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WHAT A YEAR!

2024 was a big year for the Livingston Parish Library, and we have much to celebrate!

Over the last year, YOUR Library continued in its mission to provide all members of the community with resources and programs to fulfill their informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs.

Here are a few accomplishments and milestones from the last year:

- We held our biggest Comic Con to date, with more than 2,000 visitors.
- We held our biggest Summer Reading Program to date, recording the most-ever SRP registrations and completions as well as the highest SRP event attendance.
- The Denham Springs-Walker Branch was voted runner-up for "Favorite Library Branch" in Baton Rouge Parents Magazine's 2024 Family Favorites contest.
- We became one of 18 library systems to launch the Check Out Louisiana State Parks program, which allows cardholders to visit Louisiana's state parks and historic sites at no cost.
- We introduced a new program that gives adults a second chance at earning a high school diploma.
- We partnered with Keep Louisiana Beautiful and Keep Livingston Parish Beautiful to acquire Litter Kits that cardholders can check out.
- We partnered with Livingston Master Gardeners to introduce Seed Libraries at all five branches.
- We reported increases in physical and electronic circulations, as well as library visits.
- We launched a new online calendar system.
- We introduced a new checkout item: Celebration Kits.
- We teamed with Mighty Moms, a Livingston Parish-based non-profit food pantry, for its SOUPer September canned soup drive.
- We collected sock donations for The Family Village, a Livingston Parish-based non-profit organization, as part of the 20th Annual Sock It To Me! Sock Drive.



The Livingston Parish Library strives to be a library of the community, for the community.

We hope to continue that mission in 2025 and beyond!

A FESTIVE STORYTIME IN THE PARK



Join us for a Festive Storytime at the Park!

Members of the LPL's Outreach team will entertain visitors at Walker's Sidney Hutchinson Park with holly jolly tales and yuletide songs. Attendees will also get to create a special ornament to get into the holiday spirit!

The Festive Storytime at the Park is intended for ages 0-5, but the entire family is welcome! Blankets and chairs are encouraged.

Location: Sidney Hutchinson Park in Walker

Date: Saturday, December 14

Time: 10:30 a.m.

CHECK OUT THESE PERFECT HOLIDAY DATABASES



Whether you're looking for a new recipe to try at home or a new book to read in your spare time, YOUR Library has you covered!

Here are some databases to check out during the holiday break.

To see all of the databases available to you through the Library, visit www.mylpl.info/databases.



A to Z World Food

Travel the culinary world in this database with 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries, along with ingredients, food culture, and reference articles, making it the largest food database of its kind.



A to Z Food America

With 7,000 recipes and 650 ingredient articles, vintage food labels and ads, this is the world's largest database of American food, culture, and recipes. It features content and information found nowhere else combined with beautiful graphics and illustrations.



Novelist Plus

A comprehensive readers' advisory resource that provides a database of fiction and nonfiction for library patrons. Users can search among hundreds of thousands of popular fiction and readable nonfiction titles, and also retrieve author read-alikes, book lists, book discussion guides, and more.



Novelist K-8

A database about books specifically for younger readers. It helps kids find books that are just right for their reading level and interests.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

DECEMBER 2024

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

12/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/6	6:00p	Outdoor Movie: Miracle on 34th Street	All Ages
12/10	4:00p	Ugly Sweater Party	Ages 13-18
12/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/12	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
12/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/18	3:30p	Crafty Christmas Tree Cards	All Ages

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

12/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/5	5:00p	Ugly Sweater Party	Ages 13-18
12/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/19	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
12/21	1:00p	Crafty Christmas Tree Cards	All Ages

WATSON

12/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/5	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
12/5	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
12/6	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
12/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/12	5:30p	Crafty Christmas Tree Cards	All Ages
12/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/19	5:30p	Tiny Book Jewelry	Ages 13-18
12/20	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

12/2	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
12/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/5	6:00p	Crafty Christmas Tree Cards	All Ages
12/9	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
12/9	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/12	6:00p	Family "Gingerbread" House Building	All Ages
12/16	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
12/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/19	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
12/20	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
12/23	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
12/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/30	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
12/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

