Grab the family and join us for an afternoon of learning. This month we will be making rain clouds in a jar. Don't worry—no umbrellas necessary.
 SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Mar. 18 at 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Spring Craft. Flowers in Bloom
 BRISTLE BOTS	Mon., Mar. 20 at 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington	AGES 6-12 Perfect for all the young scientists! We will be introducing kids to engineering and robotics by building small robots from toothbrush heads!
 LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE	Wed., Mar. 22 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 Looking for something exciting to do? Stop by for some fun, and play Library Scavenger Hunt. Use your Library card, or apply for a card and check out some of the cool books you find. Prizes will be given.
 KIDS' GAME: BINGO	Wed., Mar. 22 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Do you want to win some prizes? Join us at the Library as we play bingo! Multiple prizes available.
 FREE PLAY	Thurs., Mar. 30 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Come join us at the library for a free play session with coloring pages, blocks, and lots of toys—cars, dinosaurs, farm animals, and more!

RECURRING EVENTS

KIDS' WORLD

AGES 6-12 | Join Ms. Judy for crafts, STEM, or other activities.

 Tues., Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, & Mar. 21 at 3:30-4:30

West Monroe Library

TWEENS CLUB

AGES 9-12 | Join Ms. Judy for crafts, STEM, or other activities.

 Tues., Feb. 14, Feb. 28, Mar. 14, & Mar. 28 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

West Monroe Library

STEMULATING MONDAY

AGES 6-12 | Come join us for a STEM program.

 Mon., Feb. 6, Feb. 20, Mar. 6, & Mar. 20 at 4-5 p.m

West Ouachita Library

ALL THINGS TWEEN

AGES 9-12 | Join Ms. Angelica for a craft. See what craft we will be doing each week at oplib.org/calendar

 Every Thurs. at 4-5 p.m.

Main Library



TEEN PROGRAMS



Online Teen Book Club

Join our bimonthly Online Teen Book Club on the Library's Facebook page to find your next favorite read.

We will be reading *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight* by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal which is available in print as well as on CloudLibrary as an e-book.

CRAFT

GAME ON

LEARN

ACTIVITIES

MOVIES

	MARDI GRAS MASKS	Wed., Feb. 1 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Bring your friends and decorate a Mardi Gras mask to take to the Mardi Gras parade.
	GIANT TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS	Mon., Feb. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Present a family member or special someone with this homemade tissue paper flower!
	ADULTING: MOCK INTERVIEW	Tues., Feb. 7 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Nervous about pesky job interviews? Learn some tips on how to sound competent.
	DIY STAINED GLASS HEARTS	Tues., Feb. 7 at 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for a fun Valentine's Day Craft! We will be making stained glass hearts.
	D&D WORKSHOP	Tues., Feb. 7 at 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Learn how to get started with the classic TTRPG Dungeons & Dragons (5e).
	DINE WITH A BOOK	Wed., Feb. 8 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Come find a book to enjoy with your friends.
	DIY MIXTAPE	Thurs., Feb. 9 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come and make a mixtape for yourself or to give to your Valentine!
	GAMING GUILD: D&D	Tues., Feb. 14 at 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the gaming guild as we delve into a Dungeons and Dragons session!
	VALENTINE CRAFT	Tues., Feb. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Create a variety of paper flowers for Valentine's Day.
	SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD	Tues., Feb. 14 at 3-5 p.m.	Sterlington	Looking for that perfect love? Think again with <i>Scott Pilgrim vs. the World</i> .
	MARVEL FEATURE FRIDAY	Fri., Feb. 17 at 3-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come pop in and enjoy the Marvel movie <i>Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings</i> !
	CHATTING AND COLORING	Mon., Feb. 20 at 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Who said coloring is just for kids? Come enjoy some teen coloring and talk about your favorite books or graphic novels you are reading.
	KEVA PLANK ENGINEERING	Tues., Feb. 21 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Build structures with KEVA Planks for all of your engineering fun needs.
	RESUME WORKSHOP	Tues., Feb. 21 at 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Learn how to build a solid resume for your first job.
	MARDI GRAS MASKS	Tues., Feb. 21 at 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us! We will be making Mardi Gras masks!
	MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION	Tues., Feb. 21 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Come celebrate Mardi Gras with a craft and prepare for Saturday's Mardi Gras ball!
	KEEPING IT REEL	Thurs., Feb. 23 at 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Find out if the book was better! We will be watching <i>The Hate U Give</i> . Read the novel by Angie Thomas beforehand, or just come for the showing!
	DROP-IN CRAFT SPACE	Sat., Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Stop by the game room anytime Saturday to color a bookmark, paint a rock, make a Perler bead keychain or magnet, fold origami stars, or just hang out and watch a movie.
	DIY STRESS BALL	Tues., Feb. 28 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Feeling stressed? Don't take it out on your friends; get aggressive with your stress ball.
	BOARD GAME NIGHT	Tues., Feb. 28 at 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose from a variety of board games to play with friends.
	BATH BOMBS AND BODY SCRUB	Mon., Mar. 6 at 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come create some items that you can use to pamper yourself and relax in the bath!
	MAGAZINE ART	Tues., Mar. 7 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Find a use for those old magazines by making a collage.
	GAME NIGHT	Tues., Mar. 7 at 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for game night! We will be playing classic board games.

