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JUNE/JULY 2023

FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUMMER
READING
SIGN UP!**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON
GREAT PRIZES FOR
KIDS, TEENS, AND
ADULTS!**

**SPECIAL
SUMMER
EVENTS:**

**LADYCHOPS, STEM
WITH JEN, AND
MOTHER GOOSE
SUPER SILLY SUMMER
SHOW**



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 **Find Billie the Bookworm!**

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

LIBRARY CLOSURES:

Juneteenth Monday, June 19th | Independence Day, July 3rd & 4th

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, **June 23rd & 24th; July 28th & 29th** from 9-3pm at the West Ouachita Branch Library.

Books Grow Minds



SIGN UP FOR THE Summer Reading Challenge

What is the summer reading challenge?

Since 1948, the Ouachita Parish Public Library has challenged its patrons to read as much as they can during the summer. What started as a reading club for children has expanded to a months-long, themed celebration for all ages. Children, teens and adults receive fun incentives for reading and for completing community challenges.

Who can join the summer reading challenge?

Anyone! There are three age categories for the summer reading challenge, with different page goals, incentives and programs. Children ages 12 and under can join the Child Category, teens ages 13-17 can join the Teen Category, and adults 18 and over can join the Adult Category.

When does the summer reading challenge begin and end?

The 2023 challenge runs from **Thursday, June 1 through Monday, July 31.**

What is this year's theme?

The 2023 theme is **Books Grow Minds**, which means this summer we are going to learn and read about plants, gardening, farming, agriculture, and personal development.

How do I sign up?

1. Get started at oplib.org/summerreading OR download the Beanstack Tracker app on your smartphone.
2. Make your account in the online summer reading portal, called Beanstack.
3. Log your reading and activities in Beanstack on the web or on the app.
4. If you have a question or need assistance, reach out to your Library by visiting in-person, by calling any branch or by sending an email to help@oplib.org.



How Do I Win Prizes?

- ✓ Reading and logging pages.
- ✓ Completing and logging the Challenge Activities.
- ✓ Attending and logging three Library programs.
- ✓ Vote for your favorite Top 6 Pick for your age group.

WIN PRIZES BY READING!

Prizes are available while supplies last. Log your pages in the summer reading portal—oplib.beanstack.org.

Kids



750 PAGES
Drawstring bag and book



500 PAGES
Rubber duck and cup



250 PAGES
Certificate, badge book, and pencil

Teens



1,500 PAGES
Book and coupon from local restaurant



1,000 PAGES
Tumbler and A-Maze-ing Hand-held Game

500 PAGES
Drawstring backpack and stress ball

Adults



1,500 PAGES
Ticket into the End-of-Summer Grand Prize

1,000 PAGES
Collectible canvas tote bag

500 PAGES
Seed Paper Bookmarks



END OF SUMMER Grand Prizes

Grand prizes are awarded by random drawing to lucky kids, teens, and adults who complete the Summer Reading Challenge; 10 children, four teens, and four adults will win! The Friends of the Ouachita Public Library are providing four end-of-summer grand prize packs each for teens and adults, and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita is donating 10 bicycles through their Bikes for Books program, one per Library branch, to serve as grand prizes for children.

There are multiple ways to enter into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings:

1) Read. Kids who read 750 pages, and teens and adults who read 1500 pages, will gain one entry.

2) Attend library programs. Attend three Library programs at any of our branches for an entry into the grand prize drawing for your age group.

3) Vote for Your Favorite Top Six Book. For an additional entry into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings, read at least two of the Top Six Picks for your age group and vote for your favorite book. To do this, go to the Beanstack summer reading portal, click on "Activity Challenges," and click on "Vote for your favorite Top Six Picks." After voting, you will receive the secret code to enter into the summer reading portal.

4) Complete the Challenge Actions. In the summer reading portal, log that you have completed the three Challenge Actions under the Activity Badges, and you will gain another entry into the grand prize drawings for your age group. The Challenge Actions are:

Grow Nature: Plant something, learn about a plant, visit a garden or farm, or tell us how you appreciate nature!

Grow Knowledge: Learn something new, teach something, tell us a fun fact, or tell us how else you grow knowledge!

Grow Community: Visit a small business or explore a new part of your city like a park or museum, make a new friend or connect with an existing one, join a book club, or tell us about some aspect of your local, extended, religious, school, online, etc. community!

CHILDREN'S GRAND PRIZE

Children ages 0-12 are automatically entered into the grand prize bike drawing for their branch each time they fulfill one of the four ways listed above. Be that kid who gets to cruise around the neighborhood or the park on your own bike you got for reading!

ADULT GRAND PRIZES



Reader on the Run

All the essentials for busy days out. Just add your choice of Library book! Includes: Polarbox and retro strap, Scout Bag Deano, and Coffee Gift Cards



Relaxed Reader

Relax outdoors, read in comfort, and don't worry about the bugs! Includes Portable rocker chairs and side table, and Citronella candles (3)



E-reader

Make the most of Library e-services with this tablet! Includes a Samsung Galaxy Tab A8 and Case



Reader-Doer

Seasoned green thumb or amateur, take the guesswork out of growing with a smart garden. Includes AeroGarden Harvest XL bundle and Grow Anything Kit (50 pods)

TEEN GRAND PRIZES



Technology Bundle

What will you create with these tech accessories? Includes Bluetooth speaker, portable charger, VR headset, and phone/tablet holder



Cozy Reader

This nearly 5-foot Snorlax is the perfect cozy reading companion.



Builder

Build these LEGO Botanicals for floral décor that will never wilt! Includes LEGO Wildflower bouquet, LEGO Wildflower bouquet light kit, LEGO Bonsai, and Book-shaped vase



Gamer

Enjoy handheld gaming on this Nintendo Switch Lite!



Future Farmers of America

Meet the students of the nationally recognized West Ouachita High School Chapter of FFA.

Future Farmers of America is an extracurricular club available to students in the Agriscience program. This program allows students to get out of the traditional classroom and learn through hands-on experience, putting math, science, and communication skills to practical use. They can choose to study horticulture, animal husbandry, and a variety of trades. Started in 2008, over 300 students now participate in FFA at West Ouachita High School, and their chapter was ranked 4th in Louisiana last year.

One of the highlights of the WOHS FFA is the Big Chief Nursery, the greenhouses where horticulture students learn about, raise, and sell plants. The greenhouses feature a variety of annuals and perennials, as well as vegetables like peppers, tomatoes, and eggplant. Students in FFA have additional opportunities and responsibilities outside of their schoolwork, and for horticulture students, this includes managing the nursery business—from maintaining the gardening equipment to taking payments from customers. Although daily hours may vary, the greenhouses are open to the public most school days beginning two weeks before Spring Break until the end of the school year, or until the last plant is sold. You can learn more about WOHS FFA and Big Chief Nursery at facebook.com/WestOuachitaFFA.



