



LIVINGSTON PARISH
LIBRARY



NEWSLETTER

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WE INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL LIVINGSTON PARISH BOOK FESTIVAL

**Livingston Parish's biggest celebration of books and literacy is back,
and YOUR Livingston Parish Library is ready for the biggest year yet!**

The Eighth Annual Livingston Parish Book Festival will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Main Branch in Livingston.

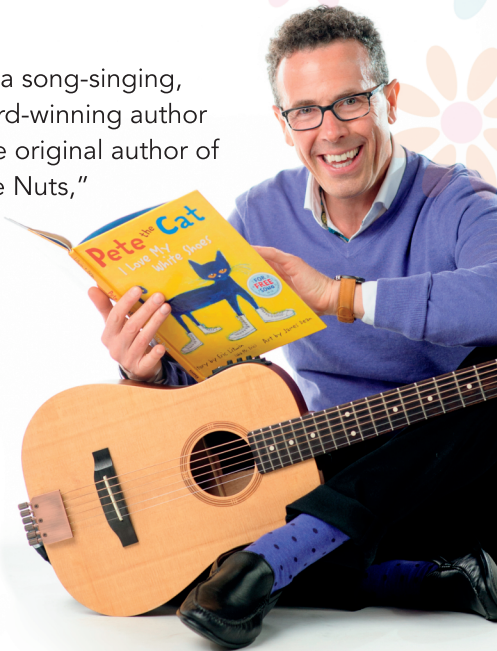
Free and open to the public, the festival will feature author discussions, book signings, live music, food trucks, and activities for the entire family to enjoy. Attendees will receive free books, while supplies last.

Headlining this year's Book Festival will be Eric Litwin, a song-singing, guitar-strumming, #1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning author who brings early literacy and music together. Eric is the original author of the "Pete the Cat" series, and he has also written "The Nuts," "Groovy Joe," and "The Poop Song." His books have sold over 13 million copies, been translated into 17 languages, and won 26 literacy awards, including a Theodor Geisel Seuss Honor Award.

Fellow headliners include mystery writer Ellen Byron, author of the award-winning "Cajun Country Mystery" series, and young adult writer Sarah Guillory, who penned the critically acclaimed "Nowhere Better Than Here" and "Reclaimed." Additionally, dozens of other writers will be on hand at Authors' Row.

For all you Scooby-Doo fans, we have a groovy treat in store: The Mystery Machine will be on site, giving people of all ages a chance to take a picture with owner Danielle Kent's authentically decked-out 1968 Dodge A100.

For entertainment, visitors will be treated to the exceptional talents of former American Idol contestant and Livingston Parish native Ashton Gill. People will also be able to interact with animals from Bee Happy Farm and Mobile Petting Zoo, a locally-owned, family-friendly business in Holden, and learn about a plethora of organizations on Community Row.



Be sure to visit mylpl.info/BookFestival for more details on this year's Book Festival.

We hope to see you there!

BOOK FESTIVAL FEATURED GUESTS

HERE ARE THE HEADLINING AUTHORS, ENTERTAINERS FOR THIS YEAR'S BOOK FESTIVAL.

The Eighth Annual Livingston Parish Book Festival is this month, and the Livingston Parish Library has plenty in store for all ages!

Pictured are some of the headlining authors and entertainers who are slated to appear at this year's Book Festival, which will be held at the Main Branch in Livingston on Saturday, Oct. 21. We'll also have dozens more authors on Authors' Row, as well as many local organizations on Community Row.

We hope you'll join us in our yearly celebration of literacy, books, and Livingston Parish! As always, this event is free and open to the public.

LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST BOOK FESTIVAL YET!



