

# CATTAILS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY



## TEEN MARDI GRAS BALL

DON'T MISS THE  
FUN WITH DANCING,  
REFRESHMENTS, AND  
A CROWNED KING AND  
QUEEN!

## LIBRARY APP SCAVENGER HUNT

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APP SCAVENGER HUNT!

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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!

## 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 except November and December.

February Booksale: Friday, Feb. 23rd & Saturday, Feb. 24th from 9-3 p.m.  
March Booksale: Friday, March 29th & Saturday March 30th from 9-3 p.m.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

PRESIDENTS' DAY - Monday, February 19th  
EASTER - Friday, March 29th through Sunday, March 31st

Crossword Key:

1. Bow 2. Heart 3. Love 4. Arrow 5 ↑ Cloud 5 → Cupid 6. Dove 7. Kiss 8. Sweet 9. Flower

# MARDI GRAS BALL



## Dancing, Crafts, & Refreshments!

Ouachita Parish Public library invites teens ages 12-18 to our second annual Mardi Gras Ball. Come join us for a night of dancing, crafts, and refreshments. Formal wear and costumes encouraged, but not required. This year the Krewe of Janus will be there to crown the Mardi Gras King and Queen!



**Saturday, February 17 from 7-10 p.m. | Main Branch**

Tickets are limited, so pick up a permission form from any Library branch today!



# TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Need Community Service hours? The library has you covered!

The Library is now offering the opportunity for teens ages 13-18 to earn volunteer community service hours by participating in programs that educate, enrich, and empower them to make a difference in their communities. Check out the list of programs and contact the appropriate branch to register!

Head over to [oplib.org/teencommunityservice](http://oplib.org/teencommunityservice) for more information.

### DIY CAT TOYS

Create cat toys to donate to the cat shelter!

**Ollie Burns..... Tues., Feb. 8th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

**West Ouachita..... Tues., Feb. 20th from 4-5 p.m.**

### FINANCIAL SEMINAR: HALLS OF KNOWLEDGE

Learn all about financial aid options for college. Registration is required. Call 318-327-1470 or register in person.

**Ouachita Valley ..... Tues., Feb. 20th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

### SCULPTURE CLAY DAY

Make a clay sculpture that will be displayed in the Teen Section of the library.

**Sterlington Memorial ..... Tues., Feb. 6th from 3-4 p.m.**

### ACT PRACTICE TEST

Take a free ACT Practice Test given by the Princeton Review. Bring a #2 pencil and calculator. Registration is required and limited to the first 10 patrons. Send your name, email address, and graduation year to [aestep@oplib.org](mailto:aestep@oplib.org).

**Ouachita Valley ..... Sat., Feb. 24th from 1-4 p.m.**

### FOOD DRIVE SETUP

Earn community service hours by helping the library prepare for a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of NELA. Call 318-327-1240 to register.

**Searcy Memorial ..... Sat., Feb. 10th from 2-3 p.m.**

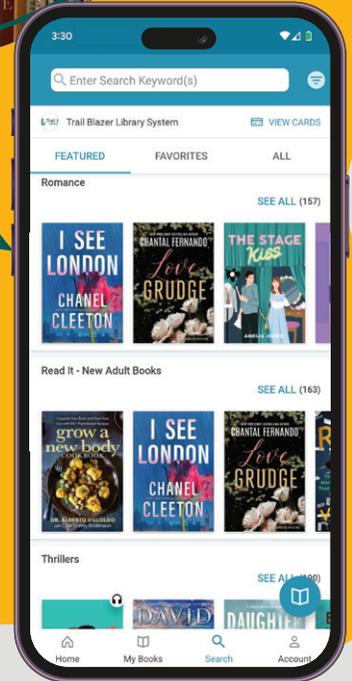
### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Earn community service hours by cleaning up litter near the library. Call 318-327-1240 to register.

**Searcy Memorial ..... Sat., March 9th from 2-3 p.m.**

# DOWNLOAD THE STACKS APP

Did you know that you can explore the Library without leaving your home or office?



Our Library app gives you access to the Library no matter where you are! Using the app, you can search our collection for any item while you are out and about, as well as access your account to see what you have checked out, on hold, and more.

**With our app, the Library is at your fingertips! Here's how to download the app:**



Open your app store (iOS) or Google Play store (Android)



Search for 'Ouachita Parish Public Library'



Find the app with Ouachita Parish Public Library's logo



**Install!**

Use the QR Codes to easily find the app in the app store or Google Play store.

Apple App Store:



Google Play Store:



# LIBRARY APP SCAVENGER HUNT

So now that you have the Library app, let's see how well you can use it. Use the app to complete this scavenger hunt and record your answers on the map with the corresponding treasure!



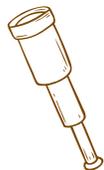
Think of a book you want to read. Try searching for the title in the app. Did you find it? Use the map to write down the title (you can also search for a movie or tv show instead of a book title).



Who is one of your favorite authors? Think of one and search their name in the app. Did you find anything by them? Write down the author you chose.