Small Space Gardening Booklist



RAISED BED REVOLUTION : BUILD IT, FILL IT, PLANT IT ... GARDEN ANYWHERE
by Tera Nolan | Available in print and on Hoopla

CROPS IN TIGHT SPOTS : GROW AMAZING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WHEREVER YOU LIVE
by Alex Mitchell | Available in print



RAISED-BED GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS : EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO START AND SUSTAIN A THRIVING GARDEN
by Tammy Wylie | Available in print



CONTAINER GARDENING COMPLETE: CREATIVE PROJECTS FOR GROWING VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS IN SMALL SPACES
by Jessica Walliser | Available in print



FOUR-SEASON FOOD GARDENING: HOW TO GROW VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND HERBS YEAR-ROUND by Misilla dela Llana | Available in print and on Hoopla

SMALL GARDEN STYLE: A DESIGN GUIDE FOR OUTDOOR ROOMS AND CONTAINERS by Ida Hendry Eaton and Jennifer Blaise Karter | Available in print



THE MODERN HOMESTEAD GARDEN: GROWING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ANY SIZE BACKYARD by Gary Pilarchik | Available in print and on Hoopla



HOW TO WINDOW BOX: SMALL-SPACE PLANTS TO GROW INDOORS OR OUT by Chantal Aida Gordon and Ryan Benoit | Available in print



HOW NOT TO KILL YOUR HOUSEPLANT: SURVIVAL TIPS FOR THE HORTICULTURALLY CHALLENGED by Veronica Peerless | Available in print

GROW. FOOD. ANYWHERE. by Mat Pember and Dillon Seitchik-Reardon | Available in print



Special Events

LadyChops

Elizabeth Vidos, also known as LadyChops, is bringing her one woman drumming show to Ouachita Parish Public Libraries this summer! She is a talented percussionist whose past work includes performing in the hit show "STOMP." She incorporates over 15 different instruments including buckets, body percussion and the Cajun rubboard.

July 5th

10:30 a.m. | Main Branch
2 p.m. | Anna Meyer

July 6th

10 a.m. | Searcy
2 p.m. | Ouachita Valley

July 31st

10 a.m. | West Monroe
2 p.m. | Ollie Burns

Mother Goose CA Studios

Mother Goose and her friends bring a new mystery for participants. This interactive show will have theatre toys and games, funny costumes, songs and rhymes that teach clear speech, confidence in front of groups, fluency reading out loud, and teamwork skills as we grow our vocabulary.

All performances at 10 a.m.

July 18th - Ollie Burns
July 20th - Ouachita Valley
July 21st - Sterlington

July 25th - Carver-McDonald
July 27th - Louise Williams

STEM with Jen

Come join us for a fun-filled STEM event where we learn about and build our own mini aquaponics system! This program, taught by Sterlington Memorial Library's Jennifer Farrar, will teach us how to make our own circular ecosystem using fish and plants.

June 5th at 2 p.m. Sterlington Memorial
June 6th at 2 p.m. Ollie Burns
June 12th at 1 p.m. Anna Meyer
June 13th at 10 a.m. West Monroe
June 20th at 2 p.m. Carver-McDonald

June 26th at 10 a.m. Louise Williams
June 27th at 2 p.m. West Ouachita
July 11th at 10 a.m. JR Searcy
July 17th at 10 a.m. Main
July 18th at 2 p.m. Ouachita Valley



Story Time

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

MAIN BRANCH

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

ANNA MEYER

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

CARVER-MCDONALD

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

LOUISE WILLIAMS

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

OLLIE BURNS

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

OUACHITA VALLEY

0-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tues. at 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

0-5 yrs. Wed. at 10 a.m.
0-5 yrs. Wed. at 3 p.m.

STERLINGTON

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

WEST MONROE

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

WEST OUACHITA

18-36 mo. Tues. at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Wed. at 10:45 a.m.
0-12 yrs. Wed. at 3:45 p.m.



Kids Top 6 Book Picks!



DUCK ON A TRACTOR by David Shannon Duck decides he's ready to drive the tractor and all the barnyard animals gather to watch Duck do the unthinkable. Then, one by one, they join him on the tractor for a ride! But what happens when Duck drives the big red tractor through town, past all the locals? Available in print, as a Wonderbook, and as an e-audiobook on Hoopla.

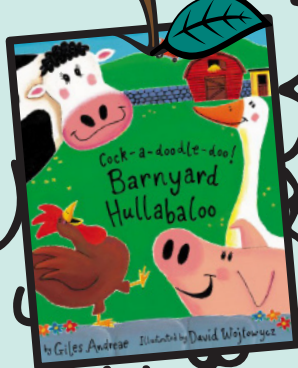
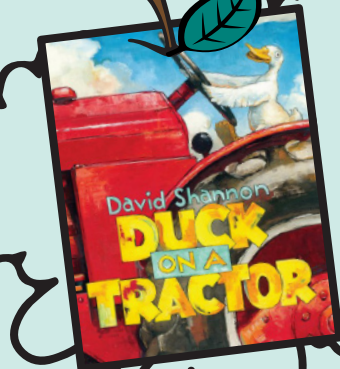
ARE YOU A CHEESEBURGER? by Monica Arnaldo Grub the racoon is looking for food in the trash when he meets Seed. Seed wants to be planted, but he doesn't know what he is. Grub is ready to help his new friend, especially if Seed is a cheeseburger like he hopes! Available in print.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E.B. White Wilbur, the runt of his litter, is saved by the farmer's daughter, Fern. When he outgrows the house and is sent to live with the other farm animals, the spider Charlotte is determined to help him avoid becoming Christmas dinner. Available in regular print, large print, braille, as a book on CD, and as an e-audiobook from CloudLibrary.

HANK THE COWDOG: IT'S A DOG'S LIFE by John Erickson Hank decides to make a visit to town to see his sister, but when Hank takes his nieces and nephews on garbage patrol, he gets captured by the dog catcher. Will he find a way out? Available in print, as a book on CD, and as an e-book from CloudLibrary and Hoopla.

COCK-A-DOODLE DOO!: BARNYARD HULLABALOO by Giles Andreae Spend a day on this farm full of animals! You will meet and learn about what role each animal plays on this farm. Available in print.

HOW TO SAY HELLO TO A WORM: A FIRST GUIDE TO OUTSIDE by Kari Percival This book introduces kids to the magic of gardening. Kids learn how to plant, harvest, and interact with nature in this adorably illustrated picture book. Available in print.





Kids Summer Programs



ANNA MEYER

CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., June 10 at 12-2 p.m.	FAMILY It's Cinema Day and we are featuring the Walt Disney Picture Home on the Range. Bring a friend and we'll bring the popcorn!
MAKE IT & TAKE IT: RAINSTICK CRAFT	Mon., June 26 at 4-5:15 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Are you a lover of the rain? Get creative this summer and design your own rainstick while supplies last!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., July 8 at 12-2 p.m.	FAMILY Enjoy a FREE movie and popcorn with your friends and family at the library! We will feature Disney Pixar's Soul.
WOODEN WINDCHIMES CRAFT	Mon., July 17 at 4-5:15 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Come make a wooden windchime that doubles as a cool keepsake this summer!

CARVER-MCDONALD

BOOKS GROW MINDS	Thurs., June 1 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	FAMILY Each hour a different local artist will share a story to get us ready for a Summer of Books Grow Minds.
SUMMER PROGRAM KICK-OFF	Sat., June 3 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	FAMILY Families join us to register for the Summer Reading Program. We will have farm animals & equipment and ice cream!
MAKING BUTTER	Tues., June 6 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	FAMILY Farm life includes making butter on the farm. Supplies are limited. Call 318-327-1477 to register. Deadline to register is June 1.
HOMEMADE SOAP	Thurs., June 8 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Have Summer fun making soap with Sade'. Please call 318-327-1477 to register. Deadline to register is June 1, 2023. Supplies are limited.
COTTON GIN DEMO	Tues., June 13 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	FAMILY Join Dennis Burns as he demonstrates how a cotton gin works.
COMPOSTING WITH THE KIDS	Thurs., June 15 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Kerry Heafner will share his knowledge of composting with all students in attendance.
HUMMING IN THE GARDEN WITH HUMMINGBIRDS	Tues., July 11 at 10-11 am	AGES 9-12 Tweens will learn about things that enhance flower gardens: hummingbird feeders, stenciled pathways, and more. Please call 318-327-1477 by June 29th to register. Supplies are limited.
GARDENING FOR KIDS	Tues., July 18 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Kerry Heafner of LSU-Ag will share his knowledge of gardening.
SUMMER IS SWEET AS HONEY	Thurs., July 27 at 1:30-3 p.m.	FAMILY Antoinette Clark and Stacy Bloomquist will ensure that summer ends on a sweet note. We will learn about bug hotels, native bees, and more.