Eric Litwin



Ellen Byron



Sarah Guillory



Mystery Machine



Bee Happy Petting Zoo



Ashton Gill

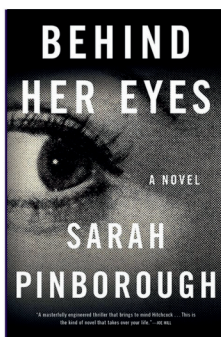
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CIRCULATION COORDINATOR: JESSICA WAGUESPACK



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

I have always been an avid reader, and I love learning, expanding my knowledge in many fields, and interacting with people. I knew that working for a library would allow me to have this opportunity. The feeling of satisfaction when someone achieves their goal with the help of our resources, such as classes, programs, materials, databases, or simply finding a good book, is priceless. In the 19 years I've been here, I have seen people grow up and become pillars of our community. I've seen people learn to read, learn to use computers and get jobs, and I've seen children I've read to in Storytime pursue a library degree. Some have even come to work for our library. I have witnessed our community unite and strengthen through the aid of our libraries. I do not know what more I could ever ask for in such a fulfilling role as a Library Associate.



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

One of the last books I read was *Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough. It is an amazing, suspenseful psychological thriller, and Pinborough keeps us guessing. It is a complete page-turner with an ending that I did not see coming! I loved it!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THE LIBRARY?

I have been here for many, many years, so to pick just one is impossible. But one of the things I really enjoy is seeing all the children growing up in the library and then bringing their children in for the same wonderful growing and learning opportunities. Their love of knowledge and reading is passed down from one generation to the next. Livingston Parish Library, our community, our family – there is nothing better!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

OCTOBER 2023

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/2	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/4	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/5	5:30p	Pumpkin Decorating with a Twist	All Ages
10/9	2:30p	Zip Tie Crowns	Ages 13-18
10/10	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/11	10:30	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/11	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/13	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
10/16	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/18	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/18	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/19	5:30p	Halloween Squishies	Ages 5-7
10/21	11:00a	Book Festival	All Ages
10/23	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/25	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
10/28	6:00p	Second Annual Trunk or Treat at Your Library	All Ages
10/30	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/4	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/5	5:30p	Bad Art Night	Ages 8-12
10/7	10:30a	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8
10/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/26	5:30p	Halloween Squishes	Ages 5-7
10/28	1:00p	Pumpkin Decorating with a Twist	All Ages

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/2	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/4	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
10/9	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/11	5:00p	Zip Tie Crowns	Ages 13-18
10/14	2:00p	Pumpkin Decorating With a Twist	All Ages
10/16	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/17	6:00p	Halloween Squishies	Ages 5-7
10/18	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/19	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/20	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
10/23	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/25	6:00p	Bad Art Night	Ages 8-12
10/26	6:00p	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8
10/30	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

WATSON

10/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/5	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/5	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13 - 18
10/6	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
10/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/12	5:30p	Pumpkin Decorating with a Twist	All Ages
10/14	2:00p	Halloween Squishies	Ages 5-7
10/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/19	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13 - 18
10/25	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/26	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12

SOUTH

10/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/7	1:00p	Pumpkin Decorating with a Twist	All Ages
10/10	6:00p	Halloween Squishies	Ages 5-7
10/11	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

Annual BOOK FESTIVAL!

All other branches will be CLOSED

VISIT THE MAIN BRANCH OCTOBER 21 AT 11:00AM FOR THE FESTIVITIES!

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/12	5:30p	Sock Pumpkins	Ages 18+
10/26	5:30p	The Flowers Are Watching: Halloween Wreath	Ages 18+
10/31	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+

WATSON

10/10	10:00a	Watson Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
10/10	6:00p	Watson Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
10/17	5:30p	The Flowers Are Watching: Halloween Wreath	Ages 18+
10/24	5:30p	Sock Pumpkins	Ages 18+

SOUTH

10/12	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
10/12	5:30p	The Flowers Are Watching: Halloween Wreath	Ages 18+
10/26	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/6	1:00p	The Flowers Are Watching: Halloween Wreath	Ages 18+
10/10	2:00p	Depression Glass	Ages 18+
10/27	2:00p	Sock Pumpkins	Ages 18+
10/30	10:00a	ASB Book Club	Ages 18+