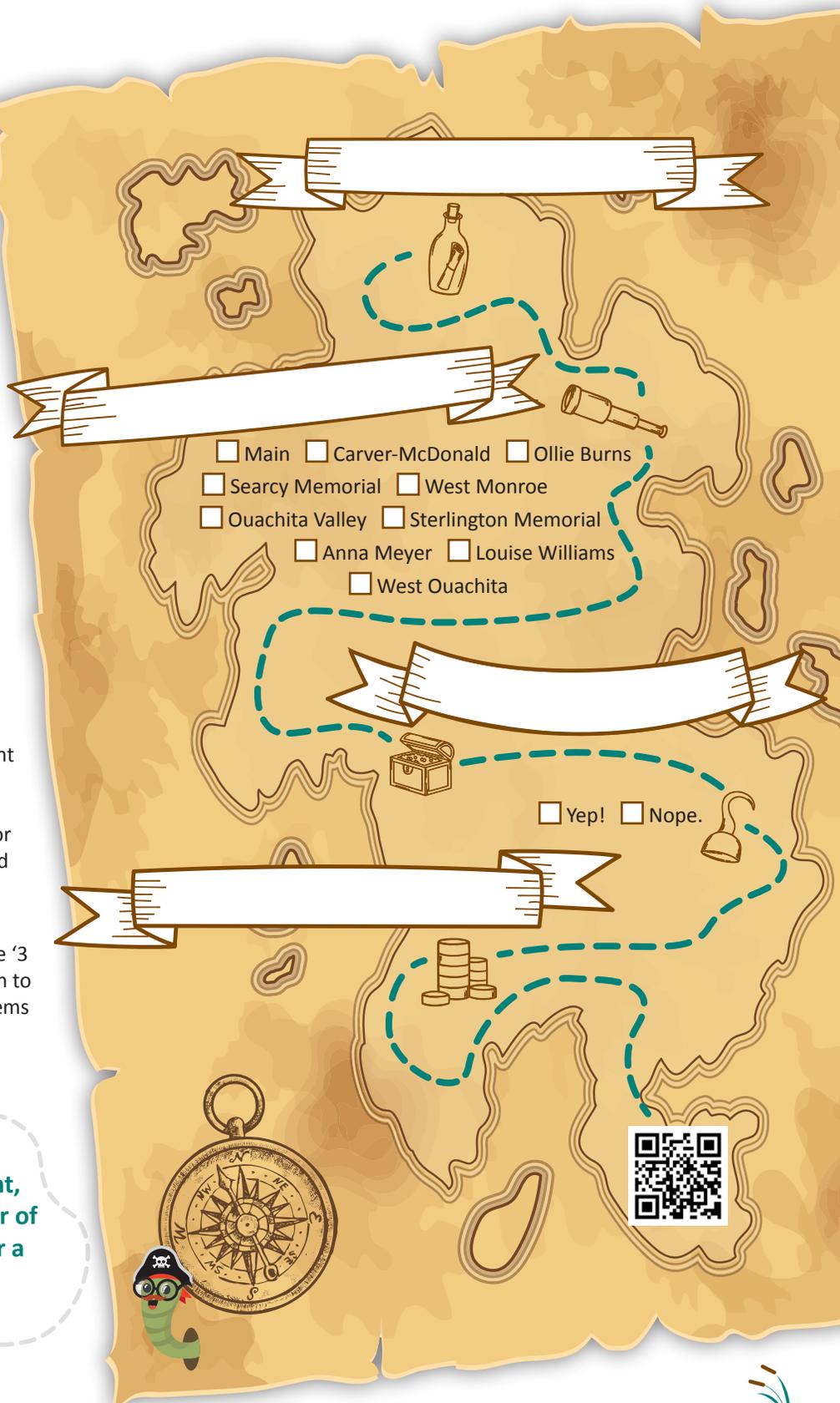
Do a few more searches until you find an item that you want. Try selecting an item and using the 'request' button to have it sent to a library branch of your choice and reserved specifically for you! What item did you choose to place a hold on?



Think of another book from your searches. Do you wonder where it might be located? Choose an item and try finding that book's location in the app (hint: try looking at the 'location' tab for an item. What book did you search, and what branch is it located at?



Now, let's look at your account. Use the '3 bar' icon in the top left corner to switch to your account view. You can see your items out, hold requests, and more. Did you have anything checked out or on hold?



- Main
- Carver-McDonald
- Ollie Burns
- Searcy Memorial
- West Monroe
- Ouachita Valley
- Sterlington Memorial
- Anna Meyer
- Louise Williams
- West Ouachita

- Yep!
- Nope.

If you completed the scavenger hunt, then congratulations! You're a master of using our app! Scan this QR code for a special secret!