	D&D WORKSHOP	Tues., Mar. 7 at 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Learn how to get started with the classic TTRPG Dungeons & Dragons (5e).
	MOVIE MATINEE	Wed., Mar. 8 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	We will be watching the movie <i>The Lorax</i> .
	VIDEO GAME NIGHT	Thurs., Mar. 9 at 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come join us for a fun game night. We will have a selection to choose from.
	CONSTRUCT A CRAFT	Tues., Mar. 14 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Craft something with construction paper to decorate your room or locker.
	GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING	Tues., Mar. 14 at 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild as we make the magic come alive playing Magic: the Gathering!
	SPRING CRAFT	Tues., Mar. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Decorate a planter for your Spring garden.
	EGG CARTON GARDEN	Wed., Mar. 15 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	We will be learning how to plant seeds and create mini gardens.
	MARVEL FEATURE FRIDAY	Fri., Mar. 17 at 3-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Come pop in and enjoy the Marvel movie <i>Black Widow</i> !
	DIY CONFETTI BOWL	Mon., Mar. 20 at 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Let the creative juices flow designing a confetti bowl to keep all sorts of goodies in.
	FRIENDS UNITE!	Tues., Mar. 21 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	Remind your friend that they are your person by making them a bracelet.
	JOB HUNTING WORKSHOP	Tues., Mar. 21 at 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Learn how to find job openings and apply online.
	DIY CACTUS PET ROCKS	Tues., Mar. 21 at 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come craft with us! We will be making cactus pet rocks!
	KEEPING IT REEL	Thurs., Mar. 23 at 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	Was the book actually better? Come and find out! This month we will be watching <i>Warm Bodies</i> . Feel free to read the novel by Isaac Marion beforehand, or just come for the showing!
	DROP-IN CRAFT SPACE	Sat., Mar. 25 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Stop by the game room anytime to color a bookmark, paint a rock, make a Perler bead keychain or magnet, fold origami stars, or just watch a movie.
	COLOR ME NERDY	Tues., Mar. 28 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington	We will be coloring pages full of nerdy goodness.
	BOARD GAME NIGHT	Tues., Mar. 28 at 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Choose from a variety of board games to play with friends.
	SIDEWALK PAINT	Tues., Mar. 28 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Follow an easy sidewalk paint recipe, mix custom colors, and beautify the Library sidewalks for Spring! Weather permitting.

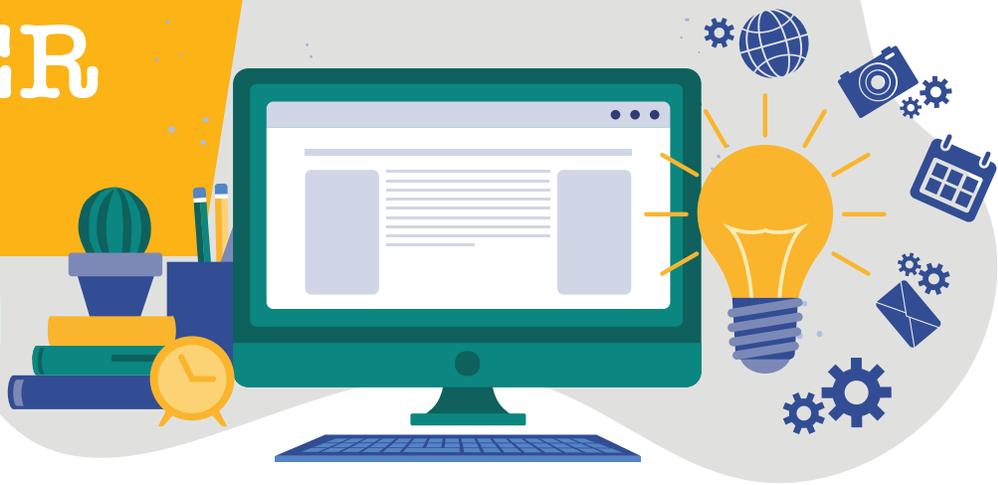
MARDI GRAS BALL

Dancing | Mask Decorating | Photo Booth | Refreshments

Ouachita Parish Public Library cordially invites teens ages 12-18 to an evening of festive frivolity at our 1st ever Mardi Gras Ball. Formalwear and costumes welcome but not required.

 Saturday, February 25th at 7-10 p.m. | Main Branch
Tickets are limited, so pick up a permission form from any OPPL branch today!

COMPUTER CLASSES



CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

Register by calling (318) 327-1478 or emailing jpowell@oplib.org to schedule your own personalized sessions to learn at your own pace.

ANNA MEYER FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

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

CORE COMPUTER CLASS

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

Every Tuesday/Thursday
Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1-3 p.m.

BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS

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.

Every Monday/Wednesday
Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1-3 p.m.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER CLASSES

Schedule a one-hour session with our computer instructor for a personalized computer lesson.

Every Friday
Time slots available between 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH LIBRARY

Limited to the first 10 patrons. Register in person or call: (318) 327-1351

GETTING STARTED WITH A COMPUTER

Learn what a computer is and how to use a mouse and keyboard.

Mon., Feb. 20th at 4-5 p.m.

INTERNET BASICS

Learn how to search the internet and navigate websites.

Mon., Feb. 27th at 4-5 p.m.

INTRO TO EMAIL

Learn how to create and navigate an email account.

Mon., Mar. 20th at 4-5 p.m.

ONLINE SAFETY

Learn about online scams and how to be safer online.

Mon., Mar. 27th at 4-5 p.m.

MAIN BRANCH

TYPING LESSONS 3-PART SERIES

Learn how to type, improve your speed and accuracy. Each session builds on the last session.

Mon., Feb. 6th at 9-10:30 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 8th at 9-10:30 a.m.
Thurs., Feb. 9th at 9-10:30 a.m.

RESUME 101

Learn how to create a resume and have it reviewed for free by a professional.

Tues., Feb. 21st at 2-3:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 7th at 5:30-7 p.m.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER CLASS

Schedule your own personalized sessions to learn at your own pace.

Register by calling (318) 327-1490 or emailing bpearce@oplib.org.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Computer class for adults who want to learn basic computer skills.

Tues., Mar. 21st at 10-11 a.m.

OLLIE BURNS BRANCH LIBRARY

DIGITAL LITERACY: TECHNOLOGY BASICS

Are you new to computers or mobile devices, haven't used them for a while or just need a refresher? Learn the basics and build confidence using technology.