SOUTH

12/2	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
12/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/10	5:30p	Crafty Christmas Tree Cards	All Ages
12/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
12/16	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
12/17	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
12/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

We Will Be CLOSED

DECEMBER 13 For
STAFF TRAINING DAY

We Will Be CLOSED

CHRISTMAS AND

(December 24, 25, and 26)

NEW YEARS

(December 31 and January 1)

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

12/5	5:30p	Craft & Cinema: Book Page Christmas Trees	Ages 18+
12/6	6:00p	Outdoor Movie: Miracle on 34th Street	All Ages
12/7	1:00p	Bow Making and Gift Wrapping Techniques	Ages 18+
12/17	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

12/10	4:30p	Craft & Cinema: Book Page Christmas Trees	Ages 18+
12/14	1:00p	Crafting Club	Ages 18+
12/28	11:00a	Puzzle Café	Ages 18+
12/30	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+

WATSON

12/3	5:30p	Craft & Cinema: Book Page Christmas Trees	Ages 18+
12/10	10:00a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
12/10	6:00p	Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
12/17	5:30p	Bow Making and Gift Wrapping Techniques	Ages 18+

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

12/5	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
12/6	12:00p	Alzheimer's Services Caregiver Support Group	Ages 18+
12/7	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
12/9	5:30p	Craft & Cinema: Book Page Christmas Trees	Ages 18+
12/11	1:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
12/18	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
12/19	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
12/19	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
12/21	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+

SOUTH

12/3	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 16+
12/12	5:30p	Craft & Cinema: Book Page Christmas Trees	Ages 18+
12/5	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+
12/14	10:30a	Friends & Needles: A Fiber Arts Circle	Ages 16+

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

OUTDOOR MOVIE - MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Grab your blankets, chairs, and holiday cheer for a cozy night under the stars with *Miracle on 34th Street*! When Kris Kringle (aka Santa?) claims he's the real deal after playing Macy's Santa, things get wild—especially when a lawyer has to prove it in court! Will Fred Gailey find the proof? Will Doris and Susan Walker finally believe? Perfect for the whole family, whether it's your first watch or a holiday tradition. Hot cocoa and festive treats will be available, or bring your own picnic. Bundle up and enjoy some holiday magic with us! Registration is required. For all ages.

MAIN Friday, December 6 6:00 pm



CRAFTY CHRISTMAS TREE CARDS

It's a program for the whole family! Get crafty with your crew. Make a variety of handmade holiday tree-themed cards to send to all your friends. Enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies, too. Registration is required. For all ages.

DSW	Thursday, December 5	6:00 pm
STH	Tuesday December 10	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, December 12	5:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, December 18	3:30 pm
AS	Saturday, December 21	1:00 pm



FAMILY "GINGERBREAD" HOUSE BUILDING

Looking for a candy-free "gingerbread" house idea? The whole family is welcome to unleash their imagination and create the most whimsical, festive, and jaw-dropping "gingerbread" houses you can dream of using cardboard and the supplies provided. Registration is required. For all ages.

DSW Thursday, December 12 6:00 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.

MAIN Thursday, December 12 5:30 pm
STH Tuesday, December 17 5:00 pm
AS Thursday, December 19 5:30 pm
DSW Thursday, December 19 6:00 pm



TEEN SCENE

TINY BOOK JEWELRY

In this unique program, you'll transform miniature book covers into jewelry pieces that showcase your favorite stories in a fashionable new way. Whether you're a budding jewelry designer or just love books, this workshop is perfect for expressing your literary passion in a wearable form! Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

WAT Thursday, December 19 5:30 pm



TEEN HANGOUT

Join us for a teen hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, crafts, snacks, and more! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT Thursday, December 5 5:30 pm



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Hey Teens! Do you want to help out at the library and work towards making a positive impact in your community? Connect with other teens to share ideas, plan programs you would like to see, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for our young adult sections. Join a Teen Advisory Board and make a difference! Apply at the Library Today! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT Thursday, December 5 5:00 pm