# KIDS PROGRAMS



KIDS CREATE ART	Thurs., Feb. 1 4:30-5:15 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Cut, paste, and splatter paint a galaxy collage.
VALENTINE HOT AIR BALLOON	Thurs., Feb. 1 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Make a stuffed hot air balloon for Valentine's Day.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 1 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Mardi Gras Mask Craft
KID'S MOVIE MANIA	Mon., Feb. 5 3:30-4:45 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for a great movie with special treats featuring <i>Elemental</i> . Rated PG.
STEMULATING MONDAYS	Tues., Feb. 6 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a Valentine's Day STEM challenge!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Feb. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Come and make a Valentine's paper plate snail.
AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM	Tues., Feb. 6 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Ms. Dorene Bell and Carroll High School students will showcase famous African Americans in this living history museum.
VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT	Thurs., Feb. 8 3:30-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us as we make Valentine's Day cards for loved ones!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 8 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Make a Valentine for your special sweetheart.
MARDI GRAS MASKS	Fri., Feb. 9 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Get ready for Mardi Gras by designing and creating your own Mardi Gras masks!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Feb. 10 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Enjoy a movie and popcorn on us! We will feature <i>We Bought A Zoo</i> . Rated PG.
FAMILY STORYTIME	Sat., Feb. 10 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Families that read together, learn together. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, and crafts.
VALENTINE'S DAY PAINTING	Tues., Feb. 13 4-4:45 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Celebrate Valentine's Day with a painting on canvas.
MARDI GRAS PARTY	Tues., Feb. 13 4:30-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Make a fun Mardi Gras mask and celebrate with snacks, music and fun!
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Feb. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Come and make a Valentine's gnome.
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY	Wed., Feb. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Enjoy a sweet treat while creating a Valentine's Day craft for someone special.
VALENTINE'S DAY BALL	Wed., Feb. 14 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Dress up for this festive event and bring your sweethearts for food and fun.
MARDI GRAS MASK	Thurs., Feb. 15 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Make a festive Mardi Gras mask! Laissez le bon temps rouler!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 15 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Movie & Popcorn: <i>The Mitchells vs. the Machines</i> . Rated PG..
MOVIE	Sat., Feb. 17 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>Brave!</i> Juice and snacks are provided. Rated PG.
AUTHOR READING AND BOOK SIGNING	Sat., Feb. 17 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	FAMILY Dr. Phillis Donatto introduces her new book <i>Mom, There's a Rooster in the House!</i>
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Feb. 17 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 How well do you know Black History Facts? Pick up study guides for the Annual Black History Bowl. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Feb. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make snow and then have a snowball fight.
SOLAR ENERGY	Tues., Feb. 20 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Mrs. Shirley McNeal will bring a group of students from Carroll High School to showcase solar vehicle creations.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH BINGO	Wed., Feb. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	AGES 6-12 Celebrate Black History Month with a special game of Bingo and fun facts!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 22 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Games Day. Join us for assorted game play.
BALLOON CARS	Fri., Feb. 23 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun project demonstrating Newton's Laws of Motion. We will be building our very own balloon powered cars!
S.T.E.M. ACTIVITY: AIR ROCKETS	Mon., Feb. 26 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Calling all cosmic crafters! Don't miss this cool S.T.E.M.-ulating science craft. Make your very own stem rockets and get ready for take-off.
BLOCK PARTY	Tues., Feb. 27 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY If you like building with blocks, visit us at the Louise Williams' meeting room.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Feb. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Watch movie <i>The Lorax</i> , light refreshments served. Rated PG.
KID'S CRAFTERNOON	Thurs., Feb. 29 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 9-12 Are you a fan of surprises? Sketch a design to reveal a vibrant, peek-a-boo color scheme underneath!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 29 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Yarn Wrapped Cardboard Letter. Personalize your room with your initials.
STEMULATING MONDAYS	Mon., Mar. 4 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Design and construct a mini tree house!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Mar. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Make Shamrock Pinwheels.
PRIME TIME STORY TIME	Tues., Mar. 5 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Story time with books and prizes for all children attending.
KID'S MOVIE MANIA	Wed., Mar. 6 3:30-4:45 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY Join us for a movie and treats featuring <i>The Super Mario Bros. Movie!</i> Rated PG.

<b>KIDS CREATE ART</b>	Thurs., Mar. 7 4:30-5:15 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Watercolor painting of rainbows and clover.
<b>LEPRECHAUN TRAP</b>	Thurs., Mar. 7 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Create your very own Leprechaun Trap for St. Patrick's Day!
<b>MOVIE</b>	Thurs., Mar. 7 3:30-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	<b>FAMILY</b> Join us for a screening of <i>Luca!</i> Juice and snacks are provided. Rated PG.
<b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 7 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b> Design your own birdhouse.
<b>LIFE SIZED CHUTES AND LADDERS</b>	Fri., Mar. 8 4-5:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	<b>FAMILY</b> Show us your competitive side! We will be playing a life-sized version of the popular board game, Chutes and Ladders.
<b>CHILDREN'S CINEMA</b>	Sat., Mar. 9 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	<b>FAMILY</b> Enjoy a movie that the whole family can enjoy, <i>Elemental</i> . Bring a friend!
<b>FAMILY STORYTIME</b>	Sat., Mar. 9 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b> Families that read together, learn together. Join us for a morning of stories, songs and crafts.
<b>STEM-MAGNA-TILES</b>	Mon., Mar. 11 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	<b>AGES 3-5</b> Children will be given a fun way to explore math concepts.
<b>TWEENS CLUB</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 9-12</b> Make a cool magnet leprechaun.
<b>PRIME TIME STORY TIME</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Story time with books and prizes for all children attending.
<b>LEPRECHAUN FUN!</b>	Wed., Mar. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Have fun with magic leprechaun rocks and other challenging games!
<b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 14 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b> STEMulating Thursday: Build your own rocket.
<b>CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION DAY</b>	Sat., Mar. 16 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	<b>FAMILY</b> Create whatever you want from cardboard. Boxes provided or bring your own
<b>EGG-STRA SPECIAL STORY &amp; SCAVENGER EGG HUNT</b>	Sat., Mar. 16 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	<b>FAMILY</b> Saturday morning scavenger egg hunt and storytime.
<b>SUPER SIZZLIN</b>	Sat., Mar. 16 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b> St. Patrick's Day Crafts
<b>KID'S CRAFTERNOON</b>	Mon., Mar. 18 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Show everyone whoooo's crafty with this fun Owl windsock craft!
<b>STEMONDAY</b>	Mon., Mar. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Join us for a fun animal-themed STEM challenge activity!
<b>STEMULATING MONDAYS</b>	Mon., Mar. 18 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Come build a shelter to protect a peep!
<b>KIDS WORLD</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Make a Boo Boo Bunny.
<b>PRIME TIME STORY TIME</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Story time with books and prizes for all children attending.
<b>EGG-STRA SPECIAL EASTER STORYTIME</b>	Wed., Mar. 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>FAMILY</b> Join us for an egg-stra special Easter Storytime and indoor scavenger hunt. No basket needed.
<b>3D EASTER CRAFT</b>	Thurs., Mar. 21 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Make a see-inside unique 3D Easter craft.
<b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 21 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b> Game Day. Join us for assorted games.
<b>MARBLED EASTER EGGS</b>	Fri., Mar. 22 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	<b>FAMILY</b> Make some beautiful Easter Eggs with us! We will be marbling our eggs using just shaving cream, food coloring, and water!
<b>EGG HUNT</b>	Mon., Mar. 25 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>FAMILY</b> Join us for a Easter Egg hunt!
<b>BLOCK PARTY</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 12-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	<b>AGES 0-5</b> If you like building with blocks, visit us at the Louise Williams' meeting room.
<b>TWEENS CLUB</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 9-12</b> Make a kite.
<b>PRIME TIME STORY TIME</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	<b>AGES 6-12</b> Story time with books and prizes for all children attending.
<b>EGGCITING EASTER ACTIVITIES</b>	Wed., Mar. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	<b>FAMILY</b> Enjoy special crafts, games with great prizes! Each participant will receive Easter eggs filled with sweet treats!
<b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 28 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b> Join us for a fun egg hunt around the library.

## HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS

**10:30-12:30 | Main Branch** Please contact Mrs. Angela at 327-1490 or email [agreer@oplib.org](mailto:agreer@oplib.org) for more details.

**Mon., Feb. 5** | Learn basic knitting techniques with Alethea Shannon. Each participant will receive a pair of knitting needles. For ages 8-12.

**Mon., Feb. 12** | Participate in spinning yarn with Alethea Shannon. For ages 8-12.

**Thurs., Feb. 26** | Participate in a field trip visit out in the community. Must attend sessions for details.

**Mon., March 4** | Learn healthy eating with Markaye Russell from LSU AgCenter.

**Mon., March 11** | Monthly Book Party. Feature story TBA

**Mon., March 18** | Homeschoolers will learn how to keep their bodies healthy with a representative from Martinez Chiropractor.

**Mon., March 25** | Field Trip. Homeschoolers will participate in a visit out in the community. Must attend sessions for details.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & MUSIC 

BOOKISH & HIGHER ED 

COMMUNITY SERVICE 

VIDEO GAMES 

GAMES 

MOVIES 

ACTIVITY 

 <b>ALMA WOODSEY THOMAS STYLE PAINTING</b>	Thurs., Feb. 1 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Honor Black History Month by learning about Alma Woodsey Thomas and painting in her signature abstract style.
 <b>VALENTINE PERLER BEADS</b>	Mon., Feb. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Make Valentine's Day designs or make your own design using Perler beads.
 <b>VIDEO GAME &amp; VIBE</b>	Tues., Feb. 6 4-6 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Decompress after school with some chill video games.
 <b>PALENTINE'S DAY</b>	Tues., Feb. 6 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Celebrate your friends by making friendship bracelets!
 <b>SCULPTURE CLAY DAY</b>	Tues., Feb. 6 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Community Service: Make a clay sculpture that will be displayed in the Youth Section of the library.
 <b>YARN PAINTING</b>	Tues., Feb. 6 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Make a fun painting with yarn.
 <b>ART SKETCHINGS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS PART I</b>	Wed., Feb. 7 4-5 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Ms. Jennifer McKinnie from Richwood High School will come and show our teens a few key brushstrokes to create a masterpiece of art.
 <b>VALENTINES DAY PARTY</b>	Wed., Feb. 7 4-5 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Celebrate Valentine's Day with pizza, sweets and extra fun. Love to see you there!
 <b>DIY CAT TOYS</b>	Thurs., Feb. 8 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Community Service- Create cat toys to donate to the cat shelter!
 <b>FOOD DRIVE SETUP</b>	Sat., Feb. 10 2-3 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Earn community service hours by helping the library prepare for a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Call 318-327-1240 to register.
 <b>DIY MARDI GRAS MASK</b>	Mon., Feb. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Join us to make and design your own Mardi Gras mask using construction paper and other materials.
 <b>CREATIVE COLLAB</b>	Tues., Feb. 13 4-6 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Create a mixed media Mardi Gras collage.
 <b>BARBIE</b>	Tues., Feb. 13 3-5:15 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Watch a fun movie for Valentine's Day.
 <b>GAME NIGHT</b>	Tues., Feb. 13 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Join us for classic board games and snacks!
 <b>GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b>	Wed., Feb. 14 3-5 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons & Dragons, so come make a character and join in the adventure!
 <b>VALENTINES DAY GAMING</b>	Wed., Feb. 14 3:45 -4:45 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Enjoy Valentines Day with candy and Nintendo Switch games!
 <b>GETTING STARTED WITH GUITAR</b>	Thurs., Feb. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	In honor of National Guitar Day, come learn more about the guitar and see if it's a hobby you'd like to learn!
 <b>D&amp;D ONE-SHOT</b>	Fri., Feb. 16 3:30-6 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Choose a pre-made character and join our table for an action-packed adventure!
 <b>BOARD ROOM</b>	Tues., Feb. 20 4-6 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Bring a friend and play a game from our board game stash.
 <b>VIRTUAL ACT STRATEGY SESSION</b>	Tues., Feb. 20 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join us for this virtual webinar from The Princeton Review that will cover information about the ACT including content, structure, and different strategies. Both parents and students are welcome. Please visit <a href="http://oplib.org/act">oplib.org/act</a> for information on how to register and join the webinar.
 <b>COLOR ME</b>	Tues., Feb. 20 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Relax with some simple coloring.
 <b>DIY CAT TOYS</b>	Tues., Feb. 20 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Community Service - Create cat toys to donate to the cat shelter!
 <b>ART SKETCHING OF AFRICAN AMERICANS PART II</b>	Wed., Feb. 21 4-5 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Ms. Jennifer McKinnie from Richwood High School will bring Richwood High School students for show and tell and to help teens complete their final masterpiece.
 <b>FLUID ART MARDI GRAS BEADS</b>	Thurs., Feb. 22 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Celebrate Mardi Gras with bead art!
 <b>ACT PRACTICE TEST</b>	Sat., Feb. 24 1-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Take a free ACT Practice Test given by the Princeton Review. Bring a #2 pencil and calculator. Registration is required and limited to the first 10 patrons. Send your name, email address, and graduation year to <a href="mailto:aestep@oplib.org">aestep@oplib.org</a> .
 <b>BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB</b>	Mon., Feb. 26 4-5 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for February is <i>Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute</i> by Talia Hibbert.
 <b>CREATIVE COLLAB</b>	Tues., Feb. 27 4-6 p.m.	<b>JR Searcy</b>	Create a macrame bird feeder.
 <b>BOARD GAME NIGHT</b>	Tues., Feb. 27 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Come join us for classic board games and snacks!
 <b>DIY STRESS BUDDY</b>	Tues., Feb. 27 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Can't get away from the Stress? Make a Stress Buddy to squeeze out your frustrations.
 <b>COSPLAY WORKSHOP</b>	Tues., Feb. 27 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come learn how to make easy costumes and discuss your favorite fandoms!
 <b>GAMING GUILD: VIDEO GAMES</b>	Wed., Feb. 28 3-5 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Come join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing video games together!
 <b>GAME DAY</b>	Wed., Feb. 28 4-5 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Game Day

