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JOIN LPL'S READERS CLUB

It's the Perfect New Year's Resolution

Are you trying to read more in 2024? Let us help you with that!

Registration is officially open for YOUR Library's Readers Club, a year-long reading challenge that rewards participants for reaching reading milestones and monthly challenges. Introduced in 2022, the Readers Club is the perfect way to discover new books, genres, topics, and interests! And you won't be alone – hundreds of people have joined the LPL's Readers Club in the last two years.

But we believe this year will be the biggest yet!

This year's theme is "Reading Through the Decades," with each month's theme representing a different decade from the 1900s to 2010s. To participate in the monthly challenge, read a book published or set in that month's time period.

Here's how it works:

- Register online by visiting www.mylpl.info/readers-club
- Read or listen to a book, and then log your book into Beanstack to receive "Logging Badges"
- Receive a reward when you reach 25, 50, 75, and 100 books
- Attend the Readers Club Reception, where End-of-Year prizes will be given

Monthly Challenge

- Read one (1) book pertaining to that month's theme to enter a special challenge drawing
- Log your associated book on the Activity Badge for the month (logging must take place within the dates for the badge to earn it)
- Prizes will be drawn the first week of the month following the challenge



LPL patrons can now check out 'Celebration Kits'

YOUR Library's newest collection item is definitely worth celebrating! On Jan. 1, the Livingston Parish Library will make "Celebration Kits" available for checkout, giving patrons a new way to turn their special occasion into a treasured, unforgettable experience.

These "Celebration Kits" are packed with an assortment of items to help commemorate any milestone, accomplishment, or once-in-a-lifetime event, including anniversaries, baby showers, birthdays, graduations, and retirements.

Available at all five LPL branches, each kit will contain a banner, a themed backdrop for photos, and other party materials. Kits can be checked out by Adult, Educator, and Senior Citizen cardholders. Patrons can check out one (1) Celebration Kit for seven (7) days, with one (1) possible renewal. Need more information? Visit your local branch, and find out how YOUR Library can join the party!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR: TARA LEGLEU



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

While obtaining my undergraduate degree in Library and Information Sciences, I worked full-time as a family law paralegal. I always wanted to work in a library, so when I had a year left of school, I got a part-time job at the Watson Branch! I've since graduated and will soon get my master's in Library and Information Sciences. I've been working for the Library since June 2021, and I've been the Youth Services Coordinator at the Main Branch since October 2022. I have loved every minute of working at the library and have had the opportunity to make great friends while here.



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

I generally listen to a book while driving and read another book when not in my vehicle. Right now, I am listening to Stephen King's newest book, *Holly*. I have been a Stephen King fan since high school and have enjoyed most of his books. So far, this has been one of my favorite stories written by Stephen King. I often stay in my parked car to keep listening to the story.

I've also just started reading *Spare* by Prince Harry. I am not a big follower of The Royal Family, but I thought it would be interesting given how much Prince Harry has been in the news over the last few years.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THE LIBRARY?

My favorite memory (so far) is the annual Comic Con event. Everyone has such a fun time, and the costumes always amaze me. Our patrons definitely get into the spirit of Comic Con and obviously put a lot of time and effort into creating their costumes. Their hard work shows when they arrive at the library in full costume. I look forward to this event every year!

LPL BOOK CLUBS

Reading, fun, and friendship await in LPL Book Clubs

Albany-Springfield Branch

ASB Book Club*

Read titles selected from member/librarian suggestions. Members are urged to read titles they might not normally pick to expand their literary horizons.

WHEN: Last Monday of the month
TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM

Denham Springs-Walker Branch

Box of Chocolate Book Club**

In the Box of Chocolates Book Club, you never know what you're going to get! Come read and discuss a wide variety of books.

WHEN: 3rd Thursday of the month
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Main Branch

Main Branch Book Club**

No matter what kind of books you like, there's something for everyone in our book club! Join us for a lively discussion among friends.

WHEN: Last Tuesday of the month
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12 PM

South Branch

Joyful Reads Book Club**

Do you love uplifting tales of hope and faith? