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COMIC CON 2024

Livingston Parish Library to host 9th Annual Comic Con event Feb. 24

Are you ready for Livingston Parish's BIGGEST celebration of comic books, movies, television, video games, and all things pop culture?

We hope so... because we are!

One of the parish's most popular annual events will return when the Livingston Parish Library (LPL) hosts its 9th Annual Comic Con on Saturday, Feb. 24. People of all ages are invited to celebrate their favorite fandom at this free event, which is open to the public.

Comic Con will run from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch. All other branches of the Livingston Parish Library system will be closed the day of the event.



Inspired by the mega-event that takes place annually in San Diego, LPL's Comic Con invites attendees to participate in games and activities, interact with local authors, illustrators and graphic novelists, and dress up as their favorite characters from books, comic books, movies, television, video games, and more.



Held at the Livingston Parish Library's biggest, most innovative branch, visitors can also utilize the Library's Idea Lab, which contains virtual reality and 3D printing capabilities. In recent years, one of the most anticipated events has been the Cosplay Contest, which draws dozens of participants of all ages.

And one new addition we know visitors will love is the availability of food trucks. That's right — there will be food trucks at Comic Con this year!

We hope to see you there!

SPREADING SOME HOLIDAY WARMTH

LIBRARY COLLECTS 3,055 PAIRS OF SOCKS IN SOCK DRIVE

Once again, the Livingston Parish community showed its giving spirit.

Approximately 3,055 pairs of new, unused socks were donated through the Livingston Parish Library as part of Baton Rouge Parents Magazine's 19th Annual Sock It To Me! Sock Drive.

This is the most the system has ever collected.

Held every year during the holiday season, the Sock It to Me! Sock Drive takes place in the Greater Baton Rouge area, covering East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Ascension, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, and West Baton Rouge parishes.

To ensure donations remain in the Livingston Parish community, all socks collected by the Livingston Parish Library were donated to The Family Village, a Walker-based non-profit organization that serves Livingston Parish.

Founded in 2018, The Family Village provides necessities to children who have been separated from their homes in a traumatic event. The items are provided free of charge to children of all ages, ranging from newborns to teenagers and young adults.

On average, The Family Village serves more than one child per day.

Thank you, Livingston Parish!



READING THROUGH THE DECADES

Readers Club February Suggestions – The 1910s

Have you joined the Livingston Parish Library's Readers Club? If not, it's time to join the fun!

The LPL's Readers Club is a year-long reading challenge that runs from Jan. 1- Dec. 31 and gives participants the chance to win prizes for reaching reading milestones within that year.

Along with reading or listening to books, participants can enter Monthly Challenges to win more prizes. To take part in the challenge, participants must read a book based on that month's theme.

The theme for the 2024 Readers Club is "Reading Through the Decades," with each month representing a specific decade. To take part in February's challenge, **participants must read a book published in the 1910s or set in the 1910s.**

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan
The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis
The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue
Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
The Victory Garden by Rhys Bowen



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

FEBRUARY 2024

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

2/5	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
2/6	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
2/7	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/7	2:30p	Soot Sprites	Ages 13-18
2/9	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
2/14	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/17	11:00a	Resistance Painting	All Ages
2/19	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
2/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/21	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
2/22	5:30p	Minecraft Creeper Crafts	Ages 8-12
2/26	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
2/28	10:30	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/28	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

2/14	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/15	5:30p	Soot Sprites	Ages 13-18
2/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/22	5:30p	Resistance Painting	All Ages
2/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/29	5:30p	Minecraft Creeper Crafts	Ages 8-12

SOUTH

2/3	10:30a	Friends & Needles	Ages 16+
2/5	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
2/6	5:00p	Minecraft Creeper Crafts	Ages 8-12
2/7	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/10	1:00p	Resistance Painting	All Ages
2/14	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/19	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
2/20	2:00p	STEM Superstars: Genomics	Ages 6-12
2/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/27	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

2/1	5:30p	Minecraft Creeper Crafts	Ages 8-12
2/5	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
2/5	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/7	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
2/8	6:00p	STEM Superstars: Genomics	Ages 6-12
2/12	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
2/12	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/14	6:00p	Resistance Painting	All Ages
2/15	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/16	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
2/17	10:30a	Yeti Party and Puppet Show	Ages 3-7
2/19	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
2/19	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/21	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
2/24	10:00a	9th Annual Livingston Parish Library Comic Con	All Ages
2/26	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
2/26	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/28	5:00p	Soot Sprites	Ages 13-18
2/29	6:00p	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8

