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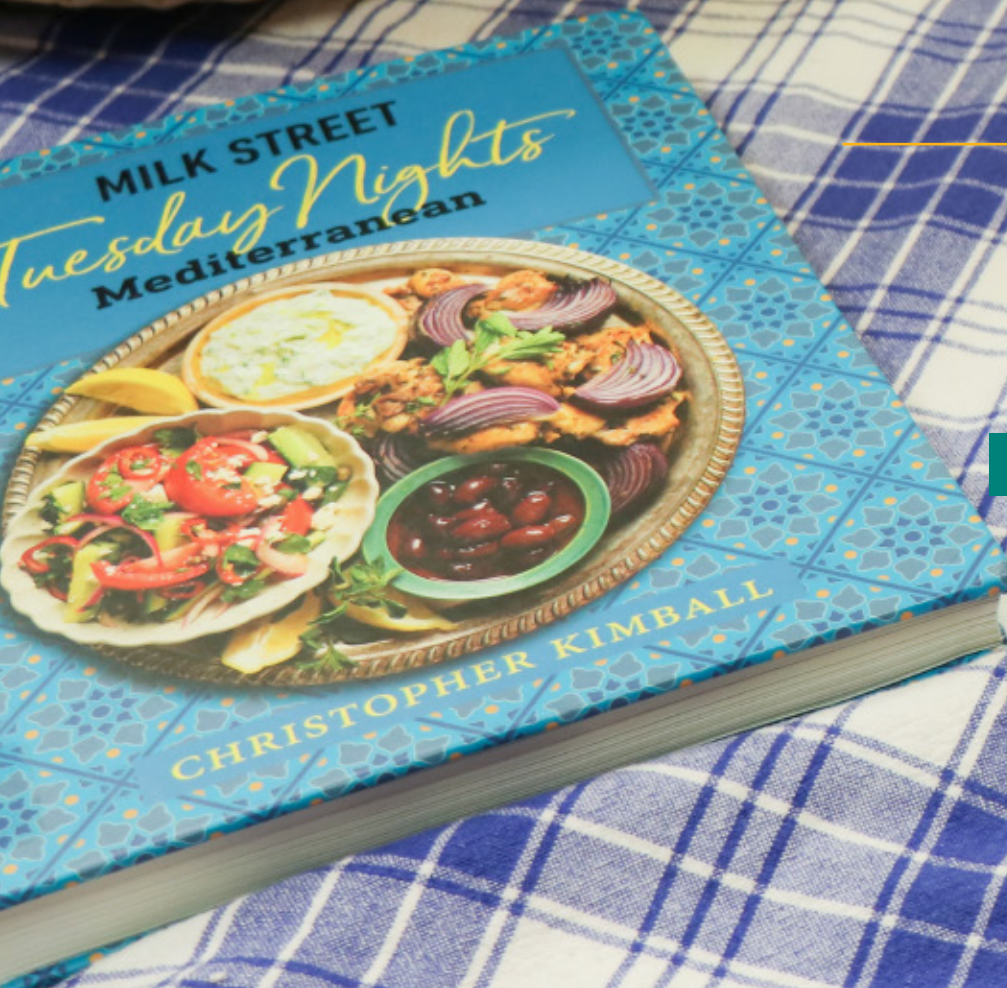
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APRIL IS  
NATIONAL  
POETRY  
MONTH!

CHECK OUT OUR POETRY  
PICKS FOR ALL AGES





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## Congratulations to Our Recent Graduates!

Melinda D., Meghan M., and Hayley S.



## 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 Easter on Saturday April 16th, Sunday, April 17th and for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th.



# STAFF PICKS



## Cyndy Robertson

HEAD OF GENEALOGY AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### *Her Royal Spyness* by Rhys Bowen

*Her Royal Spyness* is a great cozy mystery and the first book in the Royal Spyness series by Rhys Bowen. The series is set in the 1930's, predominately in Great Britain, and is well researched with just enough historical accuracy to make these works of fiction believable.

Lady Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie is 34th in line to the British Crown—and penniless. Her brother Binky, her sister-in-law Fig, and even her friend and confidante Queen Mary suggest she marry a member of European royalty to fix her money woes but Georgia has other plans. Each book has a mystery for her to solve. This one has Georgia finding a body in her bathtub and sleuthing to clear Binky of the crime. The books have wonderful characters that are developed throughout the series and are light enough for a pleasant, fun read.