JR SEARCY

CREATIVE KIDS CREW	Every Mon. at 10:30-11:30 a.m. for Ages 6-9 & 2:30-3:30 p.m. for Ages 9-12	Join us in experimenting with a different artistic medium each week. We will be doing paper collage art, block printing, painting on canvas, and mixed media art. Limit of 12 kids per class. Call (318) 327-1240 to register
BEE KEEPING FAMILY PROGRAM	Wed., June 7 at 3-4:30 p.m.	FAMILY "Bee" entertained with speaker Amy Weeks as she discusses her bee and honey production farm. We will have a fun craft for adults and children along with refreshments.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

CRAFTY KIDS: FARM ANIMAL MAGNETS	Wed., June 7 at 2-3 p.m.	FAMILY Start off summer with a fun farm animal magnet for the fridge!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Tues., June 13 at 4:30-6 p.m.	FAMILY Beat the heat and enjoy the movie <i>Chicken Little</i> (2005, rated G) in the library!
KIDS FREE PLAY	Thurs., June 15 at 1-3 p.m.	AGES 3-5 We have coloring pages and puzzles, we have blocks, we have lots of toys! Come join us at the library for a free play session.
CRAFTY KIDS: GRASS HAIR PLANTERS	Wed., June 21 at 1-2 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Join us as we create the most hilarious, most bizarre planters you've ever seen out of nylon, sawdust and grass seed! (Similar to a Mr. Potato Head with grass for hair.)

Kids Summer Programs



CRAFTY KIDS: DIY PINWHEELS	Fri., July 7 at 1-2 p.m.	FAMILY These pinwheels love to catch the wind! Decorate them however you'd like and then take them home to add some fun to the garden.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Wed., July 12 at 2-3:30 p.m.	FAMILY Beat the heat and enjoy the movie <i>Chicken Run</i> (2000, rated G). in the library!
CRAFTY KIDS: FARM ANIMAL PUZZLES	Wed., July 19 at 1-2 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Get creative when painting these farm animal 3D puzzles!
KIDS FREE PLAY	Tues., July 25 at 1-3 p.m.	AGES 3-5 We have coloring pages and puzzles, we have blocks, we have lots of toys! Come join us at the library for a free play session.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA: GNOMEO AND JULIET	Sat., July 29 at 1-2:30 p.m.	FAMILY Beat the heat and enjoy the movie <i>Gnomeo and Juliet</i> (2011, rated G) in the library!

MAIN

TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., June 1 at 4-5:30 p.m.	FAMILY Kid's Movie Mania. The cast of Sing is back for another adventure. Join us for Sing 2.
2023 SUMMER READING KICK-OFF	Sat., June 3 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	FAMILY Summer Reading is finally here. Get registered for another summer of fun and exciting programs with your favorite librarians. We have special guests for you as well as games and prizes. Looking forward to seeing you.
STEM: LEGO BUILDING & MORE	Tues., June 6 at 1-3 p.m.	FAMILY Use your imagination and create dynamic figures.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., June 8, 22, and July 27 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 STEMulating Thursday. Nothing is more fun than having your very own tech room at your local library. Take part in a variety of STEM activities.
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., June 10 at 10-11:30 am	FAMILY Families who READ together LEARN together.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., June 10 at 2-3:30 p.m.	FAMILY DIY Bird House and Mushroom Stools. Garden crafts families can make together. Registration required. Call 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041 to register by Friday, June 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.
JAMMIES AND STORIES WITH MRS. ANGELA	Every Tues. from June 13 to July 25 at 5-6 p.m.	FAMILY Wear your favorite pajamas, listen to a story, and enjoy a craft.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., June 15 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Cupcake Workshop. DIY & Eat Cupcakes with Sweet Southern Belle.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., June 17 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Book Character Charades. How well do you know your book characters? Play a game of charades and learn about your favorite book characters and more.
LSU AGCENTER	Wed., June 21 at 1-2 p.m.	FAMILY "Farming in a Glove." Learn all about what plants need to grow and DIY garden in a glove.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., June 29 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Surprises are always fun. Join us for this mystery craft surprise.
INDEPENDENCE DAY CRAFT	Sat., July 1 at 2-3 p.m.	FAMILY Celebrate the Red, White, Blue with a crown just for you.
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., July 8 at 10-11:30 am	FAMILY Families who READ together LEARN together.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., July 8 at 2-3:30 p.m.	FAMILY DIY Marbled Planter and Plastic Egg Mushrooms. Registration required. Call 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041 to register by Friday, June 30.
BOOK BINGO	Thurs., July 13 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Play the well-loved BINGO game and read new books this summer.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., July 20 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Plant a seed and watch it grow. Journal the changes you see each day.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., July 22 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Storybook Walk. Follow the path of pages for an open book adventure.

OLLIE BURNS

SUMMER READING KICKOFF	Sat., June 3 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	FAMILY Time for Summer Reading! Register for the Summer Reading Challenge, and also visit with our special guest Mr. Bowman and his horses! Also, a special make and take craft is waiting for you to enjoy! Fun for all!
MY LITTLE GREENHOUSE CRAFT	Wed., June 7 at 3-4 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Kids, experience the growth of beans or flower seeds and create your very own Little Greenhouse. Great STEM Activity!
KIDS MOVIE MANIA	Mon., June 12 at 4-6 p.m.	FAMILY Join us for a hilarious and exciting family moo-vie, featuring...Barnyard: The Original Party Animals.
BARNYARD BINGO & DANCE	Wed., June 14 at 3-4 p.m.	FAMILY Let's have fun learning about different barnyard animals and their sounds while playing Bingo, and also enjoy a little bit of barnyard dancing afterwards!
VEGETABLE STAMP ART	Wed., June 21 at 3-4 p.m.	FAMILY Create an amazing work of art by painting with vegetables. We'll also observe the shapes and textures and discuss dishes most commonly made from the veggies provided.

KIDS MOVIE MANIA	Mon., July 10 at 4-5:30 p.m.	FAMILY Join us for a great movie for all ages, featuring...DC League of Superpets!
FARM SENSORY PLAY	Wed., July 19 at 3-4 p.m.	AGES 3-5 Have fun learning about farm animals, the sounds they make, and things they love to eat!
END OF SUMMER READING PARTY	Thurs., July 27 at 2-3 p.m.	FAMILY Come join us and be entertained by our petting zoo and special guest.

OUACHITA VALLEY

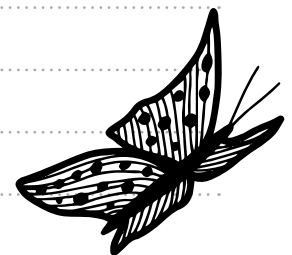
SUMMER READING KICKOFF	Sat., June 3 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	FAMILY Join us for the Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff for the 2023 theme of Books Grow Minds. Activities 10am- 12p.m. Games, Registration, and Refreshments.
3-D SCARECROW	Thurs., June 8 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come by and make a fun 3-D Scarecrow craft with us. Registration May 31- June 8, Limit 20 -call 318-327-1470, ext. 4206 Diane/4207 Sharee, or register at Ouachita Valley Library Children's Dept.
FARM SCENERY	Thurs., June 22 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Design your very own wood flower craft. Registration begins June 14. Limited to 20. Call (318) 327-1470, ext. 4206 Diane, 4207 Sharee, or Ouachita Valley Library Children's Dept.
DIY WOOD FLOWER	Thurs., July 6 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Design your very own wood flower craft. Registration begins June 28. Limited to 20. Call (318) 327-1470, ext. 4206 Diane, 4207 Sharee, or Ouachita Valley Library Children's Dept.
GARDEN POT CRAFT	Thurs., July 20 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Make a fun garden pot craft. Registration July 12-20, Limit 20 -call 318-327-1470, ext. 4206 Diane/4207 Sharee, or register at Ouachita Valley Library Children's Dept.
CRAFTS GALORE	Thurs., July 27 at 2-3 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Last Blast for Crafts! End of Summer Reading Celebration!