WATSON

2/1	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
2/1	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
2/2	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
2/7	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/8	5:30p	Minecraft Creeper Crafts	Ages 8-12
2/14	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/15	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
2/16	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
2/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/22	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/29	5:30p	Resistance Painting	All Ages

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

2/14	6:30p	Outdoor Movie: Valentine's Day Edition	Ages 18+
2/17	10:00a	VITA Tax Preparation	Ages 14+
2/27	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+
2/29	5:30p	Magnolia Blossom	Ages 18+

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

2/26	10:00a	ASB Book Club	Ages 18+
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SOUTH

2/6	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
2/15	5:30p	Magnolia Blossom	Ages 18+
2/22	5:30p	Sparkling Dragonfly	Ages 18+
2/29	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

WATSON

2/6	11:00a	Watson Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
2/6	6:00p	Watson Spine Tinglers Book Club	Ages 18+
2/20	5:30p	Magnolia Blossom	Ages 18+
2/27	5:00p	Suminagashi Ink Marbling	Ages 18+

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

2/1	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
2/2	12:00p	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	Ages 18+
2/3	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
2/5	5:00p	Word Basics	Ages 18+
2/6	2:00p	Sparkling Dragonfly	Ages 18+
2/6	2:00p	Excel Basics	Ages 18+
2/12	2:00p	Using Email	Ages 18+
2/14	1:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
2/15	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
2/15	10:30a	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
2/17	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
2/20	2:00p	Basic Computer Skills	Ages 18+
2/21	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
2/26	2:00p	Internet Basics	Ages 18+

All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit www.mylpl.info and click on events.

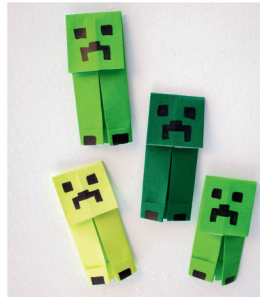
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KIDS CORNER

MINECRAFT CREEPER CRAFTS

Do you like Minecraft? Join us for fun and make Minecraft Creeper crafts at your library! Refreshments are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 8-12.*

DSW	Thursday, February 1	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, February 6	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 8	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, February 22	5:30 pm
AS	Thursday, February 29	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, February 15	6:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 22	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, February 27	5:00 pm



STEM SUPERSTARS: GENOMICS

Interested in learning more about science, technology, engineering, and math? Join us this month to learn about DNA and perform an experiment on a strawberry. Registration is required. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW	Thursday, February 8	6:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, February 20	2:00 pm

THE CREATIVE KREWE

Creativity starts here: Imagine. Draw. Paint. Come along with us as we learn about various types of art. We will try new mediums and techniques throughout the year. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to advanced artists. Registration is required. *For ages 8-18.*

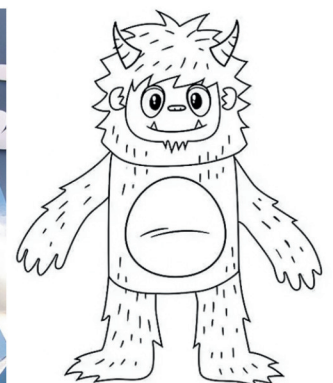
STH	Monday, February 5	4:00 pm
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YETI PARTY AND PUPPET SHOW

Yeti is on a mission to discover the source of letters that continuously find her on her mountain top. Who wrote the letters? Where do they come from? Journey with Yeti and her friends to discover the answer to this mystery in a fun puppet show. Afterwards enjoy some Yeti-filled fun with activities and games. *For ages 3-7.*

DSW	Saturday, February 17	10:30 am
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TEEN SCENE

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.*

WAT	Thursday, February 1	5:30 pm
DSW	Wednesday, February 7	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 15	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, February 5	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, February 19	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, February 21	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, February 26	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, February 28	2:30 pm



SOOT SPRITES

Embark on an enchanting exploration of the Soot Sprite realm! Unleash your inner Soot Sprite and craft your very own mischievous critter. Registration is Required. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Wednesday, February 7	2:30 pm
AS	Thursday, February 15	5:30 pm
DSW	Wednesday, February 28	5:00 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, February 1	5:00 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, February 6	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, February 21	5:00 pm

ALL AGES

RESISTANCE PAINTING

Who can "resist" a fun filled family painting experience? Join us as we explore making "resist" layers to shape invisible designs and patterns that will resist or repel watercolor away. Registration is required. *For all ages.*

STH	Saturday, February 10	1:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, February 14	6:00 pm
MAIN	Saturday, February 17	11:00 am
AS	Thursday, February 22	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 29	5:30 pm