UGLY SWEATER PARTY

Ready for some holiday hilarity? Wear your "ugliest" holiday sweater while you hang out and make one for your coordinator's closet! We will provide the sweater (and the ugly). Refreshments will be served. And yes, your coordinator will wear the sweater. Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

AS Thursday, December 5 5:00 pm

MAIN Tuesday, December 10 4:00 pm



ADULT PROGRAMS

CRAFT & CINEMA: BOOK PAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

Get into the holiday spirit with a festive movie night and creative crafting! Join us as we watch a Christmas movie while transforming book pages into beautiful, upcycled Christmas trees. Don't miss out on a night of fun, creativity, and community! All supplies will be provided, so just bring your holiday cheer! Registration is required. For ages 18+.

WAT	Tuesday, December 3	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday December 5	5:30 pm
DSW	Monday, December 9	5:30 pm
AS	Tuesday, December 10	4:30 pm
STH	Thursday, December 12	5:30 pm



TEACHER TAKEAWAY

Decorations, games, props, toys, crafting supplies and more... We are cleaning out our closets and everything is free to good homes. Public school, private school, and homeschool educators are welcome to take items for educational use. Everything must go! For ages 18+.

MAIN Saturday, December 7 10:00 am



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 lccline@mylpl.info. For ages 18+.

DSW Thursday, December 5 6:00 pm
DSW Thursday, December 19 10:00 am

CRAFTING CLUB

Need a place to work on your latest arts and crafts project away from home? Would you like a place to socialize with like-minded artists? Try out our new Crafting Club at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library! Bring your own project and utilize our selection of tools; create and socialize with other crafty adults. Registration is preferred. For ages 18+.

AS Saturday, December 14 1:00 pm



SEAUX EASY

Come sew with us! Whether you're an experienced needleworker or just want to learn to sew, you'll enjoy the fun projects we make once a month at our sewing club. Please register if this is your first time joining us. All participants provide their own supplies. Registration is Required. For ages 18+.

DSW Wednesday, December 11 1:00 pm



PUZZLE CAFÉ

Starting this September, join us for puzzles and refreshments at our Puzzle Café, held every 4th Saturday of the month. The café opens at 11am and continues until 3pm. Feel free to come and go at your leisure and enjoy the company of fellow puzzle enthusiasts. For ages 18+.

AS Saturday, December 28 11:00 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, December 6 12:00 pm

BOW MAKING AND GIFT WRAPPING TECHNIQUES

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Come join us for some festive fun. We'll be making holiday bows and cheerful gift bags, and you'll discover some clever wrapping techniques. Registration is required. For ages 18+.

MAIN Saturday December 7 1:00 pm

WAT Tuesday, December 17 5:30 pm



READERS CLUB DECEMBER SUGGESTIONS



For the final Reader's Club monthly challenge of 2024, we're diving into the 2010s!

To complete December's reading challenge, **read a book set in or published during the 2010s!**

This challenge is part of our "Reading Through the Decades" theme for Readers Club, a year-long reading program for adults. Participants can earn prizes by reading or listening to books of their choosing!

If you haven't signed up, there's still time! Register TODAY by visiting www.mylpl.info/readers-club.

Books of the 2010s

- *A Man Named Ove* by Fredrik Backman
- *Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Maas
- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- *The Passage* by Justin Cronin
- *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple
- *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes
- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
- *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
- *The Way of Kings* by Brandon Sanderson

TAKE & MAKES



Pipe Cleaner Christmas Tree - For Kids

Get into the holiday spirit with this fun craft! Create a charming miniature Christmas tree that can be proudly displayed at home. It's the perfect way to add a personal touch of holiday cheer to family festivities. Kits are available at each branch while supplies last. *For ages 6-18.*



Christmas Tree Tassel - For Adults

Celebrate the magic of the season with our enchanting Christmas Tree Tassel Kits! Each tassel adds a touch of whimsy and festive cheer to your holiday decor. Head to your local branch to pick up your kit, 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.

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.
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