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

TOUCH-A-TRACTOR	Sat., June 3 at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	FAMILY Come join us for our farm version of Touch-a-Truck! Come see all the tractors and farm equipment as we celebrate our Summer Reading Program Kickoff!
SLIME TIME!	Fri., June 23 at 4-5 p.m.	FAMILY Who wants to get a little messy? Come out and join as we learn to make slime!
ICE CREAM IN A BAG	Fri., July 7 at 4-5 p.m.	FAMILY Let's make Ice Cream! Come enjoy a delicious summer treat as we learn about the dairy science behind the creation of ice cream!

WEST MONROE

MAKE YOUR OWN BUTTER	Tues., June 6 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Learn how to make your own butter.
SILVER EGG MAGIC EXPERIMENT	Tues., June 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Make an egg turn black then silver.
CAN YOU MILK A COW	Tues., June 20 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Are you brave enough to try to milk a cow?
MILK INTO PLASTIC EXPERIMENT	Tues., June 27 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Try your hand at turning milk into plastic.
MAKE CORN DANCE EXPERIMENT	Tues., July 11 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Can you make your corn dance? Come and try.
MAKE YOUR OWN GREENHOUSE	Tues., July 18 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 9-12 Come by and make your own little greenhouse.
MAKE A "WALKING HORSE"	Tues., July 25 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come and see if you can make your paper horse walk.



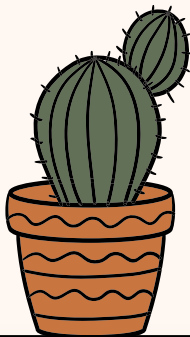
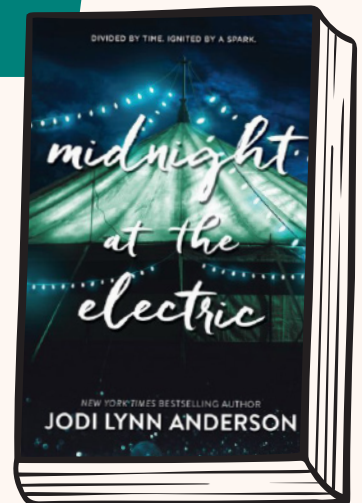
WEST OUACHITA

STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., June 5 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Can you make a shelter to protect your earth worm from the sun? We will also be making dirt cake!
FAMILY MOVIE	Fri., June 9 at 2-4 p.m.	FAMILY Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching Barnyard.
FAMILY MOVIE	Fri., June 30 at 2-4 p.m.	FAMILY Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be watching The Secret Garden.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., June 26 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come learn how to paint farm animals with us!
FAMILY MOVIE	Fri., July 7 at 2-4 p.m.	FAMILY Come join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be Watching Charlotte's Web.
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., July 10 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a fun gardening stem activity!
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., July 17 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come join us for the duck boat stem challenge! Can you build a boat to support a bunch of ducks?
DIY WIND SOCKS	Mon., July 24 at 4-5 p.m.	AGES 6-12 Come make your own flower wind sock to hang in your yard or garden!

Teen Top 6 Book Picks!

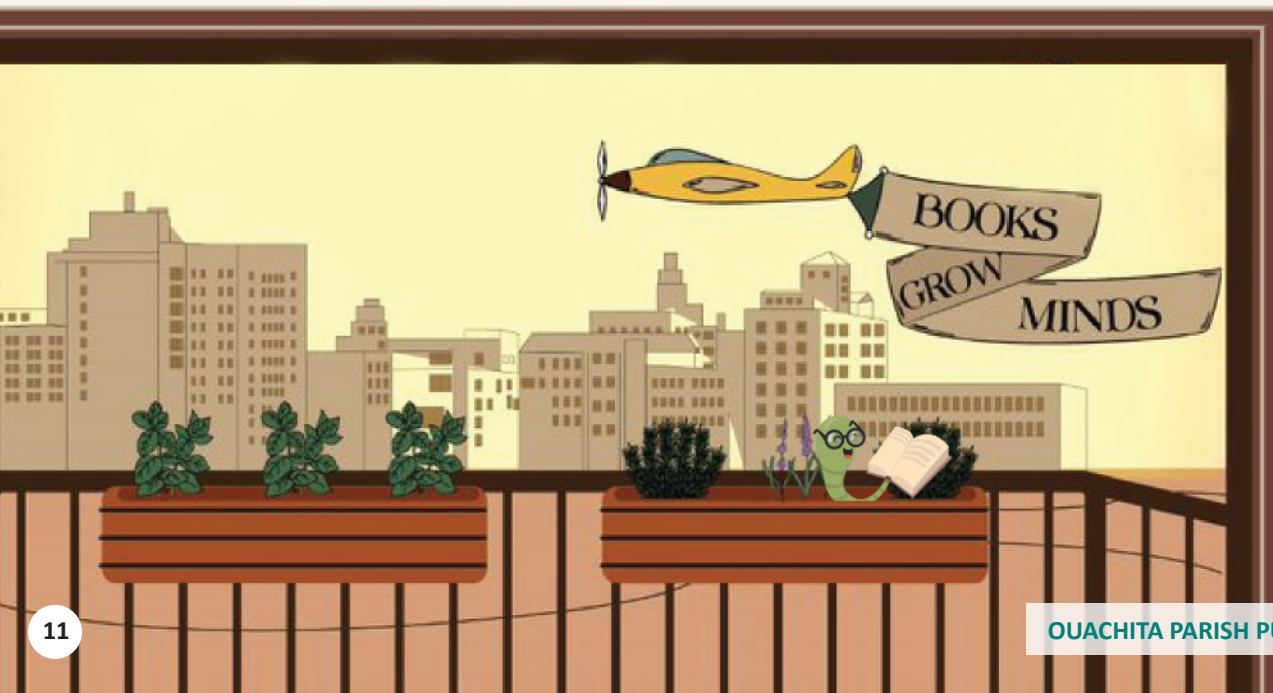
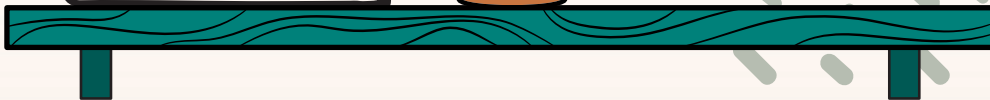
MIDNIGHT AT THE ELECTRIC by Jodi Lynn Anderson

In the months before her one-way trip to Mars, Adri Ortiz is sent to Wichita to live with an elderly cousin and finds herself fixating on where she came from and the stories of two women who lived more than a hundred years earlier. Catherine must find courage amidst the fear and uncertainty of the Dust Bowl. Lenore struggles with grief for her brother after World War I and plans to sail to America in pursuit of a childhood friend. While their stories span thousands of miles and multiple generations, Lenore, Catherine, and Adri's fates are entwined. *Available in print and in eBook and eAudio on Hoopla.*



THE NATURE OF WITCHES by Rachel M. Griffin

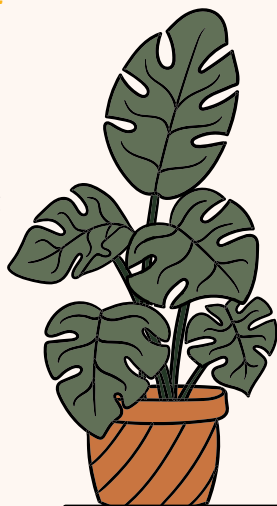
For centuries, witches have maintained the climate, their power from the sun peaking in the season of their birth. But now their control is faltering as the atmosphere becomes more erratic. All hope lies with Clara, an Everwitch whose rare magic is tied to every season. At first, Clara wants nothing to do with her volatile powers. But as the seasons change, so does Clara, and she soon realizes that she must choose between her power and her happiness before the world is thrust into chaos. *Available in print, in eBook on CloudLibrary, and in eBook and eAudio on Hoopla.*