## Jenna Eastwood

REFERENCE AND YOUNG ADULT ASSOCIATE, LOUISE WILLIAMS  
BRANCH LIBRARY

### *The Once and Future Witches* by Alix E. Harrow

"Once upon a time there were three sisters..." The Salem Witch Trials meet the Women's Suffrage movement in this historical fantasy. The book follows the Eastwood sisters—the Maiden, the Mother, and the Crone. The sisters start their own secret society of the suffragist movement and teach girls and women to use witching to take down the patriarchy. It is a magical book filled with love, loss, trauma, sister bonds, feminism, and beautiful writing. On top of it being an excellent story, the production quality of the audiobook is fantastic.



## Teddrick Dugano

REFERENCE ASSOCIATE, MAIN BRANCH

### *The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo

Would you trust an elephant to lead you on the adventure of a lifetime? Peter Duchene, a young orphan, wonders if his long-lost sister still lives and wants to know where he could find her. While standing in the market square, holding a coin that's meant to buy food, Peter takes a risk and buys an answer to his question from a convincing fortune-teller. With anticipation, he waits and finds that an elephant will lead him to find the answer. Read this heartfelt tale of trusting the unexpected in Kate DiCamillo's *The Magician's Elephant*. A story to remember, forever!



# LOVE INSPIRED

## STORIES TO UPLIFT AND INSPIRE

To find Love Inspired titles search “Love Inspired” in the search bar of cloudLibrary, Hoopla, or our Library catalog online.

### **MOUNTAIN SURVIVAL** BY CHRISTY BARRITT

An injured victim has disappeared... Can a park ranger and her K-9 find him? *\*available in large print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and Hoopla as an e-audiobook*



### **COLD CASE CONNECTION** BY DANA MENTINK

Sergio Ross is convinced his sister's death wasn't an accident and is determined to catch her killer. He has to join forces with Helen Pike to find the truth. Can they follow the cold evidence trail to get justice...before they become the next victims? *\*available in large print and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook*



### **A SUMMER AMISH COURTSHIP** BY EMMA MILLER

Newly widowed Abigail must somehow help her troubled son adjust—even if it means working with Jamie's stern schoolmaster, Ethan Miller. Much to her surprise, Ethan is a sensitive, lonely man. But will family duty and the past keep them from a chance at happiness together? *\*available in large print and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook*



### **HIS TRUE PURPOSE** BY DANICA FAVORITE

In town under false pretenses, Alexander Bennett must convince Janie Roberts to sign a nondisclosure agreement for his boss. But as Janie quickly makes him feel at home, he can't believe the single mother is guilty of blackmail. Can he find the truth without losing the woman he's falling for—or the little boy who longs for a father? *\*available in large print and Hoopla as an e-book*



### **HERS FOR THE SUMMER** BY JILL KEMERER

Eden is babysitting twin five-year-old girls for the summer. Could their cowboy father give Eden the family and childhood home she misses? *\*available in large print and cloudLibrary as an e-book*



### **HIDING HER AMISH SECRET** BY CARRIE LIGHTE

Arleta Bontrager's convinced no Amish man will marry her after she got a tattoo while on Rumspringa, so she needs money to get it removed. But taking a job caring for Noah Lehman's sick grandmother means risking losing her heart to a man who has his own secrets. Might revealing their truths release them from the past...and open up a future together? *\*available in large print and cloudLibrary as an e-book*



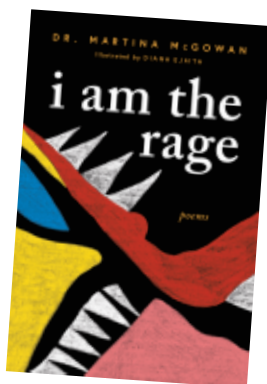
Each of these  
titles are  
available in  
large print.

# NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S VOICES DURING NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

### **I AM THE RAGE**

BY DR. MARTINA MCGOWAN



This poetry collection that explores racial injustice from the raw, unfiltered viewpoint of a Black woman in America. Her poetry provides insights that no think piece on racism can; putting readers in the uncomfortable position of feeling, reflecting, and facing what it means to be a Black American.

These poems were collected during 2020, many written shortly after the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. *\*available in print and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook*

### **BLACK GIRL, CALL HOME**

POEMS

JASMINE MANS



### **BLACK GIRL, CALL HOME**

BY JASMINE MANS

A coming-of-age poetry collection, an ode to the places we call home, and a piercingly intimate deconstruction of daughterhood, this book is a love letter to the wandering

Black girl and a vital companion to any woman on a journey to find truth, belonging, and healing.