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/2	5:00p	Word Basics	Ages 18+
10/3	2:00p	Excel Basics	Ages 18+
10/5	5:30p	Book Festival Book Club	Ages 18+
10/9	2:00p	Intermediate Word	Ages 18+
10/10	2:00p	Intermediate Excel	Ages 18+
10/10	6:00p	LPL Career Center, Job Research	Ages 18+
10/11	2:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
10/12	6:00p	Master Gardener: Composting & Plant Swap	Ages 18+
10/14	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
10/16	2:00p	Power Point	Ages 18+
10/17	2:00p	Publisher	Ages 18+
10/17	6:00p	LPL Career Center, Resume Building	Ages 18+
10/18	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
10/19	10:30a	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
10/24	6:00p	LPL Career Center, Job Interview	Ages 18+
10/24	2:00p	Pumpkin Table Topper	Ages 18+
10/27	2:00p	Pumpkin Table Topper	Ages 18+
10/28	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	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.

KIDS CORNER

BAD ART NIGHT

The goal? To be the absolute worst! We'll provide the materials, you make the bad art. Let your creative side run wild and free at the library! And when it's all over, you can vote for your favorite pieces and possibly win a bad art trophy. *For ages 8-12.*

AS	Thursday, October 5	5:30 pm
DSW	Wednesday, October 25	6:00 pm

HALLOWEEN SQUISHIES

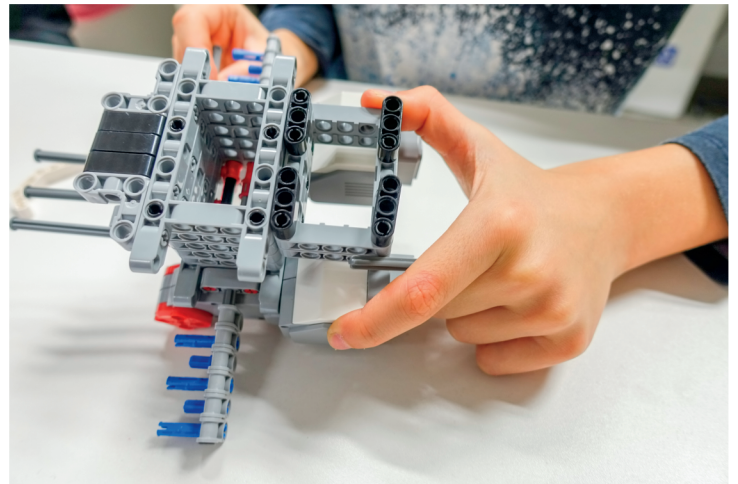
Do you love squishies? Us too! Join us as we learn how to make different types of squishies that everyone can enjoy! *For ages 5-7.*

STH	Tuesday, October 10	6:00 pm
WAT	Saturday, October 14	2:00 pm
DSW	Tuesday, October 17	6:00 pm
MAIN	Thursday, October 19	5:30 pm
AS	Thursday, October 26	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, October 19	6:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 26	5:30 pm



FOR ALL AGES



SECOND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AT YOUR LIBRARY

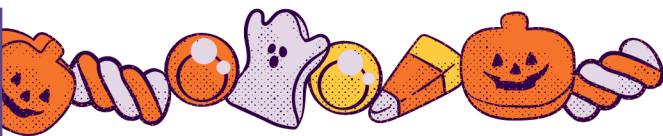
Make the Livingston Parish Library one of your safe trick-or-treating stops this year! Come in costume and show off your spookalicious style at Main (Livingston) Branch's Second Annual Trunk or Treat. Bring yourself, and we'll provide both the trunk and the treat. Don't be afraid! Things won't get too spooky at this family-friendly event. *For all ages.*

MAIN	Saturday, October 28	6:00 pm
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PUMPKIN DECORATING WITH A TWIST

It's time again to do pumpkin painting with creative twists! For this family-friendly program, bring your own mini pumpkin and use our supplies to decorate it, but also create some fun and decorative pumpkin crafts that don't require an actual pumpkin. There's something for every age at this squash-filled jamboree. Registration is required. *For all ages.*

MAIN	Thursday, October 5	5:30 pm
STH	Saturday, October 7	1:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 12	5:30 pm
DSW	Saturday, October 14	2:00 pm
AS	Saturday, October 28	1:00 pm



TEEN SCENE

TEEN HANGOUT

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, October 4	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 5	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 19	5:30 pm