Thurs., Feb. 2nd | Tues., Feb. 7th | Thurs., Feb. 9th
Thurs., Mar. 2nd | Tues., Mar. 7th | Thurs., Mar. 9th at 10-11 a.m.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

DIGITAL LITERACY: BASICS OF VIDEO CONFERENCING

Learn how to Zoom with your loved ones, colleagues, or medical professionals.

Mon., Feb. 13th at 10-11 a.m.

DIGITAL LITERACY: ONLINE HEALTH INFORMATION

Learn how to access reliable sources for health information online.

Mon., Mar. 13th at 10-11 a.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

Space is limited. Call to register: (318) 327-1470.

GETTING STARTED WITH A COMPUTER

Learn how to use a computer with a keyboard and a mouse.

Sat., Feb. 4th at 10-11 a.m.
Mon., Feb. 6th at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 9th at 3-4 p.m.

BASIC SEARCH & NAVIGATING A WEBSITE

Learn how to find a website and how to use it.

Sat., Mar. 4th at 10-11 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 6th at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 9th at 3-4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Learn the skills needed to navigate the online world with safety and confidence.

Thurs. at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Feb. 1th | Feb. 23rd
Mar. 16th | Mar. 23rd | Mar. 30th

Mon. at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20th | Feb. 27th | Mar. 20 | Mar. 27th

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP.

Register by calling (318) 327-1382 or emailing cchalhoun@oplib.org to schedule your own personalized sessions to learn at your own pace.

WHAT IS DIGITAL LITERACY?

Digital literacy means being able to use technology effectively, find information on the web, and do things more efficiently in an increasingly digital society. Digital literacy is just as important as traditional literacy. Books and the internet are in our everyday lives; we need to know how to use them both.



THAT'S WHERE YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY CAN HELP!

We don't just offer books. We have computers available for use. In addition, we can also help you learn more about them, how to operate them, and how to become more self-sufficient online. Many Library branches are offering computer classes, and we hope to expand that service even more so that the entire community can take advantage of the service.

Not sure if computer classes are right for you? This is what some current students had to say about their experience.

“

I thoroughly enjoy class. [The instructor] goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. [The instructor] doesn't embarrass any of [the students] if they forget something. Our notes are step by step for us to learn. We couldn't ask for a better computer teacher.

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“

I have learned many things concerning computers: How to send and use email, being aware of spyware, and Microsoft basics.

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We want to make sure that everyone in Ouachita Parish has the opportunity to learn more about the digital world and learn how to co-exist with the computers that have become so prevalent in our society. As an organization focused on lifelong learning, it is our responsibility to help you—our patrons—become experts in digital literacy.

If you don't want to wait for help from a librarian, you can start learning by going to oplib.org/databases#scienceandtechnology-digitallearn or digitallearn.org.

If you're interested in computer classes, you can refer to the computer class section on page 9 or visit or call your local branch for more information.



ADULT PROGRAMS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HEALTH & WELLNESS



SOAPING WITH SADÉ: EXFOLIATING THE SKIN!

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Feb. 16, 11-12 p.m.
Entrepreneur Sadé Johnson, owner of Jubilant Soapsétions, will discuss ingredients to make 100% natural scented soap products.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Louise Williams | Thurs., Mar. 9, 1-2 p.m.
In recognition of National Nutrition Month, Cathy Agan of the LSU AgCenter will demonstrate how to cook a nutritional meal in a flash!

SPEAKER



HISTORY OF CARNIVAL AND MARDI GRAS

West Monroe | Wed., Feb. 15, 2-3 p.m.
Margaret Rivoire will speak to us about the history of Carnival and Mardi Gras.

LORA PEPPERS: HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS

Louise Williams | Thurs., Feb. 16, 1-2:15 p.m.
Ouachita Parish Library's own Lora Peppers will talk about the history of Mardi Gras. We will also have a visit from a representative of the Mardi Gras court.

KELLY BRANTLEY PRESENTS FINANCIAL FREEDOM

West Monroe | Wed., Mar. 8, 2-3:30 p.m.
Kelly Brantley will go over the Financial Freedom Plan using the Dave Ramsey method. She will also talk about retirement. Please call the West Monroe Branch at 327-1365 to reserve a spot. We have a limited amount of space and can seat 30.