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? Our creative writing group is for you. 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 discussions, enjoy some writing time, and end the session with friendly feedback for those who want it. To find out how to join, contact Lee Cline at lcline@mylpl.info. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, February 1 6:00 pm
DSW Thursday, February 15 10:00 am



MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM

Turn balloons into blossoms! Create a magical Magnolia that will never fade! Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH Thursday, February 15 5:30 pm
WAT Tuesday, February 20 5:30 pm
MAIN Thursday, February 29 5:30 pm



OUTDOOR MOVIE: VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION

Pack a picnic dinner, grab your date, and cozy up on the library's lawn to watch the most romantic adventure of all time --- The Princess Bride (PG). All couples who attend will receive a foil-wrapped chocolate rose while supplies last. Popcorn and hot chocolate provided. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to make yourself comfortable. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN Wednesday, February 14 6:30 pm

SUMINAGASHI INK MARBLING

In this class we will be learning the ancient Japanese form of water marbling called "Suminagashi". Create mesmerizing patterns of floating ink on water and then transfer them onto paper. All supplies provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

WAT Tuesday, February 27 5:00 pm



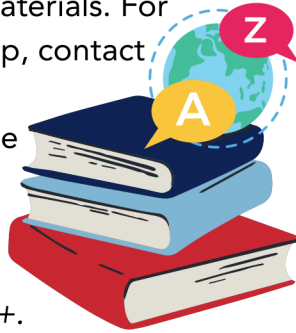
ESL FOR BEGINNERS

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+.*

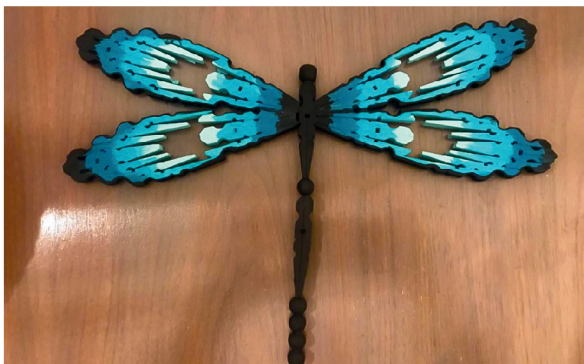


SPARKLING DRAGONFLY

Decorate your handmade dragonfly with bling and no one will guess that you made it with clothespins! Clip it anywhere you want to add a little sparkle! Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Tuesday, February 6 2:00 pm

STH Thursday, February 22 5:30 pm

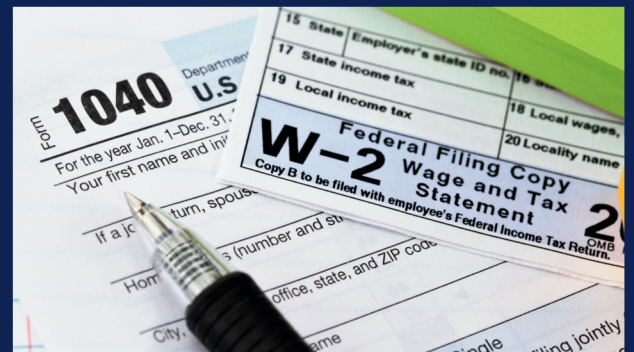


VITA TAX PREPARATION

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites like this one at YOUR Livingston Parish Library offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including people who generally make \$60,000 or less, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers. VITA services are not only free, they are also a reliable and trusted source for preparing tax returns.

Registration is required. ***For ages 14+.*** Please call the Library to register for this program. Check out what you'll need to bring to your appointment online at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/checklist-for-free-tax-return-preparation>.

MAIN Saturday, February 17 10:00 am



ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

We know that being the caregiver of a loved one with Alzheimer's or related dementia can be tough. That's why, in partnership with the Livingston Parish Library, trained facilitators from the Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area are here for you. Join a free, caring, non-judgmental meeting where families and friends share their experiences and learn essential information for coping with the disease. These meetings are open to all caregivers of persons affected by Alzheimer's or a related dementia and will typically last one hour. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Friday, February 2 12:00 pm



Take & Makes!

PAINTED FLEUR DE LIS

It's that time of year: Mardi Gras! The Fleur de Lis in purple, green and gold is a symbol of the season and you can create your own. Grab a kit at your nearest branch today while supplies last. *For ages 18+.*

TOY ENGINEERING - FIDGET SPINNER

Want to make your very own paper fidget spinner? Grab a kit from the library while supplies last! *For ages 8-18.*



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