SILVER SPOON VOL. 1

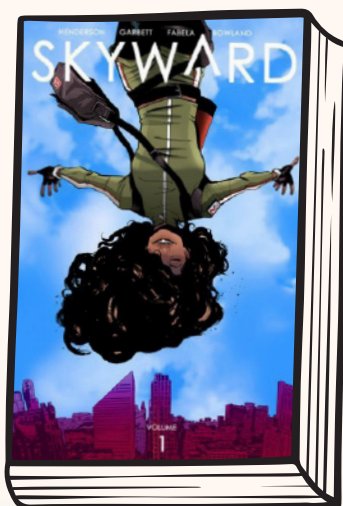
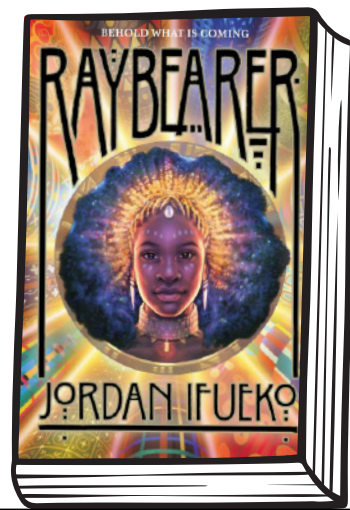
by Hiromu Arakawa

Defying the expectations of family and teachers, Yuugo Hachiken chooses to leave the city and enroll at Oezo Agricultural High School. Having always been at the top of his class, Yuugo assumes a rural school will be a breeze, but mucking out stables, gathering eggs, and chasing errant calves is a bigger challenge than he expected. At first, he's just trying to outrun his problems, but instead he finds a place for himself in this quaint rural community. *Available in print.*



RAYBEARER by Jordan Ifueko

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the deep bond she could have if she is chosen for the Crown Prince's council. But her mother, known only as The Lady, has other ideas, including a magical wish that Tarisai is compelled to obey: kill the Crown Prince once she gains his trust. Tarisai won't stand by and become someone's pawn—but is she strong enough to choose a different path for herself? *Available in print and audiobook, and in eAudio on CloudLibrary and Hoopla.*



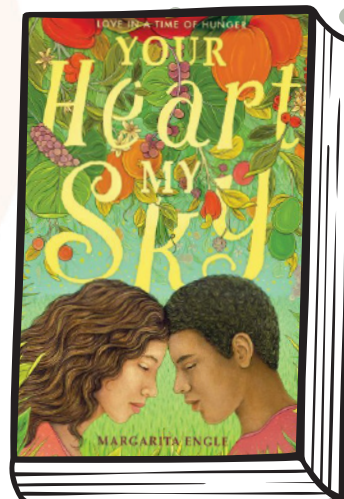
SKYWARD VOL.1: MY LOW-G LIFE

by Joe Henderson

One day, gravity on Earth suddenly became a fraction of what it is now. Twenty years later, humanity has adapted to its new low-gravity reality. And to Willa Fowler, a woman born just after G-day, it's...well, it's pretty awesome, actually. You can fly through the air! I mean, sure, you can also die if you jump too high. So you just don't jump too high. And maybe don't get mixed up in your Dad's secret plan to bring gravity back that could get you killed. *Available in print and in eBook on Hoopla.*

YOUR HEART, MY SKY: LOVE IN A TIME OF HUNGER by Margarita Engle

The people of Cuba are living in "the special period in times of peace," but the reality behind these words is starvation. Hunger has made Liana brave: she finds the courage to skip a summer of so-called volunteer farm labor, even though she risks government retribution. Nearby, a quiet boy named Amado also refuses to comply, so he wanders alone, trying to discover rare sources of food. This novel in verse is told in both of their voices, plus that of the stray dog that brought them together. *Available in print.*



Teen Summer Programs



ANNA MEYER

GAMING GUILD-BOARD GAMES

Wed., June 14 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Join the Gaming Guild! This month we are playing board games! For info about the Gaming Guild, email smcgarey@oplib.org.

GAMING GUILD-DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Wed., July 12 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Join the Gaming Guild! This month we are playing Dungeons and Dragons! For info about the Gaming Guild, email smcgarey@oplib.org.

JR SEARCY

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Every Mon., from June 12 to July 24 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Let's work together to grow a beautiful container garden! Plants will be displayed at the end of the summer!

MAKE & TAKE TUESDAYS

Every Tues. from June 13 to July 25 at 4-6 p.m.

June 13: Simple macrame produce bag to take to the Farmer's Market | **June 20:** Beeswax candle scented with dried herbs | **June 27:** Origami flowers from recycled book pages | **July 11:** Decorative hanger for a houseplant | **July 18:** Relaxing bath bomb scented with dried herbs | **July 25:** Seed paper from recycled scraps

D&D ONE-SHOT

Fri., June 16 at 2-5 p.m.

Choose a ready-made character and join us for an action-packed adventure!

D&D ONE-SHOT

Fri., July 14 at 2-5 p.m.

Choose a ready-made character and join us for an action-packed adventure!

LOUISE WILLIAMS

HAND-DIPPED BEESWAX CANDLES

Mon., June 5 at 3-4 p.m.

Learn how to make your own candlesticks from beeswax!

PLANT-BASED WATERCOLORS

Thurs., June 29 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Create a watercolor masterpiece after making your own paints from vegetables and flowers.

MACRAMÉ PLANT HANGER

Thurs., July 13 at 3-4 p.m.

Come and make a decorative macramé plant hanger to show off your favorite potted plant!

STRING ART

Mon., July 17 at 3-4:30 p.m.

Decorate your space with a string art masterpiece! You can choose to make a mushroom or sunflower design. Space is limited. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5422 by June 26th.

HERB GARDENING WITH LSU-AG

Thurs., July 27 at 3-4 p.m.

Start your own herb garden while LSU-Ag discusses nutrition, gardening, and mental health. Space is limited. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5422.

MAIN

DIY ART MASTERPIECES

Wed., June 14 at 4:30-6 p.m.

Art is inspired with music. Join us for an evening of art while listening to the soft sounds of Kenny G.

DIY WREATH

Sat., June 17 at 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Crafting made easy with Deneen Pratt. Registration required. Register at 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041 by Friday, June 1.

SOAP MAKING WORKSHOP

Sat., July 15 at 12:30-4 p.m.

Lather Up with Courtney Worthy. Learn the how tos of soap making. Registration required. Register at 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041 by Friday, June 30.

CUPCAKE WORKSHOP

Mon., July 17 at 1-3 p.m.

Cake decorating with Sweet Southern Belle. Registration required. Register at 318-327-1490 Ext. 3041 by Friday, June 30.

OLLIE BURNS

IT'S BUTTER!

Wed., June 7 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

You will be able to make your own homemade butter and try it on toast!

D.I.Y GREEN HOUSE

Wed., June 21 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Create your own greenhouse garden!

HANGING WITH MY "GNOMIES"	Wed., July 5 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Create string garden gnomes!
TEEN MATINEE	Wed., July 12 at 3:30-5 p.m.	Bring your friends and enjoy a movie on us!
CRAFT CORNER	Wed., July 26 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Have fun and create crafts to have on display in the teen area.
TEEN MATINEE	Wed., June 28 at 3:30-5 p.m.	Bring your friends and enjoy a movie on us!

