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RESOURCES!

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THE LIBRARY CAN HELP
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Holiday Closures

CHRISTMAS:

All branches of the Ouachita Parish Public Library will close early at 5 p.m. **Tuesday, December 22** and remain closed through **Sunday, December 27**. Regular hours will resume **Monday, December 28**.

NEW YEAR:

All branches will close early at 5 p.m. **Wednesday, December 30** and remain closed through **Friday, January 1** for the New Year holidays. Regular hours will resume **Saturday, January 2**.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY:

All branches will close **Monday, January 18** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular hours will resume **Tuesday, January 19**.

Set your reading goals for this upcoming year! Not sure where to begin? Play along all year with this bingo card. Don't forget to ask your librarian for suggestions. We love recommending books to our patrons!



READING RESOLUTIONS

IN 2020, I READ _____ BOOKS.

IN 2021, I ASPIRE TO READ _____ BOOKS.

B O O K S

Book from the year you were born _____ _____	Book by a debut author _____ _____	Memoir or biography _____ _____	Audiobook _____ _____	Mystery _____ _____
Thriller _____ _____	Book set in the South _____ _____	Book in a genre you've never read before _____ _____	Book to movie adaptation _____ _____	Book by an author with the same name as you _____ _____
First book in a series _____ _____	Book set outside the United States _____ _____	Book your librarian suggests for you _____ _____	Book with an animal on the cover _____ _____	Historical fiction book _____ _____
Contemporary fiction book _____ _____	Graphic novel or comic book _____ _____	Book with a one-word title _____ _____	A classic you've been meaning to read _____ _____	Re-read a book you enjoyed _____ _____
Young adult book _____ _____	Book translated from another language _____ _____	Award-winning book _____ _____	Cookbook, field guide or DIY book _____ _____	Book by an author of a different culture than yours _____ _____

WHAT SHOULD YOU READ NEXT BASED ON YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE?

Whether you are a Scrooge or a Rudolph, we have your next favorite read at the Library (and all your favorite holiday movies are available to check out as DVDs!).



The movie you love:
LOVE ACTUALLY

The book you'll love:
I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOU
BY TERRY MCMILLAN

If you love fiercely and follow your heart like your favorite character in *Love Actually*, you should read *I Almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan. *Available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

The movie you love:
THE GRINCH

The book you'll love:
A MAN CALLED OVE
BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

If you find yourself hiding from your family in the kitchen on Christmas morning and relate to *The Grinch*, you should read *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. *Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, plus the movie adaptation available on DVD and on Hoopla



The movie you love:
DIE HARD

The book you'll love:
THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER
BY TOM CLANCY

If your favorite season is hunting season and you consider *Die Hard* a Christmas movie, you should read *The Hunt for Red October* by Tom Clancy. *Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book, plus the movie adaptation on DVD

The movie you love:
HALLMARK MOVIES!

The book you'll love:
MY KIND OF CHRISTMAS
BY ROBYN CARR

If you drink hot chocolate, wear fuzzy socks and have watched all the Hallmark movies on repeat since Halloween, you should read *My Kind of Christmas* by Robyn Carr. *Available in print, book-on-CD and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook





The movie you love:
HOME ALONE

The book you'll love:
THE SPELLMAN FILES
BY LISA LUTZ

If you love your overbearing family but didn't get left *Home Alone* like Kevin, you should read *The Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz. *Available in print, book-on-CD, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and Hoopla as an e-audiobook

The movie you love:
A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

The book you'll love:
THE GOOD NEIGHBOR: THE LIFE AND WORK OF FRED ROGERS
BY MAXWELL KING

If you savor every moment with your loved ones and love the hopeful message of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, you should read *The Good Neighbor: the Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King. *Available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook



The movie you love:
A CHRISTMAS STORY

The book you'll love:
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE THUNDERBOLT KID
BY BILL BRYSON

If you had the craziest childhood ever like Ralphie in *A Christmas Story*, you should read *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson. *Available in large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book