WOMEN READING ABOUT WOMEN

Louise Williams | Thurs., Mar. 23, 1-2 p.m.
In celebrating Women in History Month, Louise Williams presents Women Reading About Women. Women in our community will read about women that have inspired them.

LAWN & GARDEN



CRAPE MYRTLES: PRUNING AND CARE

West Monroe | Wed., Feb. 8, 2-3 p.m.
Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter gives advice on raising Crape Myrtles. He will tell us about the different varieties and how to prune them.

RAISED FLOWER BED GARDENING

Ouachita Valley | Thurs., Feb. 23, 2-3 p.m.
Master Gardener Kerry Heafner will share tips on raised flower beds.

HOMEMADE HYDROPONIC GARDEN & PLANT SWAP

Searcy Memorial Library | Thurs., Mar. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.
Join us in making a hydroponic herb garden while participating in a plant swap. We will be discussing the technology of hydroponics and its benefits. Bring some of your favorite plants to swap with other patrons.

SPRING GARDENING

Ouachita Valley | Thurs., Mar. 16, 2-3 p.m.
Master Gardener Kerry Heafner will share Spring planting tips.

LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS

Louise Williams | Sat., Mar. 18, 1-2 p.m.
Kerry Hefner with the LSU AgCenter will be here to give lawn and garden tips in March. What should we be doing to our lawn now?

TULIP TALK WITH THE BEIDENHARN GARDEN

Sterlington | Mar. 22, 2 p.m.
Learn about how to care for tulips with gardener, Frances Hutson.

SOCIAL



CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE ART VIEWING

Sterlington | February-April
View paintings from the project *Drawn to Biology*, borrowed from the ULM Natural History Museum. These pieces were created by ULM Biology students under the guidance of ULM Art students.

SUPER BOWL DIP EXCHANGE

Louise Williams | Feb. 1-12, All Day
Bring your favorite dip recipes and pick up some of ours!

PUB-STYLE TRIVIA

Main Branch | Wed., Mar. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Pub-Style Trivia: Theme- March

MOVIES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLACK LOVE IN CINEMA

Ouachita Valley | Wed., Feb. 1, 2-4 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, Ouachita Valley presents Black Love in Cinema. The featured film this week is *Mahogany*.

BLACK CINEMA SATURDAY

Louise Williams | Sat., Feb. 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, Louise Williams will host Black Cinema Saturday. This week's movie will be *Lilies of the Field*.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLACK LOVE IN CINEMA

Ouachita Valley | Wed., Feb. 8, 2-4 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, Ouachita Valley presents Black Love in Cinema. The featured film this week is *Fatherhood*.

BLACK CINEMA SATURDAY

Louise Williams | Sat., Feb. 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, Louise Williams will host Black Cinema Saturday. This week's movie will be *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main Branch | Mon., Feb. 13, 5:30-7 p.m.

Film lovers unite! As we screen Alfred Hitchcock's film noir *Stage Fright* from 1950. Starring Marlene Dietrich, Jane Wyman, and Richard Todd.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLACK LOVE IN CINEMA

Ouachita Valley | Wed., Feb. 15, 2-4 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, Ouachita Valley presents Black Love in Cinema. The featured film this week is *Loving*.

BLACK CINEMA SATURDAY

Louise Williams | Sat., Feb. 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, Louise Williams will host Black Cinema Saturday. This week's movie will be *Black Panther*.

BLACK CINEMA SATURDAY

Louise Williams | Sat., Feb. 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, Louise Williams will host Black Cinema Saturday. This week's movie will be *Lean on Me*.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main Branch | Mon., Mar. 13, 5:30-7 p.m.

Classic film lovers will gather to screen the 1959 comedy *Some Like It Hot* starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, and Tony Curtis.

MEET THE AUTHOR



AUTHOR VISIT: SHAQUARIUS HOLMES

Anna Meyer | Sat., Feb. 4, 1-3 p.m.