 <b>AFTERNOON GAMING</b>	Mon., Mar. 4 3:30-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and play some video games on the PlayStation 4!
 <b>VIDEO GAME &amp; VIBE</b>	Tues., Mar. 5 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Decompress after school with some chill video games.
 <b>TINY ART</b>	Tues., Mar. 5 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Use a 3" x 3" canvas and a mini easel to make a tiny work of art.
 <b>WALL ART YOU ARTSY</b>	Tues., Mar. 5 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create Wall Art for your bedroom.
 <b>DRONES IN THE AIR</b>	Wed., Mar. 6 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	Ms. Shirley Neal from Carroll High School will come and bring the drones! You do not want to miss this experience.
 <b>NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP</b>	Sat., Mar. 9 2-3 p.m.	JR Searcy	Earn community service hours by cleaning up litter near the library. Call 318-327-1240 to register.
 <b>SHAMROCK SUNCATCHER</b>	Mon., Mar. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Make a shamrock shaped suncatcher out of a coffee filter and markers.
 <b>CREATIVE COLLAB</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Create Pi Day art with fun watercolor techniques.
 <b>BEAN MOSAIC</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Create a unique piece of art using air-dry clay and different kinds of dried beans!
 <b>GAMING DAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Enjoy our Nintendo Switch Games. Test them out and see if you want to buy them for yourself.
 <b>PAINTING WITH A POP</b>	Tues., Mar. 12 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Make a fun spring painting!
 <b>GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b>	Wed., Mar. 13 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Dungeons & Dragons, so come make a character and join in the adventure!
 <b>CEILING TILE CRAFT</b>	Wed., Mar. 13 4-5 p.m.	Main	DIY ceiling tile art to spruce up your room.
 <b>WOMEN'S HISTORY MOVIE NIGHT</b>	Thurs., Mar. 14 4:45 -6:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Honor Women's History Month with the film <i>Suffragette</i> .
 <b>D&amp;D ONE-SHOT</b>	Fri., Mar. 15 3:30-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Choose a pre-made character and join our table for an action-packed adventure!
 <b>Q-TIP LILAC PAINTING</b>	Mon., Mar. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Celebrate Spring by using q-tips to make your own colorful lilac painting.
 <b>BOARD ROOM</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Bring a friend and play a game from our board game stash.
 <b>FINANCIAL SEMINAR: HALLS OF KNOWLEDGE</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Community Service: Learn about financial aid options for college. Registration is required. Please call 318-327-1470 or register in person to secure your spot.
 <b>KEVA PLANKS BUILDING</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Build wacky or super tall structures.
 <b>GAME NIGHT</b>	Tues., Mar. 19 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for classic board games and snacks!
 <b>TERRARIUM</b>	Wed., Mar. 20 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	Teens will create their own terrarium.
 <b>BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB</b>	Mon., Mar. 25 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for March is <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson.
 <b>EASTER PERLER BEADS</b>	Mon., Mar. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us to make Easter designs using Perler beads.
 <b>CREATIVE COLLAB</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Create an Easter terrarium with live plants.
 <b>FAUX STAINED GLASS BOOKMARKS</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Choose from one of our pre-printed designs and create a piece of art that looks like stained glass.
 <b>ZENTANGLED UP</b>	Tues., Mar. 26 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Draw and color tangled up art.
 <b>GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING</b>	Wed., Mar. 27 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild! We will be playing Magic the Gathering. Whether you are a new player or already familiar, come join in the fun!
 <b>GAME DAY</b>	Wed., Mar. 27 4-5 p.m.	Main	Game Day
 <b>CHERRY BLOSSOM PAINTING</b>	Thurs., Mar. 28 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create your own cherry blossom art to celebrate cherry blossom season.

## OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## ART INFLUENCE CONTEST

Enter Contest by February 5, 2024 | Teens in Ouachita Parish that would like to enter the contest should write out their favorite Visual Arts, Music or Cultural Movement quote and what it means to them on a notecard and bring it to any branch. Email [twilliams@oplib.org](mailto:twilliams@oplib.org) for information.

# JOIN A BOOK CLUB



## ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

Check online to see what book we will be reading and discussing. Join us at [facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary](https://facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary)



## MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

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

*Black Candle Women* by Diane Marie Brown



## TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

**Fri., Feb. 9 at 4-5 p.m.**

We will be discussing the 8 Passengers case.

**Fri., Mar. 8 at 4-5 p.m.**

We will be discussing the Aileen Wuornos cases.

## READ ANYTHING BOOK CLUBS

These book clubs have open dialog about any book the reader wants to discuss. This is a great way to share your thoughts on your latest read as well as find your next one!



## BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

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

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

**Wed., Mar. 27 at 2-3 p.m.**



## BOOKS AND BANTER ANNA MEYER

Come discuss your current and recent reads, and get suggestions from like-minded readers!

**Wed., Feb. 21 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Wed., Mar. 20 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**



## JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

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

Join us as we discuss some new and not-so-new titles for the winter months.

**Thurs., Mar. 28 at 2-3 p.m.**

Join us as we discuss some new and not-so-new titles for the winter and early spring months.



## LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

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

*Blacktop Wasteland* by S.A. Cosby

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

*The Museum of Ordinary People* by Mike Gayle



## THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

**Thurs., Feb. 15 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*Everyone Here Is Lying* by Shari Lapena

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

*While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams



## RAINBOW READS MAIN

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. For more information: [emasters@oplib.org](mailto:emasters@oplib.org)

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

*Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo

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

*When the Angels Left the Old Country* by Sacha Lamb



## PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

Join us as we discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books.