The movie you love:
THE SANTA CLAUSE

The book you'll love:
ALL ADULTS HERE
BY EMMA STRAUB

If raising kids wasn't quite what you imagined it to be and you relate to Scott in *The Santa Clause* you should read *All Adults Here* by Emma Straub. *Available in print, large print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



The movie you love:
THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

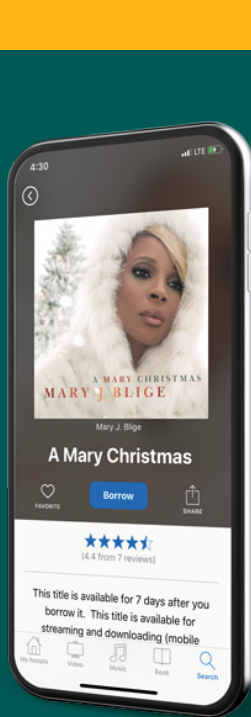
The book you'll love:
THE BALLAD OF BLACK TOM
BY VICTOR LAVALLE

If "fingers like snakes and spiders in my hair" gives you a thrill in *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, you should read *The Ballad of Black Tom* by Victor LaValle. *Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

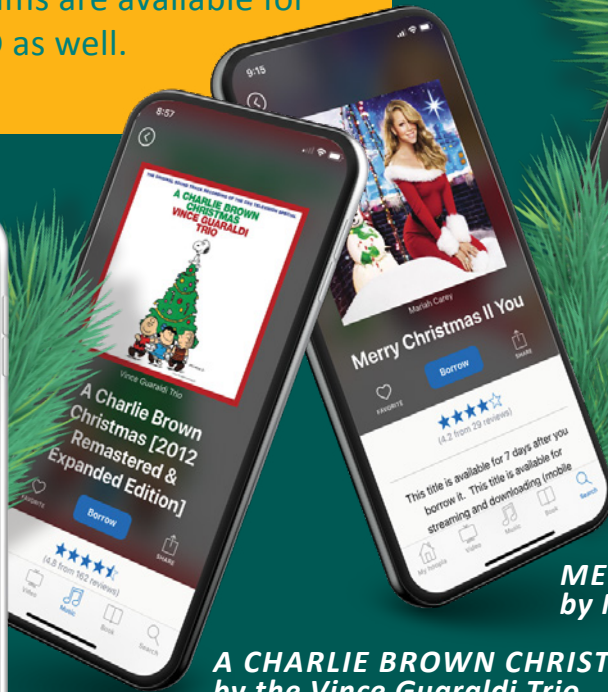
HOLIDAY ALBUMS

You can borrow up to 7 items per calendar month on the Hoopla app. Music albums are available for you to listen to for a week. Prefer physical CDs? These albums are available for check out on CD as well.

DOWNLOAD THESE FESTIVE FAVORITES WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD BY USING THE HOOPLA APP.



A MARY CHRISTMAS
by Mary J. Blige



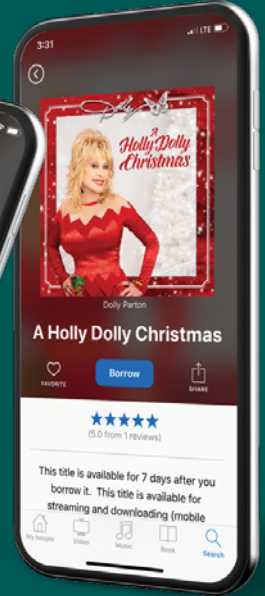
A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
by the Vince Guaraldi Trio



