



LIVINGSTON PARISH  
**LIBRARY**



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NOVEMBER 2023

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## YOUR LIBRARY IS ON THE BALLOT

**On Nov. 18, the Livingston Parish Library's sole source of funding will be up for the vote!**

On November 18, 2023, Livingston Parish voters will decide whether or not to extend an existing 10-year, 10-mill tax on acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating the Livingston Parish Library.

This is **A RENEWAL** of a parish-wide property tax that has been in place for 30 years: It was initially passed in 1995 and renewed in 2005 and 2014.

**THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX.**

### Key Facts

The millage is the Livingston Parish Library's major revenue source, funding more than 99% of the system's annual operating budget. This crucial funding source generates \$6 million a year and covers nearly all costs associated with operating a library system that serves 120,000 patrons.

If the millage is renewed (a vote "YES"), it would go into effect in 2025 and run through 2034, meaning the Livingston Parish Library would be funded through 2035.

If the millage is not renewed (a vote "NO"), the Library could be unfunded by 2026.

**The General Election will be Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023. Early voting runs Nov. 3-11.**

### Community Meetings

The Livingston Parish Library will host informational meetings to answer any questions the public may have regarding the 2023 millage renewal request.

**The schedule for the upcoming meetings is as follows:**

South Branch: 5:30 - 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 2, 2023.  
Watson Branch: 5:30 - 6:30 PM on Monday, November 6, 2023.  
Main Branch: 5:00 - 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.



### YOUR Library's Mission

Since its establishment in 1946, the Livingston Parish Library has proven to be a well-managed steward of public funds with a mission to provide all members of the community with the resources and programs necessary to fulfill their informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs.

**WE ARE A LIBRARY OF THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY.**

If the millage is renewed, the Library would be able to maintain and enhance its current services, programs, and events while also fulfilling a few long-term goals, such as building a sixth library branch, adding a Nature Trail behind the South Branch, buying a second mobile library, and hiring new staff.

For more information, visit [www.mylpl.info/2023librarymillage](http://www.mylpl.info/2023librarymillage).





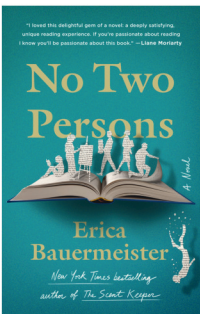
# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR: SUNNY ABERCROMBIE



### WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO WORK AT THE LIBRARY, AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

I have always loved books, but I never really thought of working in an environment of books. My mom was working at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch when a position opened at the Watson Branch. She told me about it, and fortunately, Mrs. Layne Johnson took a chance on me. It's been completely rewarding in so many ways. Over the past 5 years, I've grown from a part-time employee to full-time. I'm now in charge of Adult Programming at Watson.



### WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ, AND DID YOU ENJOY IT?

One of my favorite books I've read recently is "No Two Persons" by Erica Bauermeister. It was so good! It's about a book and the ways it changed the people who read it. The story really stuck with me. I loved it!

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THE LIBRARY?

The first time someone asked for and took a book suggestion from me, and then they loved it. The memory is vague, but I remember the feeling. I love how books can connect people from all walks of life!

## GAME NIGHT

Livingston Parish Library make board games available for check out



In its mission to fulfill all the needs of the community, the Livingston Parish Library has added board games to its collection of materials that patrons can check out.

The new collection provides access to board games in a variety of styles of play that inspire continued learning, constructive play, and critical thinking. Board games are available for players of all ages and skill levels.

Patrons will be able to check out board games starting **Nov. 1**. Adult, senior citizen, and educator patron types may check out two games per card for one week. Board games may be renewed once if there are no holds on the item.

The board game collection features games for preschoolers, elementary ages, tweens, teens, and families. It includes card, cooperative, party, educational, classic, and strategic games for various skill levels.

Patrons can stop by any of the five LPL branches to scan the games in person beginning Nov. 1, or they can search for Board Games in the Library's online catalog on that date. Games can be placed on hold and delivered to a patron's preferred branch.

Patrons are asked to return games with all pieces to the circulation desk at their nearest branch. **Board games may not be returned in the drop box.**



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

NOVEMBER 2023

## MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

11/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/6	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
11/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/8	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
11/9	5:30p	Leaf Lanterns	Ages 8-12
11/10	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
11/11	1:30p	Nursery Rhyme Olympics	Ages 5-7
11/13	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
11/14	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
11/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/15	2:30p	Oil Pastel Candle	Ages 13-18
11/17	6:00p	Outdoor COMMUNITY Movie - The Super Mario Bros. Movie	All Ages
11/27	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
11/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/29	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18

## ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

11/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/2	5:30p	Leaf Lanterns	Ages 8-12
11/4	10:30a	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8
11/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/9	5:30p	Oil Pastel Candle	Ages 13-18
11/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/16	5:30p	Nursery Rhyme Olympics	Ages 5-7
11/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

11/1	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
11/4	2:00p	Nursery Rhyme Olympics	Ages 5-7
11/6	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
11/6	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/11	10:00a	Cubsight Vision Screenings with Livingston Parish Lions Club	Ages 1-18
11/13	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
11/13	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/15	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
11/16	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
11/17	10:30a	Wiggle Worms Music and Movement	Ages 0-5