*\*available in print and Hoopla as an e-book*

### **MY GREENHOUSE** BY BELLA MAYO

This collection of poems is inspired by the author's first romance, beginning with the seeds of infatuation, blooming for a time into real love, and then eventually dying back, making room for new growth. The pieces evoke the feelings of enchantment, uncertainty, pain, and ultimately healing that come with your first love and heartbreak. The author was 19 when the first edition was published, in 2021. She is from West Monroe, LA and is the daughter of Willie and Korie Robertson. *\*available in print and Hoopla as an e-book*



### **INDIGO**

BY ELLEN BASS

This book merges elegy and praise poem in an exploration of life's complexities. Bass pulls us in with exquisite immediacy, with lush and precisely observed descriptions. She draws the lines between generations, both

remembering her parents' lives and deaths and watching her own children grow into the space that she will leave behind. *Indigo* shows us the beauty of this cycle, while also documenting the deeply human urge to resist change and hang on to the life we have, even as it attempts to slip away. *\*available in print and Hoopla as an e-book*





# KIDS' POETRY

## No One Is Too Old for Kids' Poetry!

### **CAST AWAY: POEMS FOR OUR TIME** BY NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

Poet Naomi Shihab Nye shines a spotlight on the things we cast away, from plastic water bottles to refugees. *\*Available in print and on CloudLibrary and on Hoopla*

### **THINKER: MY PUPPY POET AND ME** BY ELOISE GREENFIELD

Thinker isn't just an average puppy. He's a poet. So is his owner, Jace, and together they turn the world around them into verse. There's one thing they can't share, though: Thinker isn't allowed to go to school. That is, until Pets' Day. But the puppy poet finds it harder than he expected to keep his rhyming skills a secret. *\*Available in print and on Hoopla*

### **COYOTE'S SOUNDBITE: A POEM FOR OUR PLANET** BY JOHN AGARD

When the earth goddesses of the world's diverse environmental regions meet for a conference to debate urgent natural-world issues, a bushy-tailed trickster Coyote hatches a plan to infiltrate the conference and establish a lasting legacy for the planet. *\*Available in print and Hoopla*

### **THE POET OF PINEY WOODS** BY BOB RACZKA

A pear-eating wolf poet seeks acceptance among the forest animals. *\*Available in print and on Hoopla*

### **THE BOOK OF NOT ENTIRELY USEFUL ADVICE** BY A.F. HARROLD

Silly rhymes and whimsical wordplay combine in a riotous poetry collection that offers reflections on subjects ranging from onions and cabbages to jelly-eating cats and kilted koalas. *\*Available in print and CloudLibrary*

### **A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD** BY FRED ROGERS

A collection of songs from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood and The Children's Corner that is presented with illustrations. *\*Available in print and CloudLibrary*

### **HARD-BOILED BUGS FOR BREAKFAST** BY JACK PRELUTSKY

Collection of poems from the nation's first children's poet laureate, Jack Prelutsky, that includes haiku to concrete poems and everything in between. *\*Available in print and Hoopla*

### **IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY** BY RACHEL PIERCEY

Join Bear on his journey from spring to winter with lots of friends to meet, places to explore and things to spot along the way. *\*Available in print and Hoopla*

### **EXQUISITE: THE POETRY AND LIFE OF GWENDOLYN BROOKS** BY SUZANNE SLADE

Introduces the life and work of Gwendolyn Brooks, from her early love of poetry and her first published poems as a girl in Chicago through her financial struggles as an adult during the Depression to winning the Pulitzer Prize for her second book. *\*Available in print and CloudLibrary and Hoopla*

### **THE PROPER WAY TO MEET A HEDGEHOG AND OTHER HOW-TO POEMS** BY PAUL B. JANECKO

A collection of poems acts as a whimsical instruction manual to feats both practical and fanciful, including how to mix a pancake, how to make a snow angel, how to be a mole, and how to build a poem. *\*Available in print*



# 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 .....Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
6-12 years .....Mondays at 3:45 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.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