**Fri., Feb. 9 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Pretty Little Wife* by Darby Kane

**Fri., Mar. 8 at 2-3 p.m.**

*A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham



## COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

**Tues., Feb. 13 at 10-11 a.m.**

February is about love *Amore!* Come and share your heartfelt book(s)! Coffee and cookies will be served.

**Tues., Mar. 26 at 10-11 a.m.**

*The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis



## SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

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

*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

**Sat., Mar. 23 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel



internet

# DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



computer

## OLLIE H. BURNS

### MOUSE SKILLS

Thurs., Feb. 1 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to use a mouse and pointer.

### KEYBOARD SKILLS

Mon., Feb. 5 at 10-11 a.m.

Mon., Mar. 4 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of proper typing techniques, starting with learning the letters and fundamental punctuation keys on the keyboard.

### GETTING FAMILIAR WITH PUNCTUATION

Tues., Feb. 6 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn to master the basic typing skills of capitalization, punctuation, and number keys.

### GET TECH READY

Thurs., Feb. 8 at 10-11 a.m.

Explore computer components while honing crucial mouse and trackpad or touchpad skills.

### AFRAID OF THE COMPUTER?

Tues. Mar. 5 at 10-11 a.m.

Don't let computers intimidate you! If you're keen on using them but unsure where to begin, this class is tailored just for you.

### OPERATING SYSTEMS

Wed., Mar. 6 at 10-11 a.m.

Join us for a lesson in the Windows 10 environment to learn about computer operating systems, as well as the basic components of the Windows 10 desktop and how to open applications on the computer.

### COMPUTER BASICS

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

Looking to grasp computer basics such as typing, navigating with a mouse, and using the Internet? Welcome to the perfect class for you.

## ONE ON ONE COMPUTER CLASSES



Schedule your personalized session at these branches:

### CARVER-MCDONALD

318-327-1477

[jpowell@oplib.org](mailto:jpowell@oplib.org)

### MAIN BRANCH

318-327-1490

[help@oplib.org](mailto:help@oplib.org)

### SEARCY MEMORIAL

318-327-1240

[mmcconkey@oplib.org](mailto:mmcconkey@oplib.org)

### STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

318-327-1382

[ccalhoun@oplib.org](mailto:ccalhoun@oplib.org)

## ONE ON ONE COMPUTER CLASSES

File Edit View Help

Space is limited.

Call to register:

(318) 327-1351

### ANNA MEYER

#### BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday

Morning Class 10:30am-12:30pm

Afternoon Class 1pm-3pm

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.

#### CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Class 1 p.m.-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.

## OUACHITA VALLEY



### INTRO TO E-RESOURCES

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

Learn how to use eBooks, eAudiobooks, and more using our online resources. Feel free to bring your own devices and we will help you set up your account!

### DIGITAL HABITS AND DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS

Mon., Mar. 11 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn digital habits and how to balance technology use.

### THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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

Learn about the Affordable Connectivity Program and how to apply.

### ONLINE MISINFORMATION

Thurs., Mar. 14 at 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to find credible news and be a responsible creator.

## MAIN BRANCH

### INTRO TO EMAIL 2: BEYOND THE BASICS

Wed., Feb. 7 at 10-11 a.m.

After you have mastered the basics, learn to do more with your email account.

### MICROSOFT WORD BASICS

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

Learn to create, save, and print documents in Microsoft Word.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## BOOKISH & EDUCATION



### ADULT STORYTIME

**Anna Meyer** | Mon., Feb. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Come in, grab a seat, and listen to a story read to you!

### FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS

**Anna Meyer** | Tues., Feb. 6, 3-4 p.m.

Felicia Rogers, from Delta Community College, will be here to instruct on Financial Literacy skills.

### BOOK A DATE WITH THE LIBRARY

**Anna Meyer** | Tues., Feb. 13, 3-4 p.m.

Before you go out for Valentine's Day, come BOOK a date with the Library. Bring someone special and hear love songs from a live musician, make fingerprint portraits of your partner, and more!

### ADULT STORYTIME

**Anna Meyer** | Mon., Mar. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Come in, grab a seat, and listen to a story read to you!

### JOURNEY TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT BAR

**Carver-McDonald** | Sat., Mar. 16, 10-11:30 p.m.

Attorney and author Zebie Grayson will discuss her new book, *Journey to the United States Supreme Court Bar*, with a book talk and signing of her book.

### WRITE CLUB

**Main** | Mon., Mar. 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Whether you're a professional or a novice, join us at Write Club and hone your craft!

## MOVIES



### TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

**Main** | Mon., Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m.

Join us as we screen *Souder*, a 1972 film about an African-American sharecropper family in the Deep South who struggles with economic and personal hardships during the Great Depression. Starring Paul Winnfield and Cicely Tyson.

### MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

**West Ouachita** | Thurs., Feb. 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

In celebration of Leap Day, we will watch *Leap Year*, a romantic comedy, rated PG, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode. Popcorn provided!

### TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

**Main** | Mon., Mar. 11, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for a screening of *Fried Green Tomatoes*, the 1991 film based on Fannie Flagg's novel. Follow the story of a housewife, played by Kathy Bates, who befriends an elderly woman in a nursing home, captivated by her tales of the past.

### MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

**West Ouachita** | Thurs., Mar. 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

In Ireland, a lottery winner dies of shock and his friends attempt to claim the money. *Waking Ned Devine* starring Ian Bannen, David Kelly, and Fionnula Flanagan. Comedy, indie film, rated PG. Refreshments provided!

## EVENTS & TALKS



### FRIENDS OF BLACK BAYOU PHOTO CONTEST DISPLAY

**Sterlington Memorial** | Feb. & Mar.

View the winning photos from the 2023 Friends of Black Bayou photo contest. All photos were taken at one of the refuges in the North Louisiana Refuges Complex.

### SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

**Sterlington Memorial** | Feb. & Mar.

Spread the Love Peanut Butter Drive aims to benefit individuals served by the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Peanut butter is a highly sought-after item at food banks due to its protein-packed goodness, loved by both kids and adults alike. We kindly request donations of peanut butter or alternative nut butter options.

### SUPER BOWL RECIPE EXCHANGE!

**Louise Williams** | Feb. 1-Feb 10

Grab some fantastic Super Bowl party recipes! Feel free to bring one of your own to share with everyone!

### HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE

**JR Searcy** | Thurs., Feb. 8, 2-3 p.m.

"Celebration of Chocolate Month" takes place in February, dedicated to the beloved indulgence. Join us as we delve into the history of chocolate while savoring s'mores and various other chocolate treats.

### THE HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS

**Ouachita Valley** | Thurs., Feb. 8, 2-3 p.m.

Lora Peppers of the Ouachita Parish Public Library's Genealogy Dept. will discuss the History of Mardi Gras.

### KERRY HEAFNER: TALK TO US ABOUT ANNUALS

**West Monroe** | Wed., Mar. 6, 2-3 p.m.

Kerry Heafner, from the LSU AgCenter, shares about annuals, what will work best in Louisiana and when and how we should plant them.

### THE HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS

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### ROCKY BOUDREAUX: BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

**West Monroe** | Feb. 7, 2-3 p.m.

Hear about Rocky Boudreaux's trip to Big Bend National Park. He will give advice on what to see and where to stay for your own trip.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

**Carver-McDonald** | Thurs., Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The 2024 theme for February for celebrating Black History Month is, "African Americans and the Arts". Dr. Bernard Menyweather, will discuss and talk about celebrating a dynamic culture that has spread worldwide in the arts, music, literature, and film. He will display his artwork and talk about an upcoming book release. Artwork on display with prints.

### THE CHITLIN' CIRCUIT WITH LORA PEPPERS

**Louise Williams** | Thurs., Feb. 15, 1-2 p.m.

This Black History Month we are celebrating African Americans in the Arts. Lora Peppers of the Ouachita Parish Public Library's Genealogy Department will discuss "The Chitlin' Circuit".

### CLEMENTINE HUNTER: LOUISIANA'S FAMOUS ARTIST

**Main** | Tues., Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m.

Join us for a Black History Month program featuring Cyndy Robertson, Genealogy and Special Collections librarian, as she discusses Clementine Hunter, a significant self-taught American artist of the 20th century. Feel free to bring your own sack lunch to the Louis Lock room for this noon-time local history program.

## GAMES



### THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Wed., Feb. 7, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for Dungeons & Dragons one-shots!

### ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Anna Meyer | Fri., Feb. 16, 3-5 p.m.

Join in the adventure with a D&D session geared for adult players!

## CRAFTS & ART



### FLORAL ACRYLIC LOUISIANA WORKSHOP

Sterlington Memorial | Mon., Feb. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join local artist, Sage Bell, as she guides us through painting a floral Louisiana on a reusable canvas shopping bag.

### HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB

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

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

### THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Feb. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Join us for an acrylic painting class, all supplies provided. This month's painting is a happy ladybug on a flower. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414 beginning Feb. 1. Limited to 20 participants.

### SPRING PLANTER CRAFT

Ouachita Valley | Thurs., Mar. 7, 3-4 p.m.

Participants will create a decorative planter using twine and yarn.

### HOOKS & BOOKS CROCHET CLUB

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

### PET ART WATERCOLOR CLASS WITH ALEX

West Ouachita | Thurs., Mar. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Alex Ogle, local artist, will help you create a watercolor painting of your favorite pet. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414 beginning March 1. Limited to 20 participants. Provide a clear photo of your pet by March 7.

### PAINT-CHIP EASTER EGG ART PROJECT

JR Searcy | Thurs., Mar. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

We're hosting a special event where we'll create Easter pictures on canvas using paint-chip samples. Register in person or by calling 318-327-1240 beginning Feb. 19. Limited to the first 12 patrons.

### ARTISTS CORNER: DYNAMIC DREAMS WITH DALI

Main | Wed., Mar. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

We're diving into Dali's "Persistence of Memory," often recognized as the "melting clocks," and you're invited to join us with a good sense of humor and your creative clock replacement ideas. Think along the lines of mice with melting cheese or cats with melting mice! All materials will be provided. Secure your spot by registering in person or by calling 327-1490.

### THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Mar. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Join us for an acrylic painting class, all supplies provided. This month's painting is a cute brown bunny with daisies. Registration begins March 1, 2024 and can register by calling 318-327-5414 or register in person. Class limited to 20 participants.

## THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Wed., Mar. 6, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for Dungeons & Dragons one-shots!

## ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Anna Meyer | Fri., Mar. 15, 3-5 p.m.

Join in the adventure with a D&D session geared for adult players!

## BINGO BONANZA

Anna Meyer | Mon., Mar. 18, 3-4 p.m.

Come join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

## FOOD & WELLNESS



### LSU AG CENTER MARKAYE RUSSELL POP-UP!

Louise Williams | Thurs., Feb. 8, 1-2 p.m.

Join us as MarkKaye Russell of LSU Ag Center demonstrates how incorporating cinnamon into meals as a way to reduce sodium intake. Explore delicious and healthy alternatives with us, and don't miss out on the available samples!

### ULM NURSING PROGRAM (FALL PREVENTION)

Louise Williams | Wed., Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Join our guests the students of the ULM School of Nursing as they discuss various health topics, including Fall Prevention.

### TEA CAKES DELIGHT

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Feb. 22, 11-12:30 p.m.

Chef Darrell Teats, Cooking on KNOE Channel 8-Good Morning ArkLaMiss, will prepare a home recipe of Southern Style Tea Cakes. Taste testing during the program!