## WATSON

11/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/2	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
11/2	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
11/3	10:30a	Wiggle Worms Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
11/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/9	5:30p	Giant Games	All Ages
11/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/16	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
11/17	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
11/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## SOUTH

11/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/7	5:30p	Oil Pastel Candle	Ages 13-18
11/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/14	5:30p	Leaf Lanterns	Ages 8-12
11/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
11/21	5:30p	Nursery Rhyme Olympics	Ages 5-7
11/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

We Will Be  
**CLOSED**  
Nov. 23 & 24

HAPPY  
Thanksgiving

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

## WATSON

11/7	5:30p	Master Gardener: Zen Gardening	Ages 18+
11/10	1:00p	Thanksgiving Garland	Ages 18+
11/14	10:00a	Watson Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
11/14	6:00p	Watson Spine Tinglers Book Club	Ages 18+
11/21	5:30p	Corrugated Owl	Ages 18+

## ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

11/3	1:00p	Thanksgiving Garland	Ages 18+
11/14	4:00p	Paper Mache' Fall Lantern	Ages 18+
11/27	10:00a	ASB Book Club	Ages 18+

## MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

11/18	10:30a	Thanksgiving Garland	Ages 18+
11/28	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+
11/30	5:30p	Corrugated Owl	Ages 18+

## DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

11/2	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
11/6	2:00p	Basic Computer Skills	Ages 18+
11/7	2:00p	Using Email	Ages 18+
11/8	2:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
11/9	10:00a	Starting Your Own Business	Ages 18+
11/9	2:00p	Paper Mâché Fall Lantern	Ages 18+
11/11	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
11/13	5:00p	Excel Basics	Ages 18+
11/14	2:00p	Intermediate Excel	Ages 18+
11/15	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
11/16	10:30a	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+

## SOUTH

11/7	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
11/16	5:30p	Corrugated Owl	Ages 18+

All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info) and click on events.

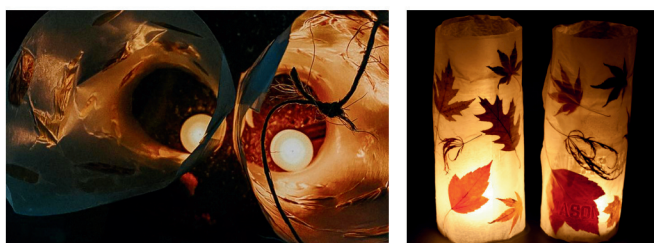


# KIDS CORNER

## LEAF LANTERNS

Bring your own leaves or choose from our collection to create a beautiful, simple leaf lantern that will light up your fall evenings! Refreshments provided. Registration is required. *For ages 8-12.*

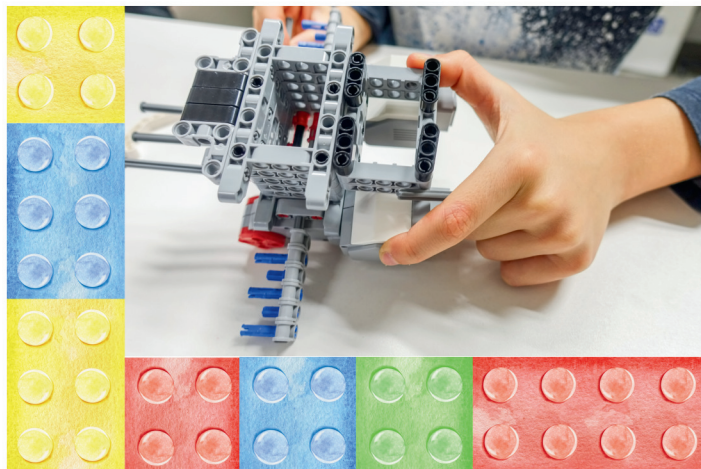
AS	Thursday, November 2	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, November 9	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, November 14	5:30 pm



## LEGO CLUB

Calling all LEGO lovers! Each month we will host LEGO Club with a different theme. LEGO will be provided. *For ages 5-12.*

DSW Thursday, November 16 5:30 pm



## NURSERY RHYME OLYMPICS



Jack be nimble. Jill be quick. What a fun way to make learning stick! Experience your favorite nursery rhymes at the library. Look for a bone for Old Mother Hubbard's dog, put Humpty Dumpty back together again, and play your way through so much more at this fun obstacle course program! Registration Required. *For ages 5-7.*

DSW	Saturday, November 4	2:00 pm
MAIN	Saturday, November 11	1:30 pm
AS	Thursday, November 16	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, November 21	5:30 pm



# ALL AGES

## GIANT GAMES

Come play your favorite games, but BIGGER! Join us at the library for a twist on your classic family game night. *For all ages.*

WAT Thursday, November 9 5:30 pm



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## OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MOVIE - THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE



Let's-a-go! Watch as Mario joins forces with Princess Peach and Toad. The trio is in search of Mario's brother Luigi. Together, they hope to defeat the evil Bowser and save the Mushroom Kingdom from his destructive schemes. Popcorn and hot chocolate provided. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to make yourself comfortable. Registration is required. *For all ages.*

MAIN Friday, November 17 6:00 pm



# TEEN SCENE

## OIL PASTEL CANDLE

Using oil pastels is fun and easy to do! Learn about chiaroscuro and create fantastic art with color and texture. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

STH	Tuesday, November 7	5:30 pm
AS	Thursday, November 9	5:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, November 15	2:30 pm



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Do you want to help out at the library? Join a Teen Advisory Board and make a difference! TAB volunteers suggest programs you would like to see, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for our young adult sections. Apply at the Library Today! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT	Thursday, November 2	5:00 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, November 14	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, November 15	5:00 pm

## TEEN HANG OUT

Join us at Teen Hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, snacks, and more. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Wednesday, November 1	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, November 2	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, November 16	5:30 pm

## TEEN AFTER SCHOOL

Looking for something to do after school? Join us at the library! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, snacks, and more. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Monday, November 6	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, November 8	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, November 13	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, November 27	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, November 29	2:30 pm



## CUBSIGHT VISION SCREENINGS WITH LIVINGSTON PARISH LIONS CLUB

In partnership with the Livingston Parish Library, the Livingston Parish Lions Club will offer free vision screenings to help ensure early identification of vision problems that can get in the way of learning success. Drop by the Library any time during program hours to get your child's vision screened. All participants must complete a vision screening form. Pick up a copy of the form from any of our five library branches to complete before the program to speed up your visit! Please note that this is a vision screening only and does not take the place of a comprehensive eye exam by a vision professional. *For ages 1-18.*

DSW	Saturday, November 11	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## ADULT WRITERS' CLUB

Are you looking for a friendly writer's atmosphere? People to share ideas with? Feedback for your latest writing project? Come to an interest meeting about our debut creative writing group. We focus on support, helping each other, and having fun! All genres and all levels, from novice to pro writers are welcome. During each club meeting we will participate in troubleshooting discussion, enjoy some writing time, and end the session with friendly feedback for those who want it. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, November 2 6:00 pm



## THANKSGIVING GARLAND

Create a beautiful reminder to be THANKFUL this year as we celebrate the upcoming holidays. We will be making a simple garland to hang in your home. All supplies provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

AS	Friday, November 3	1:00 pm
WAT	Friday, November 10	1:00 pm
MAIN	Saturday, November 18	10:30 am

## CORRUGATED OWL

Fall is our cue to start anew. Owls symbolize change and transformation. Let's bring the two together by transforming an ordinary piece of cardboard into a beautiful owl. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH	Thursday, November 16	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, November 21	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, November 30	5:30 pm

## MASTER GARDENER: ZEN GARDENING

Are you looking to emphasize naturalness, simplicity, and tranquility in your plant life? If so, Zen Gardening is for you. Join us at the Library to learn the theory and design of Japanese Rock Gardens. Information about this natural art form is presented by the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

WAT Tuesday, November 7 5:30 pm





## PAPER MÂCHÉ FALL LANTERN

Hang a hand-made lantern on your porch or by your bed. This lovely paper mâché globe is layered with tissue paper and colorful fall leaves to create a romantic light anywhere you hang it. Bring colorful leaves from your yard or use some of ours. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, November 9 2:00 pm  
AS Tuesday, November 14 4:00 pm



## AFTERNOON BOARD GAMES

Board gaming is exploding as a hobby! Join us at the library to try out our collection. There's something for everyone: traditional, casual, and strategy. Space is available for tabletop role-playing. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, November 11 1:00 pm



## STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Learn tips on becoming a money-smart business owner from Nationally Certified Credit Counselor Lynn D. Gobert of Pelican State Credit Union. Attendees will learn the steps to starting a business, building personal credit, and how personal credit affects business lending. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, November 9 10:00 am



## ESL FOR BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

Come practice your English with us! This English as a Second Language class is free, and the library will supply all materials. For further information or to sign up, contact Lee Cline at 225-686-4118. Para asistencia en español llame a Ruby Garcia 225-686-4111. Registration is required. Contact Lee Cline or Ruby Garcia to register. *For ages 18+.*





# Take & Makes!

## LEAF TURKEY

This take and make will be gobbles of fun! Your child will search outside for leaves to make the turkey's tail. Craft kits are available at all branches while supplies last. *For ages 3-12.*



## PUMPKIN DÉCOR-KS

For cork collectors and their loved ones, Pumpkin Décor-ks are the perfect decoration kit this fall. Grab a kit at your nearest branch today! Kits available while supplies last. *For ages 18+.*



## BRANCHES

### Main Branch

20390 Iowa Street  
Livingston, LA 70754  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4160

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### South

23477 LA Hwy 444  
Livingston, LA 70754  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4170

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Albany - Springfield

26941 LA Hwy 43  
Hammond, LA 70403  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4130

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Denham Springs - Walker

8101 US Hwy 190  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4140

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Watson

36581 Outback Road  
Denham Springs, LA 70706  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4180

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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