MERRY CHRISTMAS II YOU
by Mariah Carey



CHRISTMAS
by Michael Bublé

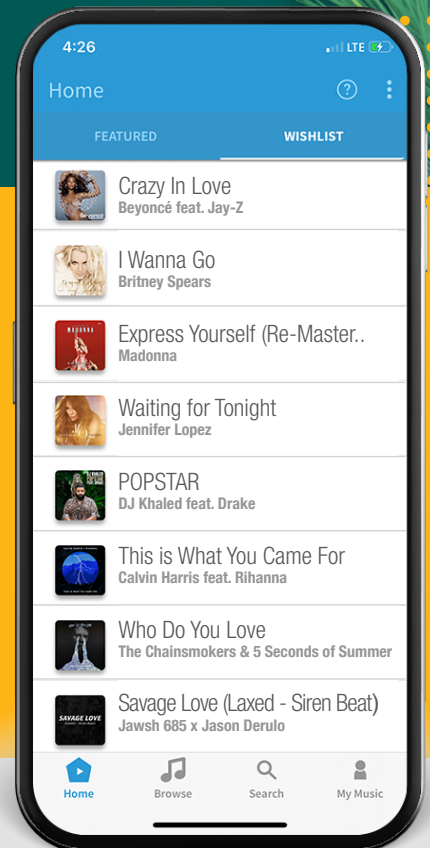


A HOLLY DOLLY CHRISTMAS
by Dolly Parton

hoopla WORKOUT PLAYLIST



Curate your own workout playlist with your Library card by using the Freegal Music app. Choose from hundreds of thousands of songs and download five items every week on the app. We suggest you start with these songs.



AUDIOBOOKS ARE A JOY TO READ

“
Many children love
being read to and I think
I never grew out of it.
”



Your Library card gives you access to thousands of audiobooks, absolutely free! There are three ways to listen to audiobooks with your Library card:

cloudLibrary is the most popular way to listen to audiobooks in the Ouachita Parish Public Library. You can download up to 5 books at a time to your phone, tablet or computer with the cloudLibrary app. Listen to these books wherever you take your phone – on your commute, out jogging or at home.

Hoopla is another app that offers audiobooks with your Library card. You can borrow 7 items per month on the Hoopla app.

Books-on-CD are another great way to read audiobooks. All you need is a CD player to read these books.

We sat down with Teen Services Librarian Clair, who is an avid audiobook reader. She shares her tips and tricks to get the most out of your audiobook experience.

HOW MANY AUDIOBOOKS HAVE YOU READ THIS YEAR?

I have read 51 audiobooks this year. Of those, I listened to 30 on cloudLibrary, 16 on Hoopla and 5 books-on-CD.

WHEN DO YOU LISTEN TO AUDIOBOOKS?

The better question is, when don't I? I listen to them while I commute back and forth to work. I listen while I fold laundry, garden and do other housework. I also like to sit on my porch with my cat curled up in my lap and a psychological thriller on my phone. What's really fun is when my husband and I go on trips and I find an audiobook that we will both enjoy. Usually they end up being sci-fi or biographies. Together we have listened to *Bossypants* by Tina Fey, *Ready Player One* by Ernest Clive and many Bill Bryson books. But my favorite time to read audiobooks is the hour before I go to bed to wind down from the day.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT AUDIOBOOKS?

I love hearing names and words that aren't necessarily in English. Last year I read a book called *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani. It's about a Pakistani family. I was able to hear how the names of people, cities and food are said instead of sounding the names out incorrectly.

WHO ARE YOUR FAVORITE NARRATORS?

My favorite narrators are Bahni Turpin (*The Gone Dead* by Chanelle Benz), Kirby Heybourne (*Book of Numbers* by Joshua Cohen) and Imogen Church (*The Lying Game* by Ruth Ware).

WOULD YOU SAY YOU PREFER AUDIOBOOKS OVER PRINT BOOKS?

Currently, I do but that doesn't mean I never read traditional print books. Many children love being read to and I think I never grew out of it. But it wasn't until I got a smartphone that I really became a voracious audiobook reader.

WHAT AUDIOBOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?

I'm currently listening to *I Know You Know* by Gilly Macmillan. It's read by several different narrators, one of whom is Imogen Church. The book is about Cody Swift whose two best friends were murdered as children. Cody wants answers, he doubts that the convicted killer is the one who murdered his friends. Cody starts a true-crime podcast to help uncover more details about his friends' deaths. It's so good! I have to figure out if they convicted the right man.

DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO READ MORE AUDIOBOOKS?