CRAFT 

GAME ON 

MINDFUL 

BOOKISH 

	<b>HIGH FANTASY HAPPY HOUR</b>	Apr. 5 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Color a fantasy scene and listen to high fantasy short stories.
	<b>MIXED MEDIA ART</b>	Apr. 7 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Celebrate Earth Month by creating art using various upcycled materials.
	<b>DANCE OFF THE STRESS</b>	Apr. 11 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Teens are invited to dance their stress away playing Just Dance on the Wii and paint river rocks with relaxing messages.
	<b>DISCO BALL EASTER EGGS</b>	Apr. 12 at 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Create your own Disco Fever-style Easter Eggs.
	<b>D&amp;D ONE-SHOT</b>	Apr. 12 at 4-5:45 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Choose a ready-made adventurer and join us for an action-packed dungeon crawl!
	<b>PAINTING WITH A POP</b>	Apr. 12 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Teens are invited to join us for a fun painting class. We will be making a spring painting.
	<b>BLACK-OUT POETRY</b>	Apr. 13 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Teens are welcomed to come participate in a black-out poetry event.
	<b>DECORATIVE SPRING PLATES</b>	Apr. 14 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Teens will design and make their own decoupage "Spring Plate." The plates will be sent home with teens as an Easter Surprise for Mom, Dad, or any family member.
	<b>DIY PLANTERS</b>	Apr. 25 at 6-7 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Make an upcycled planter and select seasonal flower or vegetable seeds to start your garden.
	<b>GET CAUGHT READING</b>	Entire Month of May	<b>Louise Williams</b>	To "Get Caught Reading", spend some time reading at the Louise Williams Branch Library. Then fill out an entry slip and turn it in at the front desk. At the end of May, a drawing will be held and the grand prize winner will be selected.
	<b>UPCYCLING TSHIRTS</b>	May 3 at 3-4:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Create headbands and bags from old tshirts. Please bring your own so that it can be true upcycling.
	<b>"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"</b>	May 5 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	A heartfelt message will be written by each participant and put in a clear bottle and sent to mother for Mother's Day, or a graduating student, or a special friend, or to themselves to capture future goals.
	<b>GAME NIGHT: CLUE</b>	May 9 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Was it Colonel Mustard in the hall with the knife? Mrs. White in the Ballroom with the Candlestick? Follow the clues to solve who killed Mr. Boddy in the classic whodunit board game.
	<b>GAME NIGHT: FLUXX</b>	May 10 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Who will be the champ of a game whose rules are always changing?!





## NATIONAL COMIC BOOK MONTH

May 11 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ollie Burns

Celebrate National Comic Book Month by dressing up as your favorite hero, participating in comic trivia, and even making a comic featuring yourself!



## GAME NIGHT

May 17 at 4-5 p.m.

West Ouachita

Come join us for game night! We will be playing classic board games.



## SECRET MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

May 17 at 4-5 p.m.

West Monroe

Teens are invited to create their own book cypher using a popular YA novel and decipher a few codes themselves.



## TABLETOP GAMING CACHE

May 17 at 4-5:45 p.m.

Searcy Memorial

Invite a friend and explore our secret stash of board games and card games!



## COLLABORATIVE SUMMER BANNER

May 23 at 6-7 p.m.

Ouachita Valley

Work together to design and decorate a banner while learning about upcoming summer programs at the library! Our theme is "Oceans of Possibility," and the final product will be displayed in the library. Puns encouraged and all supplies provided.



# YOUNG ADULT POETRY



## BROWN GIRL DREAMING

by Jacqueline Woodson

Available in print, on book on CD, and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## ORDINARY HAZARDS

by Nikki Grimes

Available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and Hoopla as an e-audiobook



## POETRY SPEAKS WHO I AM

by Elise Paschen and Dominique Raccach

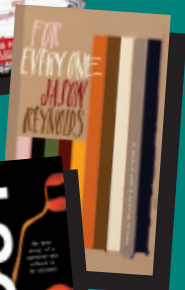
Available in print



## APPLE: SKIN TO THE CORE

by Eric Gansworth

Available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and on Hoopla as e-audiobook



## FOR EVERY ONE

by Jason Reynolds

Available in print



## SHOUT

by Laurie Halse Anderson

Available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book



## ENCHANTED AIR: TWO CULTURES, TWO WINGS

by Margarita Engle

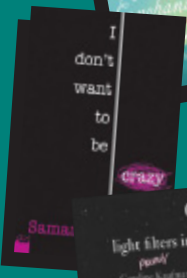
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## HOME IS NOT A COUNTRY

by Safia Elhillo

Available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book



## I DON'T WANT TO BE CRAZY

by Samantha Schutz

Available in print and on Hoopla as an e-audiobook



## LIGHT FILTERS IN

by Caroline Kaufman

Available in print and on Hoopla e-book and e-audiobook

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## GET CAUGHT READING

For the Entire Month of May!