OUACHITA VALLEY

PAINT A PLANTER	Tues., June 13 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	No garden space? No problem! Decorate a container you can use to grow a small plant anywhere.
SECONDHAND LIONS AND STICKER PAINTING	Sat., June 24 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.	Watch a movie on the big screen and keep your hands busy with a paint-by-sticker activity! You can also visit the Ouachita Valley branch anytime during the Summer Reading Challenge to work on our poster-sized, collaborative sticker painting.
BRAIN GAMES	Tues., June 27 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	You'll need to use your memory, creativity, and other skills in these icebreaker-style games.
BEGINNER MACRAME	Tues., July 11 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Make a super simple hanging macrame holder for a potted plant or small basket!
TIE-DYE WITH ICE	Sat., July 22 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.	Use powdered pigment and ice to dye your choice of fabric accessory. Weather permitting. Contact 318-327-1470 or srobinson@oplib.org to register.
FLOWER ORIGAMI	Tues., July 25 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Make a paper bouquet by folding beautiful papers or book pages!

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

SUNCATCHERS	Tues., June 6 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Add some pizzazz to your house or garden by painting suncatchers.
STARDEW VALLEY	Tues., June 13 at 3-5 p.m.	Curious about the new Switch game Stardew Valley. Come on in and play.
DIORAMA RODEO: DAY 1	Tues., June 20 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Create your very own portable farm/garden.
DIORAMA RODEO: DAY 2	Tues., June 27 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Create your very own portable farm/garden.
STRANGE WORLD	Tues., July 11 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Watch Disney's Strange World.
DIY WIND CHIMES	Tues., July 18 at 3-5 p.m.	Take those dingy old water bottles and make them into wind chimes.
THE UNKILLABLE PLANT	Tues., July 25 at 3-4:30 p.m.	Create your own decorative plant that won't die on you or need to be watered.

WEST MONROE

MOVIE MONDAY	Mon., June 5 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Watch Beauty and the Beast while enjoying a sticker painting completed by you! During the Summer Reading Challenge, you can come to the West Monroe Branch at any time of day to work on the poster in the Teen Section.
MANGA HERBS & YOU	Mon., June 12 at 4-5 p.m.	Read the Snow White with the Red Hair manga and learn about herbs that you can grow at home.
3D PAPER FLOWER BOUQUET	Mon., June 26 at 4-5 p.m.	Let your creative side out with this flower craft that pops off of the page.
PERLER BEAD BOTANY	Mon., July 10 at 4-5 p.m.	Design new and mysterious plants with perler beads, imagining new plants to be discovered.
HP HERBOLOGY	Mon., July 17 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Create your own mandrake plant, craft up a snapdragon, and bundle up a charm bag with Harry Potter Herbology!
MOVIE MONDAY	Mon., July 24 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Watch Guardians of the Galaxy starring Groot, the giant lovable plant who has so much to say, while enjoying a relaxing coloring activity.

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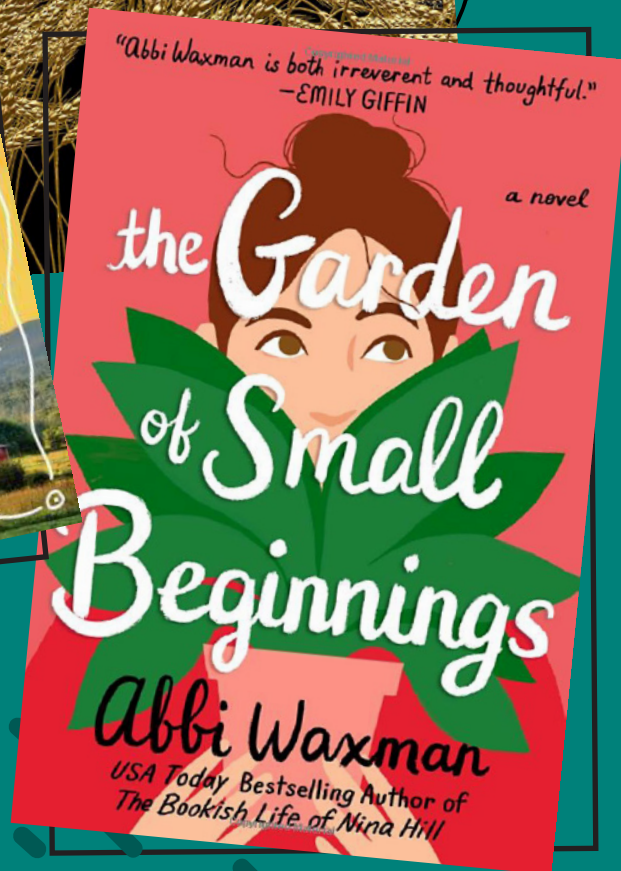
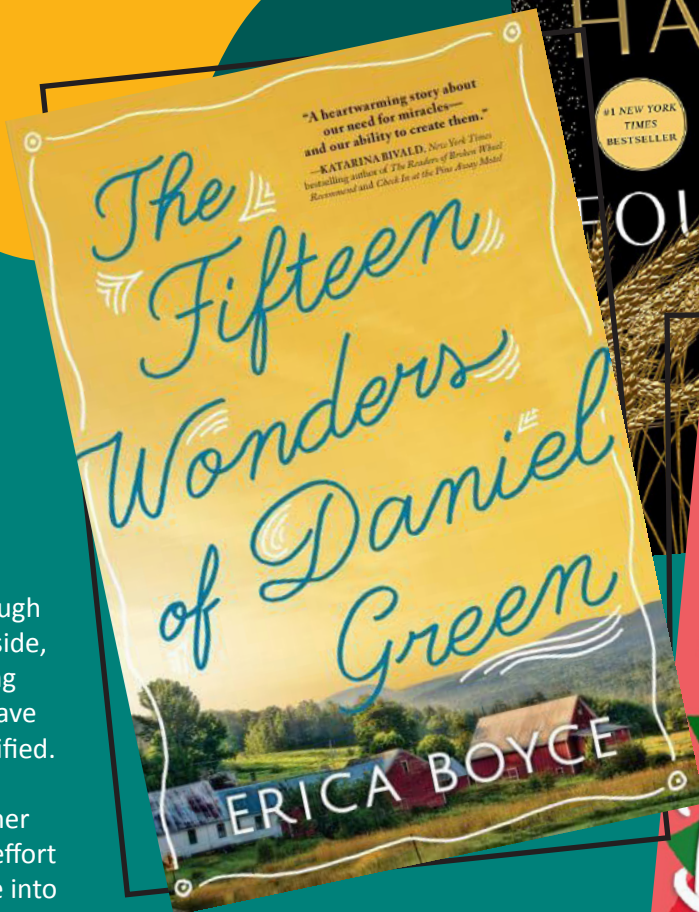
DIY CLAY GNOMES	Tues., June 6 at 4-5 p.m.	Come and make a cute Gnome for your yard or garden!
PERLER BEAD PLANTS	Tues., June 13 at 4-5 p.m.	Come design and make your own Perler bead plants.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., June 20 at 4-5 p.m.	Come join us for a floral painting tutorial.
COKE BOTTLE PLANTERS	Tues., July 11 at 4-5 p.m.	We will be making and painting planters from recycled coke bottles.
DIY MANDRAKES	Tues., July 25 at 4-5 p.m.	Come join us for Herbology class and make your own mandrake!

Adult Top 6 Book Picks!

THE FIFTEEN WONDERS OF DANIEL GREEN

by Erica Boyce

Daniel travels through America's countryside, creating astonishing crop circles that leave communities mystified. But when a dying Vermont corn farmer hires Daniel in an effort to breathe new life into the town he loves, Daniel is drawn into a community struggling to stitch itself back together. For once he is forced to stand still and face the past he's been running from all these years. Available in print and large print and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary and Hoopla.



THE FOUR WINDS by Kristin Hannah

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. Available in print, large print, and audiobook and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary.