Yes! Find narrators you like. Generally, a narrator will read lots of books in the same genre. Also, think about what else you want to do while you listen. It helps to associate reading audiobooks with that activity.

RESOLVE TO GROW

FROM YA FICTION TO NEW ADULT FICTION

IF YOU ENJOYED THE **PERCY JACKSON** SERIES BY RICK RIORDAN, TRY **AMERICAN GODS** BY NEIL GAIMAN.

WHY YOU'LL LIKE IT: Neil Gaiman is a popular author of fantasy books. His books often are set in our world, but his characters are not like us. Gaiman reimagines mythological icons, with many of his heroes possessing magical abilities or in the case of this book, claiming to be former gods. Like *The Lightning Thief*, *American Gods* follows demigods and gods walking among mortals in a journey across the United States. Darker and just as brilliant, *American Gods* is the perfect transition from the YA shelves to the fantasy genre for adults. *Available in print, book-on-CD and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook, plus the adapted TV series on DVD



Authors Who Write Both Young Adult and Adult Fiction

If you love these YA authors, you've got to read their adult fiction books, too!

V.E./Victoria Schwab • Meg Cabot
Rainbow Rowell • Sherrilyn Kenyon
Leigh Bardugo • C.S. Lewis

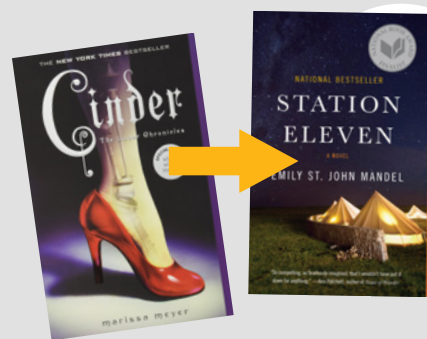


IF YOU LOVED **TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE** BY JENNY HAN, TRY THE **BROMANCE BOOK CLUB** BY LYSSA KAY ADAMS.

WHY YOU'LL LIKE IT: If you're looking for a sweet romance book like *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, check out *The Bromance Book Club*. When pro-baseball player Gavin Scott's wife asks for a divorce, he realizes that he has let pride get the better of him. Distraught, Gavin finds help from an unlikely source: a secret romance book club made up of Nashville's top alpha men. The guys coach Gavin on saving his marriage. Like Lara Jean, Gavin finds solace in steamy romance books, but soon realizes that life isn't like those stories. If you enjoy *The Bromance Book Club*, you're in for a treat – the book is the first in a fun series just like TATBILB! *Available in print, large print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

IF YOU ENJOYED **CINDER** BY MARISSA MEYER, TRY **STATION ELEVEN** BY EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL.

WHY YOU'LL LIKE IT: In both *Cinder* and *Station Eleven*, a deadly plague wipes out much of the human population. While there aren't any cyborg fairy tale characters in *Station Eleven*, it does feature a Hollywood star. Thoughtful and moving, *Station Eleven* follows a Shakespearean troupe traveling through what's left of Earth as we know it, bringing art and inspiration to a hopeless world. *Available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



IF YOU DEVoured **THE GREAT GATSBY** BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, TRY READING **JAZZ** BY TONI MORRISON.

WHY YOU'LL LIKE IT: There are two types of people in the world: those who like *The Great Gatsby* and those who LOVE *The Great Gatsby*. If you fall into the latter category, you should read *Jazz* by Toni Morrison, whom American literature lovers are quickly securing into the hall of fame next to Fitzgerald. *Jazz*, as the title suggests, is set during the Jazz Age like *The Great Gatsby*. When everybody sees nothing but good things ahead, Joe Trace shoots his teenage lover to death. At the funeral, Joe's wife attacks the girl's corpse. Old sport, *Jazz* has everything you love about *The Great Gatsby*: high stakes drama, deep metaphors and profound criticism of society. *Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



RESOLVE TO LEARN

A NEW HOBBY AND MEET YOUR GOALS WITH **kanopy**



If you resolve to eat healthier, you should watch

The Everyday Gourmet: Making Healthy Food Taste Great.