To “Get Caught Reading”, spend some time reading at the Louise Williams Branch Library. Then fill out an entry slip and turn it in at the front desk. At the end of May, a drawing will be held and the grand prize winner will be selected.

## GAME ON



### STAR WARS TRIVIA

Ollie Burns Branch | May 4 at 5-6 p.m.

May the 4th be with you as you join the library in a trivia game about a galaxy far, far away.

### PUB-STYLE TRIVIA

Main Branch | May 12 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Theme: Pop Culture

## GARDENING



### NATIONAL GARDENING MONTH

Louise Williams Branch | April 11 at 1-2 p.m.

Kerry Heafner from LSU AgCenter will discuss gardening tips and raised garden beds.

### GARDENING: LAWN & SPRING PLANTING

Carver-McDonald Branch | April 21 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kerry Heafner, LSU AgCenter Agent, will show you how to create the perfect front yard and backyard landscapes with gardening tips, ideas, and techniques for your spring planting season. Plants will be on hand.



# CRAFTS



## DIY COASTERS

**Sterlington Branch** | April 13 at 2-4 p.m.

Create your own coasters. This is the perfect handmade gift!

## MASON JAR CRAFTS

**West Ouachita Branch** | April 14 at 1:30-3 p.m.

Adults are invited to join us for a cute spring craft! We will be painting mason jars.

## BUTTERFLY DECOUPAGE CRAFT

**Searcy Memorial Branch** | April 14 at 2-4 p.m.

Decoupage a tray or wall hanging with beautiful pictures of butterflies. Limited to the first twelve patrons, so sign up today. Call Searcy Memorial Branch at 327-1240 to register.

## CREATIVE THURSDAYS: SPRING BUNNY PAINTING

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | April 21 at 1-3 p.m.

Hop on over and paint a spring bunny among the daffodils! Limited to ten artists, please register to participate. Supplies furnished. Registration begins April 4. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470.

## TINTED MASON JARS

**Sterlington Branch** | May 11 at 2-3 p.m.

This a great DIY Home Décor craft. Tinted Mason Jars are easy to make and inexpensive.

## CREATIVE THURSDAYS: POPPY PAINTING

**Ouachita Valley Branch** | May 19 at 1-3 p.m.

Join us to paint beautiful poppies using sponges and cotton swabs! Limited to ten artists, please register to participate. Supplies furnished. Registration begins May 2. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470.

## DIY BOOK TOTES

**West Ouachita Branch** | May 19 at 1:30-3 p.m.

Adults are invited to come paint a canvas book tote! Book totes will be provided.

## MEMORIAL DAY PATRIOTIC LUMINARIES

**Searcy Memorial Branch** | May 19 at 2-3 p.m.

In honor of Memorial Day, we will be making patriotic luminaries. Limited to the first twelve patrons, so sign up today. Call Searcy Memorial Branch at 327-1240 to register.

# EDUCATION



## A CELEBRATION OF POETRY

**Ollie Burns Branch** | April 6 at 5-6 p.m.

Whether you're a poetry enthusiast, or a poet yourself, come share your favorite or original poems, and write some new ones at the library!

## SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW: THE LOUISIANA DIGITAL LIBRARY

**West Monroe Branch** | April 20 at 2-3 p.m.

Cyndy Robertson, Head of Genealogy and Special Collections, will demonstrate how to access and use the Louisiana Digital Library.

## APRIL SHOWERS

**Main Branch** | April 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us, with special guest Tom Pearson, as we find out what else April Showers can bring, and how some of Monroe's furred, feathered, and scaled residents react to the weather in our area.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR CREDIT SCORE

**Carver-McDonald Branch** | May 12 at 10-11 a.m.

Ben Westerbury, Regions Financial Literacy Consultant will discuss information on what to look for in your credit report, learn to detect suspicious activity, how to obtain your credit score and history, and detect identity theft early.

## LAND GRANTS AND THE HISTORY OF EARLY OUACHITA PARISH

**West Monroe Branch** | May 18 at 2-3 p.m.

Cyndy Robertson, Head of Genealogy and Special Collections, will discuss the historic land grants of the families of Ouachita Parish.



## 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**

April 29-30 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | May 27-28 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



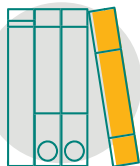
# JOIN A BOOK CLUB!



## JUST READ BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

We will be discussing new and old reads for the springtime and summer.

Thursday, April 28 at 2-3 p.m. | Thursday, May 26 at 2-3 p.m.