THE GARDEN OF SMALL BEGINNINGS by Abbi Waxman

Rendered a single mom after her husband's fatal car accident, textbook illustrator Lillian recruits her young daughters and supportive sister to help her do research for a boutique vegetable guide at the Los Angeles Botanical Garden, where a patient instructor and quirky gardeners help her grieve and find healing. Available in print and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary.

THE GENIUS PLAGUE by David Walton

In this science fiction thriller, brothers are pitted against each other as a pandemic threatens to destabilize world governments by exerting a subtle mind control over survivors. Paul, the mycologist who encountered this fungal plague firsthand in the Amazon, feels it is man's next step in evolution. Neil, the newly hired analyst at the NSA, is certain that something far more insidious is at work, as he and his colleagues race against time and an enemy that is impossible to detect. *Available in print and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary and in eAudio on Hoopla.*

ONE POTATO by Tyler McMahon

Eddie Morales finds his lowly R&D life completely upended when his Boise-based biotech firm dispatches him to Puerto Malogrado, a tiny but tumultuous country in South America where the international media is accusing their experimental potatoes of causing a bizarre medical crisis. *Available in print and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary and Hoopla.*

WE ARE EACH OTHER'S HARVEST: CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN FARMERS, LAND, AND LEGACY by Natalie Baszile

The author of the novel *Queen Sugar* gathers together essays, poems, photographs, quotes, conversations and first-person stories to examine black people's connection to the American land from Emancipation to today. Luminous and eye-opening, this eclectic collection helps people and communities of color today reimagine what it means to be dedicated to the soil. *Available in print and in eBook and eAudio on CloudLibrary and Hoopla.*





Adult Summer Programs



ANNA MEYER		
AUTHOR VISIT: SHAQUARIUS HOLMES	Sat., June 3 at 1-3 p.m.	Local author Shaquarius Holmes will be here to talk about her book "Unknown" and answer questions from patrons.
FLOWER POT PAINTING	Wed., July 12 at 3-4 p.m.	Come paint a flower pot with any design you can think of, then take it home and plant something inside. Supplies are limited. Call 318-327-1351 to register.
CARVER-MCDONALD		
PLANTING & GROWING A VEGETABLE GARDENING!	Thurs., June 15 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Kerry Heafner, Horticulturist from the LSU AgCenter will discuss the basics of vegetable gardening and planning, how to start a vegetable garden from scratch, which vegetables to grow, and when to plant what.
LOUISIANA CATFISH FARMING!	Thurs., June 22 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Carl Haring from the Wisner Catfish Farm and Chef Darrel Teats from cooking on KNOE News will talk about raising fresh catfish and processing it.
A-BERRY FARMS! GROWING BERRIES & SUGARCANE	Thurs., July 13 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Juan Cook, owner of A-Berry Farms will discuss the process of growing berries and sugarcane and how they make jellies and cane syrup. Samples will be on hand.
COMPOSTING & PLANTING RAISED GARDEN BEDS!	Thurs., July 20 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Kerry Heafner, Horticulturist from the LSU AgCenter will discuss raised garden beds and compost bins.
JR SEARCY		
AFTERNOON COUNTRY MUSIC & COLORING PROGRAM	Thurs., June 15 at 2-3:30 p.m.	Join us as we have a relaxing afternoon of country music and coloring of a country farm scene.
DECOUPAGE COUNTRY CRAFT PROGRAM	Thurs., July 6 at 2-3:30 p.m.	We will be decouping a sunflower country scene on canvas. Limited to the first 12 patrons, so call us at 318-327-1240 and sign up to reserve your spot.
AFTERNOON MOVIE: FIELD OF DREAMS	Thurs., July 20 at 2-4 p.m.	Come and reminisce with us as we watch the Iowa farmer, Ray Kinsella, build the baseball field of dreams in the middle of his cornfield. Movie refreshments will be included!
LOUISE WILLIAMS		
BASIC CANNING	Thurs., June 1 at 1-2 p.m.	Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will cover the basics of canning.
CONTAINER GARDENING	Thurs., June 22 at 1-2 p.m.	Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter will discuss container gardening.
FREEZING VEGETABLES	Thurs., July 6 at 1-2 p.m.	Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will discuss the process of freezing vegetables.
MAIN		
FLOWER POT PAINTING	Tues., June 6 at 5-7 p.m.	Give your potted plants some personality by painting a terracotta pot.
LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT & BOOK SIGNING	Fri., June 9 at 1-4 p.m.	Join us as we welcome local author Rodney Hall for a discussion and book signing.
TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB	Mon., June 12 at 5-7 p.m.	Come watch the black and white classic <i>The Little Shop of Horrors</i> from 1960.
HOOKS & BOOKS	Tues., June 13 at 2-3:30 p.m.	Learn the basics of crochet or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club encourages conversation, collaboration, and creativity.
AMIGURUMI PLANTS	Thurs., June 22 at 5:30-7 p.m.	Can't keep a plant alive? Learn to crochet a plant with Holly and Ellen.
PLANT PROPAGATION	Thurs., June 29 at 5:30-7 p.m.	Willetta will teach the basics of plant propagation so you can share your plants with others.
HOOKS & BOOKS	Tues., July 11 at 2-3:30 p.m.	Learn the basics of crochet or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club encourages conversation, collaboration, and creativity.
GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN	Wed., July 12 at 5-7 p.m.	Taynyulei Plant-ery will demonstrate how to start your own garden and how to make it thrive.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB	Mon., July 17 at 5-7 p.m.	Come screen 1959's <i>Suddenly Last Summer</i> starring Katherine Hepburn and Elizabeth Taylor
ARTIST'S CORNER	Fri., July 21 at 6-9 p.m.	Learn about the art and life of Monet at this after-hours painting program.
MACRAME PLANT HANGERS	Tues., July 25 at 5-7 p.m.	Make and take a macrame plant hanger.
OLLIE BURNS		
ALL ABOUT HORSES!	Sat., June 3 at 10-11 a.m.	Kalvin Bowman Jr, of Ouachita High School will bring one of his horses for show and tell. Attendees will watch Mr. Bowman as he saddles the horse and shows how to take proper care of a horse.
KIKO AND NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT	Sat., June 10 at 10-11 a.m.	Do you know what a Kiko or Nigerian Dwarf Goat looks like? Do you want to pet them and learn about them? Well, here's your opportunity! Raymond and Carla Nelson from HSRR Farm will bring their prize goats to the library! Come learn about and pet beautiful goats!
BABY GOATS AT THE LIBRARY!	Sat., June 17 at 10-11 a.m.	Yes! So exciting! Baby Goats! Jesse Saulsberry, a resident of Richwood, will bring beautiful baby goats that he raises and share information about their care and feeding.
COWBOYS & HORSES!	Sat., July 15 at 10-11 a.m.	The Cole Family of Richwood, Louisiana will bring their riding horses. We will learn the care and feeding of livestock and raising horses.
END OF THE SUMMER BIG EVENT!	Thurs., July 27 at 2-3 p.m.	Cindy Wilhite, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at the Woodlawn Junior High School will share stories about her farm animals and bring a petting zoo.
OUACHITA VALLEY		
VEGETABLE GARDENING	Wed., June 14 at 2-3 p.m.	Kerry Heafner, Horticulturist from the LSU AgCenter will discuss the basics of vegetable gardening and planning, how to start a vegetable garden from scratch, and which vegetables to grow.
CANNING VEGETABLES	Thurs., July 13 at 3-4 p.m.	Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will discuss the basics of canning.
STERLINGTON MEMORIAL		
MICROGREENS WITH MATT WALL	Tues., June 13 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.	Join Matt and Lawren Wall of Wall Greens Farm as he shares the health benefits of growing and eating your own microgreens.
ARTIST'S CORNER: VINCENT VAN GOGH'S SUNFLOWERS	Tues., July 18 at 2-4 p.m.	Learn about the art and life of Vincent van Gogh at this painting program. Registration is required. The program is limited to 18 guests. Call 318-327-1382 or email Clair Roane at croane@oplib.org .
TOP 6 BOOK DISCUSSION	Tues., July 25 at 5:30-7 p.m.	Hey Readers, come discuss the Top 6 Summer Reading books. Whether you've read one or all of our Top 6 Books, join the discussion.
WEST MONROE		
RAISED BED GARDENING	Wed., June 7 at 2-3 p.m.	Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter will discuss raised bed gardening.
HOT WEATHER CROPS	Wed., July 12 at 2-3 p.m.	Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter will discuss hot weather crops.
WEST OUACHITA		
CROCHET CLUB	Thurs., June 1 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Come crochet a kitchen towel holder! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring a project. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414.
NORTH LOUISIANA HEIRLOOM SEEDS AND CALHOUN RESEARCH CENTER	Fri., June 2 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Kerry Heafner will present stories of heirloom seeds saved by the North Louisiana Seed Preservation Program and the history of the LSU AgCenter Calhoun Research Station.
THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., June 15 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Partake in painting a particularly pretty pig! Supplies provided. Registration starts June 1. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414
MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON: SECONDHAND LIONS	Thurs., June 22 at 1-3:30 p.m.	The coming of age story of a shy teenager in the 50s who is sent to spend the summer with his eccentric uncles in the country.
CROCHET CLUB	Thurs., July 6 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Come learn the Honeycomb crochet stitch! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring a project. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414.
GROW YOUR OWN MICRO GREENS!	Fri., July 14 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Matt and Lawren Wall of Wall Greens will share their experiences with growing healthy micro greens right at home! Come and find out how!
THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., July 20 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Join us and paint a moooving portrait of a cow! Supplies are provided. Space is limited. Registration starts July 1. Register in person or by calling 318-327-5414
MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON: THE STRAIGHT STORY	Fri., July 21 at 1-3:30 p.m.	A cantankerous 73-year-old farmer travels 300 miles on a riding mower to reunite with his dying brother.
DON'T GET SCAMMED! TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF	Thurs., July 27 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Jo Ann Deal, Better Business Bureau Manager of Region 4, will present tips on how to protect yourself from being a victim of a scam.