Visit with local author Shaquarius Holmes as she discusses her book.

KELBY OUCHLEY: BAYOU D'ARBONNE SWAMP

Louise Williams | Sat., Feb. 11, 1-2:15 p.m.

Join us for a book talk and signing with Kelby Ouchley, the local author of *Bayou D'Arbonne Swamp*.

CRAFTS



CROCHET CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Feb. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Crochet hearts at the library! Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own project. Register in person or call: (318) 327-5414.

"LET IT SNOW" SNOWMAN CRAFT

Searcy Memorial Library | Thurs., Feb. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Make a cute little snowman out of a clay pot. Space is limited to the first 12 patrons. Call us at 318-327-1240 and reserve your spot.

HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB

Main Branch | Tues., Feb. 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Hooks & Books: Learn the basics of crochet or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB: ROSE PAINTING

West Ouachita | Thurs., Feb. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Paint a beautiful rose wreath. Supplies provided. Space is limited. Call 318-327-5414 to register.

CROCHET CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Mar. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Make a cup cozy at the library! Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own project. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5414.

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Main Branch | Tues., Mar. 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

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DIY COASTER CRAFT

Anna Meyer | Wed., Mar. 15, 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

Come craft your very own coaster with us! Supplies are provided, you just bring yourself and your ideas for decoration!

REFLECTIONS ON WOMEN'S HISTORY IN THE ARTS! PAINTING WITH WATERCOLORS

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Mar. 16, 11-12 p.m.

Alyssa Guidry, Curator of Education & Public Programs at the Masur Museum, will demonstrate watercolor painting techniques. Participants will be painting their own portraits.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB: BLUE JAY PAINTING

West Ouachita | Thurs., Mar. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Paint a cheerful blue jay to welcome Spring! Supplies provided. Space is limited. Call 318-327-5414 to register.

ARTISTS CIRCLE - VAN GOGH

Louise Williams | Thurs., Mar. 21, 6-6:30 p.m.

Come learn about Van Gogh while we paint sunflowers inspired by the famous Dutch impressionist painter.



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.



LELAND AND MONROE EDUCATION ON THE INTERNET



The availability of on-line resources has greatly added to the knowledge of local history. Newspapers, university archives and school catalogs have recently provided new information on a private school for African-American students that existed in Monroe, Louisiana as early as 1895.

The Lafourche Comet, a Thibodaux, Louisiana newspaper reported in the January 9, 1896 edition that **"The North Louisiana Industrial High School opened Monday Jan. 6. It is located in Monroe for the industrial, literary and scientific education of colored youths. It closed a successful term at the holidays, with an enrollment of 120."**

Southern University and A&M College's John B. Cade Library Archives department digitized the History of Leland University. (his.pho124.jpg at hbcudigitallibrary.auctr.edu) This history lists Industrial High School

Image of Mrs. L. D. Pruitt from Hicks, William. History of Louisiana Negro Baptists from 1804-1914, Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, 1998.