## LOST IN THE STACKS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

Lost in the Stacks Book Club for lovers of literary fiction. Email [bpearce@oplib.org](mailto:bpearce@oplib.org) for more details.

**Tuesday, April 12 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune

**Tuesday, May 10 at 6-7:30 p.m.**

*The Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher



## RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Rainbow Reads Book Club is for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. Please email [hpriestley@oplib.org](mailto:hpriestley@oplib.org) for more information.

**Monday, April 25 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

**Monday, May 23 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*The Guncle* by Steven Rowley



## COMIC BOOK CLUB OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

**Saturday, April 2 at 1-3 p.m.**

Join Comic Book Club as we follow the adventures of the Amazing Spider-Man. You've seen the movies, now read the stories that inspired them.

**Saturday, May 7 at 1-3 p.m.**

Tap into the Multiverse as we explore the various universes offered by Marvel and DC Comics



## FANTASY & SCI-FI BOOK CLUB STERLINGTON BRANCH

Fantasy & Sci-Fi Book Club focus on one Sci-Fi and/or Fantasy book a month. Join us on the 4th Saturday in the month to discuss that month's book!

**Saturday, April 23 at 2-3 p.m.**

*The Last Battle* by CS Lewis

**Saturday, May 28 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Water Knife* by Paolo Bacigalupi



## MOCHA MONDAY BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Mocha Monday Book Club reads books by authors of color or featuring people of color.

**Monday, April 4 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

**Monday, May 2 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*The Final Revival of Opal and Nev* by Dawnie Walton



## NEW ADULT BOOK CLUB LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

Join New Adult Book Club to discuss books featuring 18-30 year old protagonists.

**Monday, April 18 at 5-6 p.m.**

*In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle

**Monday, May 16 at 5-6 p.m.**

*Shipped* by Angie Hockman





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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

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## LEONIDAS BARKDULL FAULK

It has been over 100 years since Leonidas Barkdull Faulk gave his life on the World War I battlefield in France, but his name and a few of his letters still exist to tell the story of his bravery and sacrifice. Barkdull Faulk Elementary School is named for Barkdull Faulk. A bronze memorial tablet was presented to Monroe City High School by the 1919 graduating class and moved to Barkdull Faulk Elementary when the school was built. American Legion Post 13 on Forsythe Avenue was also named for Barkdull Faulk, a young Monroe physician who volunteered for service in the United States Army. Copies of some of his letters have been added to the Louisiana Digital Library in the Leonidas Barkdull Faulk World War I Collection.

Leonidas Barkdull Faulk was born on November 21, 1889 to Robert Williams "R.W." Faulk and Florence Stratton Barkdull Faulk. Barkdull graduated from Monroe City School in 1907 and Tulane Medical School in 1912. Both Barkdull's father and his mother's father were doctors. Barkdull interned in New Orleans before returning to Monroe to live with

his wife Pauline and their son, Robert Guy, and to practice medicine with his father.

The British army was helping fight against Germany when they invaded France, and they needed servicemen, especially those trained in medical fields. Barkdull volunteered and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Medical Corps on June 20, 1917. Between September 1917 and March 1918, Barkdull wrote a series of letters to his father in which he discussed his work with the wounded, the war effort, and his concern and love for his family. His wife was notified by letter on April 4, 1918, that her husband was "Wounded and a Prisoner." Dr. R.W. Faulk tried to find out more from the British Embassy, from his 5th District Congressman, and from the American Red Cross, but there was no definite information. In February of 1919, Agatha, Dr. R. W. Faulk's daughter, wrote to her father about a visit she had with Captain Maxson when she was in Baltimore, Maryland. Capt. Maxson had talked with a priest who was at the scene of action and had information on Barkdull's final act







This gratitude of our school whose memory we hold most dear, is Dr. Leonidas Barkdull Faulk, and wishing all future students of our school to hold him in honored remembrance we, the Class of 1919 present to the Monroe City High School a memorial tablet bearing upon it the name of Dr. Leonidas Barkdull Faulk.

of heroism. An enemy bomb injured Barkdull so that he was unable to retreat. The fighting was heavy, endangering those who were trying to carry him to safety, so he sent them on ahead. It is speculated that the first injury was what resulted in the "Wounded and Prisoner" status. According to the priest, there was a second bomb which killed Barkdull.

Barkdull Faulk, the 28-year-old doctor and soldier is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Somme American Cemetery in Picardie France as: Faulk, Leonidas B. First Lieutenant, U.S. Army attached to British Army, died March 24, 1918.





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