Computer Classes

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

OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

DIGITAL LITERACY

Thurs., June 8 | Mon., June 12 | Tues., June 13 | Fri., June 16
Thurs., July 6 | Mon., July 10 | Tues., July 11 | Thurs., July 13
at 10-11 a.m.

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.

TWEENS AND TEENS LEARN DIGITAL BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Thursdays, June 1 to July 13 at 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, June 6 to July 11 at 2-3 p.m.
Monday, July 11 2-3 p.m.

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 for ages 9-18.

SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Thurs., June 22 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Fri., June 23 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Thurs., June 29 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Fri., June 30 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 20 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Fri., July 21 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 27 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Fri., July 28 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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

MAIN BRANCH

RESUME 101

Thurs., June 22 at 5-6:30 p.m.

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

ONLINE RESOURCES

Tues., July 11 at 10-11 a.m.

It's not too late to log pages for the summer reading challenge! Create accounts and learn about Beanstack, cloudLibrary, and Hoopla. Bringing your own device is encouraged!

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DIGITAL LITERACY CLASS

Thurs., June 8 at 10-11 a.m. | Fri., June 9 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to use your mobile devices: smartphone or tablet.

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CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday
Morning Class 10:30am-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1pm-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. Space is limited. Call to register: 318-327-1351

BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday
Morning Class 10:30am-12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Class 1pm-3 p.m.

Beginner classes build your computer knowledge by teaching you new things and reinforcing what you already know. If you have some computer knowledge already then, this class is for you. Space is limited. Call to register: 318-327-1351

Join a Book Club



MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

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

Miss Pearly's Girls by ReShonda Tate Billingsley

Mon., July 10 at 5:30-7 p.m.

This Close to Okay by Leesa Cross-Smith



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., June 24 at 2-3 p.m.

Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield

Sat., July 29 at 2-3 p.m.

What Moves the Dead by T. Kingfisher



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

Join us as we discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books

Thurs., June 8 at 2-3 p.m.

The Poison Garden by Alex Marwood

Thurs., July 13 at 2-3 p.m.

The Honey Farm by Harriett Lye



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

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

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

The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian

Tues., July 11 at 6-7:30 p.m.

The Ardent Swarm by Yamen Manai



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

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

The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware.

Thurs., July 20 at 5:30-7 p.m.

The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill



TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Wed., June 7 at 5-6 p.m.

We will be discussing the Alex Murdough Murders

Wed., July 5 at 5-6 p.m.

We will be discussing the podcast episode *The Sins of Our Mother*. This discussion will talk about Lori and Chad Daybell and the Domsday Murders.



RAINBOW READS MAIN

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

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

Written in the Stars by Alexandria Bellefleur

Mon., July 31 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Milk Fed by Melissa Broder



ANY GOOD BOOKS OUACHITA VALLEY

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

Mon., June 12 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Mon., July 10 at 5:30-6:45 p.m.



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Thurs., June 26 at 10-11 a.m.

What's your favorite genre? Please join us for coffee and cookies as we dig deep into the different genres.

Thurs., July 24 at 10-11 a.m.

Who remembers the Farmer's Almanac? Please come and join us for discussion.



JUST READ SEARCY

We will be discussing the top six books for summer and titles you are presently reading.

Thurs., June 29 at 2-3 p.m.

Thurs., July 27 at 2-3 p.m.



ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

We will continue to discuss All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung. The 3rd quarter book will be announced online. Join us at facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary

June & July



BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Beyond the Pages Book Club will meet and talk about their favorite books.

Wed., June 28 at 2-3 p.m.

Wed., July 26 at 2-3 p.m.



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON

We read and discuss great sci-fi and fantasy books with others that enjoy them too!

Sat., June 24 at 2-3 p.m.

Silver in the Wood by Emily Tesh

Sat., July 22 at 2-3 p.m.

Fireborne by Rosaria Munda



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.

The Tensas Delta of Louisiana



The Tensas Delta of Louisiana is a Special Collections pick for the 2023 Summer Reading Club theme, Books Grow Minds. This 97-page booklet provides information on what Ouachita and neighboring parishes were like around 1900 when people grew much of their food in home gardens and the rural economy was based on agriculture. The booklet was created by the Tensas Delta Land Company to advertise 650,000 acres of land that was for sale in Morehouse, West Carroll, Richland, Franklin, Catahoula and parts of Ouachita and Caldwell parishes. There are descriptions, pictures and a map of the Tensas Delta District parishes in the booklet that was given to the library by Dr. William A. Walker, Jr., a history professor who joined the faculty of Northeast State College in August, 1955.

The booklet refers to the great opportunities available in timber and farming. It explains the lower tax rates from those of the Fifth District that borders the Mississippi river and who pay for the levee system. It states that the area was well-drained in the most recent overflow of 1893. There is a chart showing rainfall for the years 1897 and 1898, a section on education showing 54 schools in Ouachita parish and a section showing 296,894 acres of timber of a total 409,600 acres in Ouachita parish. There are several images of towns, homes, timber, wheat fields, molasses cane fields, cotton fields, sheep, cattle, and bees. There are images from the North Louisiana Experimental Farm at Calhoun and a map showing the parishes that comprise the Tensas Delta of Louisiana. There is even a picture of Monroe City High School as it was being built in 1899. The booklet with map and images has been scanned and is available on the Louisiana Digital Library at louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/oplib-orr%3A13



Mill at Swartz



At the North Louisiana Experimental Station



A Tensas Delta Bee Farm



Street Scene in Monroe

Farmhouse on the Ouachita, near Monroe





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