LENGTH: 6 HALF-HOUR EPISODES

In this Great Course, you will learn how to use healthy ingredients and seasonings, particularly of international cuisines, to enliven your diet and keep the pleasure in cooking and eating with this course taught by a nutrition instructor and a master chef at The Culinary Institute of America.



If you resolve to save more money, you should watch

Money Management Skills.

LENGTH: 12 HALF-HOUR EPISODES.
In this Great Course, you will learn a few basic principles to make good financial decisions. Whether you're just getting started in life or contemplating retirement, this course offers an excellent primer with all the information you need to build a financial plan to achieve your goals.

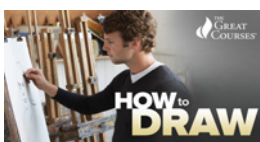


If you resolve to exercise more, you should watch

Essentials of Strength Training.

LENGTH: 6 HALF-HOUR EPISODES.
In this Great Course, learn how strength training unites scientific knowledge with results-driven practice in a wholly integrated system. Get insightful explanations of human physiology, helpful demonstrations of techniques and equipment, and interactive workout programs.

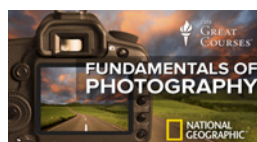
IF YOU RESOLVE TO LEARN A NEW HOBBY, YOU SHOULD WATCH THESE GREAT COURSES:



How to Draw



The Science of Gardening



Fundamentals of Photography



Dog Training 101



The National Geographic Guide to Birding in North America

With your Library card, you have access to Kanopy, a video streaming service. Kanopy offers thousands of films, documentaries and educational movies. Your Library card gives you access to 10 films per month, plus unlimited access to Kanopy Kids (featuring shows like *Sesame Street* and *Kratts' Creatures*). You also get unlimited access to *The Great Courses*, actual classes led by experts in fields from mathematics to tai chi.

Get started at oplib.kanopy.com or by downloading the app on your smartphone, tablet or smart TV.

Reading aloud with your children is one of the best ways to instill a love of learning! If you want to make reading aloud a nightly habit, start out the New Year with one of these books.

RESOLVE TO READ WITH YOUR FAMILY



IF YOUR CHILD LOVES TO LAUGH, TRY READING **THE CHICKEN SQUAD** BY DOREEN CRONIN.

Meet the Chicken Squad: Dirt, Sugar, Poppy and Sweetie. These chicks are not your typical barnyard puffs of fluff, and they are not about to spend their days pecking chicken feed and chasing bugs. No sir, they're too busy solving mysteries and fighting crime. **Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*

IF YOUR FAMILY NEEDS A PICK-ME-UP, TRY READING **WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE** BY RENÉE WATSON.

Ryan Hart loves to spend time with her friends, loves to invent recipes and has a lot on her mind—school, self-image and family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. Because Ryan is all about trying to see the best. **Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book*



IF YOUR CHILD LOVES ADVENTURE, TRY READING **ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY** BY CHRIS GRABENSTEIN.

Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative gamemaker in the world, is the genius behind the building of the new town library. Lucky Kyle Keeley wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight of fun, food and lots of games. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route. **Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



IF YOUR CHILD HAS A HUGE IMAGINATION, TRY READING **THE LAND OF STORIES: THE WISHING SPELL** BY CHRIS COLFER.

The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought. **Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CRAFTERNOON

Get creative and join us for Crafternoon! Pick up a Grab & Go Kit at your local branch (while supplies last) and then make the craft with us on Facebook Live.

ORIGAMI TREE BOOKMARKS

DECEMBER 2 | 2 PM

HOLIDAY GNOMES

DECEMBER 9 | 2 PM

BOOK PAGE ORNAMENTS

DECEMBER 16 | 2 PM



GENEALOGY 101 AND 102

Learn the basics of genealogy and family history in this two-part virtual program series on Facebook Live.