TEENS 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, October 2	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, October 4	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, October 11	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, October 16	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, October 18	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, October 23	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, October 25	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, October 30	2:30 pm

ZIP TIE CROWNS

Have you made your own sunburst crown yet? Now is your chance! Join us at the library as we show off our uniqueness by making zip-tie crowns that reflect our personal style! Registration is Required. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Monday, October 9	2:30 pm
DSW	Wednesday, October 11	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.*

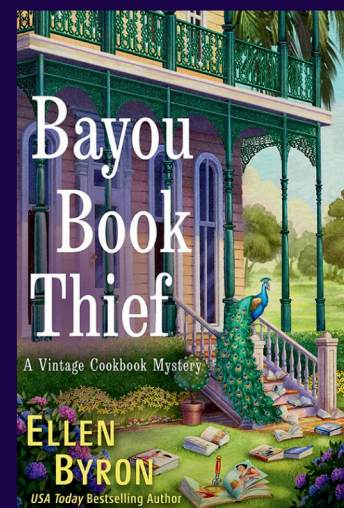
WAT	Thursday, October 5	5:00 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, October 10	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, October 18	5:00 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK FEST BOOK CLUB

In honor of Book Festival guest speaker Ellen Byron, the Livingston Parish Library will host a specialty one-off book club. Read Ellen's New Orleans-based cozy mystery, *Bayou Book Thief*, during September, then join us in October to chat about museums, magnolias, and murder. We'll deliver a tasteful Crescent City-themed evening of friendly discussion, games, and more! We guarantee you'll leave this get-together ready to meet Ellen Byron in person at the Book Festival. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., and book discussion will begin at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, October 5 5:30 pm



SOCK PUMPKINS

Everyone thinks of socks and pumpkins when they think of fall. What happens when you put the two together? You get a surprisingly elegant sock pumpkin to add to your fall décor. Come create some fun. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN	Thursday, October 12	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, October 24	5:30 pm
AS	Friday, October 27	2:00 pm



PUMPKIN TABLE TOPPER

It's pumpkin time again! We're making a fun pumpkin table topper at the library by upcycling tin cans and stockings with a little plaster and paint thrown in. Make yours funny, happy or scary; just come and make yours! This will be a two-part program; you must attend both sessions in order to complete the project. Dress for a mess! Registration required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Tuesday, October 24	2:00 pm
DSW	Friday, October 27	2:00 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, & strategy. Space is available for tabletop role-playing. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Saturday, October 14	1:00 pm
DSW	Saturday, October 28	1:00 pm

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+.*



THE FLOWERS ARE WATCHING: HALLOWEEN WREATH

Watch out! These flowers are watching you. Get into the spooky season with this elegantly unnerving Halloween wreath. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

AS	Friday, October 6	1:00 pm
STH	Thursday, October 12	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, October 17	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, October 26	5:30 pm



MASTER GARDENER: COMPOSTING & PLANT SWAP

Waste not, want not! Do you have an abundance of plants you want to share with other gardening enthusiasts? Join us for a presentation on composting that will be followed by a plant swap. Bring a plant to share, leave with a plant you didn't have before. Plant clippings, full plants, seeds, and bulbs are welcome! This program is presented by the Livingston Parish Library in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, October 12 6:00 pm



DEPRESSION GLASS

Say, just what is Depression Glass? Would you know it if you saw it? Join us at the library for an intriguing presentation from The Crescent City Depression Glass Society. You'll learn about the history and marketing of this colorful glassware, plus view a selection of delightful pieces. Don't miss your opportunity to get up close and personal with the glass that changed its industry forever. *For ages 18+.*

AS Tuesday, October 10 2:00 pm



Take & Makes!

BUTTON BATS

Did you know there are bats at your library branch? Yes, we've bagged them up for you to take and bring home to make. You'll love having these charming creatures of the night around your house. Kits are available at all five of our library branches while supplies last. Get your kit today! *For ages 18+.*

SCARECROW

Harvest time is here! Let's make a cute little scarecrow. Kits are available at all branches while supplies last. *For ages 3-12.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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