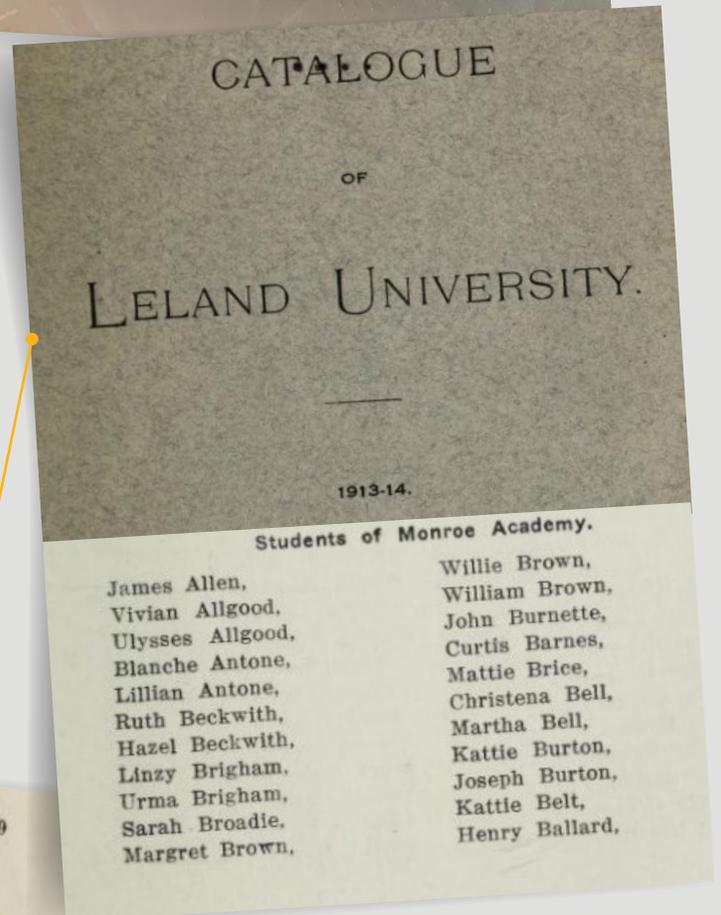
Image of Professor Pruitt from Ancestry.com
William M. Pruitt Family Tree

at Monroe as becoming an affiliate of Leland University in 1898. The article states that the school was once known as Monroe Academy and that Professor and Mrs. Pruitt were associated with the school. Professor Pruitt was William Montcalm Pruitt, born in 1866 and Mrs. Pruitt was listed as the first lady to receive the degree of A.B. from Leland University. Affiliate schools had to meet certain criteria and graduates of the affiliate schools were accepted into Leland without further examination. Other school leaders included Reverend J.L. Crossley who was principal from 1904-1905 and Madison J. Foster who became principal in 1906.

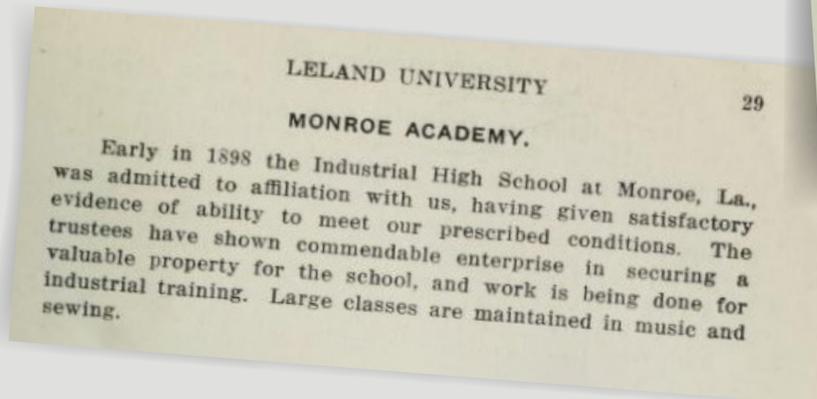
A history on Leland published in the *New Orleans Historical* states that Leland University was founded in 1870 in New Orleans and was first located at 7013 St. Charles Avenue across the street from Audubon Park. After a 1915 storm damaged the campus, Leland University's board of trustees sold the property. Jazmia Henry, "Leland University," *New Orleans Historical*, accessed November 9, 2022, neworleanshistorical.org/items/show/1286.

Catalogs from Leland University have been made available on the Internet Archive and HathiTrust. These catalogs list students and faculty of the school and often their hometown. This is a treasure for genealogists and an exciting find for history students who up to now had very few resources on the education of African-Americans prior to and just after 1900 in Monroe, Louisiana. Lora Peppers, Genealogy Librarian, has created a list of students from Monroe. Print and possibly online versions of this list are being planned so that names can be easily searched.

Catalog entry from East Baton Rouge Parish Library, batonrougedigitalarchive.contentdm.oclc.org



Information on the Monroe Academy is from the Internet Archive at archive.org/details/bulletin189798191011lela





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