GENEALOGY 101

DECEMBER 8 | 10:30 AM
ON FACEBOOK LIVE

GENEALOGY 102

JANUARY 12 | 10:30 AM
ON FACEBOOK LIVE

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Learn strategies for the holidays at this virtual webinar led by the Alzheimer's Association. Find the link at our website.

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIOR

DECEMBER 15 | 5:30



BULLET JOURNALING

Organize your 2021 life, goals or classes with a bullet journal. Pick up a journal at your local branch (while supplies last) and learn how to create a bullet journal on Facebook Live.

DECEMBER 4 | 4 PM ON FACEBOOK LIVE

TEEN TUESDAY

Can you guess your favorite holiday songs with just emojis?



Join your teen librarians on Instagram Live @oplib for the fun and laughs.

EMOJI HOLIDAY TRIVIA

DECEMBER 15 | 4 PM
ON INSTAGRAM LIVE

TRIVIA

Test your knowledge against the librarians on Facebook Live!

HOLIDAY TRIVIA

DECEMBER 18 | 10:30 AM

DECADES TRIVIA

JANUARY 15 | 10:30 AM

VIRTUAL STORY TIME

Join your favorite children's librarians for songs, crafts and of course, stories, at virtual story time. Story time goes live on our Facebook page at 4 p.m. every Thursday except December 24 and 31. Watch live or watch later!

THURSDAYS | 4 PM ON FACEBOOK LIVE



BOOK CLUBS



RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB

The Rainbow Reads Book Club is for members of the LGBT community and their allies. For the Zoom link, email lcunningham@oplib.org.

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL

JANUARY 25 | 5 PM

BY JOHN BERENDT



MOCHA MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The Mocha Monday Book Club reads books by authors of color. For the Zoom link, email jgeever@oplib.org.

THE VANISHING HALF
BY BRIT BENNETT

DECEMBER 7 | 5 PM

SUCH A FUN AGE
BY KILEY REID

JANUARY 4 | 5 PM



ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Join our Facebook group and discuss these great books! Books are available in print and on the Hoopla app as both e-books and e-audiobooks.

EROTIC STORIES FOR PUNJABI WIDOWS
BALLI KAUR JASWAL

MONTH OF DECEMBER

BEFORE I LET YOU GO
BY KELLY RIMMER

MONTH OF JANUARY



LOST IN THE STACKS BOOK CLUB

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club. For the Zoom link, email hpriestley@oplib.org.

CITY OF GIRLS
BY ELIZABETH GILBERT

DECEMBER 8 | 5 PM

BABY OF THE FAMILY
BY MAURA ROOSEVELT

JANUARY 12 | 5 PM

GENERATIONS OF JULIAS

When Julia Scott inherited her grandmother's family photo album, she knew it was something special. Julia Elizabeth Dabbs Scott – called Grandma Scott by today's Julia Scott – held on to the album her entire life. Delicate to the touch, the binding was in bad shape but the photographs were pristine.

Inside the fragile book were dozens of historic images. These black and white photos date back to the times of Mealy, a renowned photographer in the Monroe region during the late 1800s. These photographs depict generations of Ms. Scott's ancestors, frozen in time, including a portrait of a baby, who our librarians believe is Grandma Scott.

Ms. Scott graciously donated her family photo album to the Ouachita Parish Public Library. Cyndy Robertson, who serves as an archivist, librarian and the Head of Genealogy and Special Collections Department, spent days painstakingly and carefully removing the photographs from the pages of the album. She then scanned the photographs into computer software so that the images would be digitally preserved for posterity. They are available to view in the Louisiana Digital Library (louisianadigitallibrary.com).

Ms. Scott has been researching her family history for decades. When she lived in New Orleans in the 1960s, she conducted research at the libraries there, but unfortunately lost her paperwork during numerous moves across the country. She picked up her research again and met with Library Genealogist Lora Peppers. Pulling from conversations with her aunt, Ms. Scott sought out to confirm some of the oral history stories with written records in the Library.

“There's a marvelous little book in the Library,” Ms. Scott said. “Genealogy is a very large puzzle. I got an awful lot out of that source.”