### HEALTHY HEART MONTH

Ollie H. Burns | Tues., Feb. 27, 10-11 a.m.

February marks Healthy Heart Month. Join Cathy Agan from Nutrition and Health Family and Consumer Sciences SNAP-Ed, LSU AgCenter, as she covers two essential topics: the best practices for nurturing healthy hearts and the benefits of using slow cookers for meal preparation.

### MY PLATE: FACTS & MYTHS

Sterlington Memorial | Tues., Mar. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join us with Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Autumn Benson, for a session uncovering the truths and myths surrounding My Plate and essential insights into proper nutrition.

### LSU AG CENTER MARKAYE RUSSELL POP-UP!

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

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### SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Ollie H. Burns | Tues., Mar. 19, 10-11 a.m.

Spring has sprung! Cathy Agan from Nutrition and Health Family and Consumer Sciences SNAP-Ed will guide us in preparing delicious slow cooker recipes that perfectly match the season's flavors.

### ULM NURSING PROGRAM (BRAIN HEALTH)

Louise Williams | Wed., Mar. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Join our guests the students of the ULM School of Nursing as they discuss various health topics, including Brain Health.

### HEALTH, NUTRITION & AGING

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Mar. 21, 11-12:30 p.m.

LSU Ag Center Agent MarkKaye Russell will cover topics such as healthy eating, aging, maintaining a balanced diet with exercise, and strategies for reducing the risk of chronic diseases.





# 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](http://oplib.org/family-local-history).

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? LOUIS LOCK NOT LOCKE

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REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 781 ORDER NUMBER A 1678

1 Name *Louis* (Last name) *Lock*

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS *910 St. John St. Monroe Ouachita La*

3 Age in Years *42* Date of Birth *July 18 1876*

RACE  White  Negro  Oriental  Indian  Chinese  Japanese

U. S. CITIZEN  Native Born  Naturalized  Alien  Naturalized  Non-declarant

15 I am a citizen of the U. S. of what nation are you a citizen or subject? *U.S.A.*

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION *Oil development*

17 EMPLOYER'S NAME *Self*

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS *Monroe Ouachita La*

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name *Mrs. Sarah Lock* Address *910 St. John St. Monroe Ouachita La*

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

T. M. G. P. Form No. 1 (Rev.)

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT	BUILD				COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium		
23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Black</i>

25 I have lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? *No*

26 I declare my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, the answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*W. S. Wright, Chief Clerk  
Local Board*

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.

The meeting room at the Ouachita Parish Public Library is named for Louis Lock – that is Lock without the “e”. John Locke, the philosopher, and political theorist spelled his name with the “e”. But we know from primary source documents that our Louis Lock was in fact “Lock”. Lock’s draft registration card lists his birth as July 18, 1876, in Russia, his address as 910 St. John Street, and that he was a naturalized citizen engaged in oil development. His wife was Mrs. Sarah Lock. Louis Lock was described as tall, of medium build with light brown eyes and black hair.

Lock lived in El Dorado, Arkansas before settling in Monroe. He did much to bring natural gas to Northeast Louisiana. He discovered the Monroe gas field and was a trustee and large shareholder of the Louisiana-Arkansas Oil and Development Company. Lock’s death was attributed to

Louis Lock Draft Registration Card

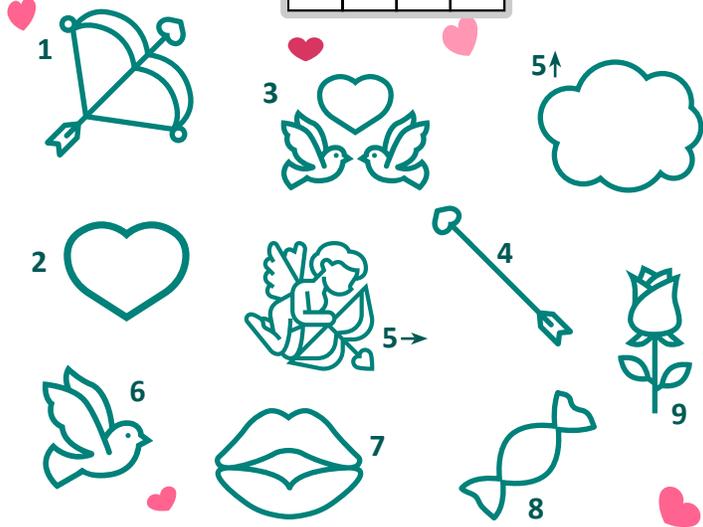
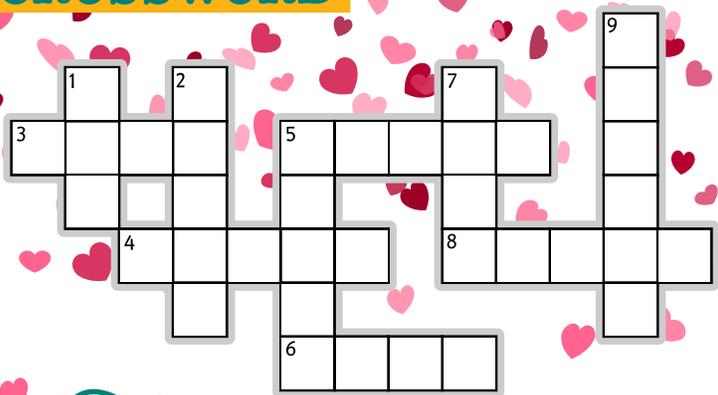




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 Monroe, LA 71201  
 (318) 327-1490

### CARVER- MCDONALD

2941 Renwick St.  
 Monroe, LA 71201  
 (318) 327-1477

### OLLIE BURNS

5601 Hwy. 165 By-Pass  
 Richwood, LA 71202  
 (318) 327-1235

### SEARCY MEMORIAL

5775 Jonesboro Rd.  
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