Through the years, Ms. Scott heard stories about the heroes and villains of her family. Her aunt told her a story about a distant relative who was killed by his brother-in-law when he tried to attack his own wife. She thought it may have been a tall tale, but was able to confirm the story with an old newspaper article detailing the ordeal by using Newspapers.com (free to use with your Library card).

Ms. Scott also heard a great number of stories of the fortitude of her grandmother's grandparents, Dr. Christopher Hunt Dabbs and his second wife, Julia Washington Muse Dabbs. She was told Dr. Dabbs was a well-respected physician in the area. Ms. Scott was later delighted when she found an old letter written to and from two ladies who had no connection to the Dabbs family, other than their detailing of Dr. Dabbs being incredibly helpful and supposedly handsome. Ms. Scott also heard many stories about the educational and philanthropic work of the eldest Julia (Julia Elizabeth Dabbs Scott). She was integral in founding the Monroe Catholic Church and school. She served as a teacher at the school until she wrote to the archdiocese to bring in a priest.

“Genealogy is a great pastime. Include your current family and get them into it, so it gets carried on and carried forward,” Ms. Scott said. “It's another way to hold the family together.”

Library patron discovers her own family history using Library resources and personal interviews



Dr. Christopher Hunt Dabbs, who married Julia Washington Muse Dabbs



James is the son of Dr. Dabbs and Julia WMD; Mary Olivia Collette Dabbs married him



Julia Elizabeth Dabbs, who later became Julia Elizabeth Dabbs Scott



OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS TO GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE WE GO

**Record your family
history during the
holidays!**

Have you ever wanted to research your family history and genealogy, but weren't sure where to start? The holidays are a great time to begin your research as you may visit with family. If you have an opportunity to interview an older family member, be sure to take advantage of the moment. You will learn about your ancestors, and your relatives will enjoy sharing their stories.

The best place to start your genealogy research is with yourself. Once you gather all the information you can find, begin working backwards from your parents to your grandparents. Keep track of what you find with a genealogy chart, in a notebook or on your computer (back-ups are important). Document your information and where you found it.

Personal interviews can be a vital source for your family history or genealogy research. On page 14 are some basic questions you can use to begin your genealogy research and can help get good family conversations started. It will be helpful to take notes or record your interview.

ASK YOUR LOVED ONE

1. What is your full name including maiden name if applicable? Were you named after someone?
2. When and where were you born?
3. What is your religion and were you baptized or christened? Church records and records from a family Bible can be a great source for genealogy.
4. Where was your first home and what are your earliest memories of your home?
5. What are the full names of any brothers or sisters? Do you have a favorite memory of them?
6. Do you know where early generations are buried? Is there a family cemetery?
7. Who is the oldest person you can remember as a child?
8. Did you marry? When and where? Include dates, names and places.
9. What did your family do for fun when you were a child?
10. What was work like? Did you have chores as a child?
11. Where did you attend school? What was it like?
12. What wars have been fought during your lifetime? Were you or family members in the military?

The Ouachita Parish Public Library has a designated Genealogy and Special Collections Department. Our staff are trained to assist with genealogy and family history research. They can show you how to use resources like Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com and more. These written records will give you facts, and a good interview can add interesting details to help you learn the rest of the story.

If you have questions about genealogy or want to access resources, reach out to the Library's Genealogy

and Special Collections Department located at the Main Branch at 1800 Stubbs Avenue in Monroe. The Department's hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. You can log on to the library web page and use your Library card at www.oplib.org/family-local-history, e-mail the librarians at genealogy_SC@oplib.org or call them at 318.342.1490 ext. 3022.

GENEALOGY 101 AND 102

GENEALOGY 101 DECEMBER 8 | 10:30 AM

Where do you even begin researching your family history? Learn what questions to ask, what resources to collect and more on Facebook Live.

GENEALOGY 102 JANUARY 12 | 10:30 AM

Now that you've collected your basic family information, learn how to move forward with Library resources like Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com and more on Facebook Live.

Learn the basics of genealogy and family history in this two-part virtual program series on Facebook Live.



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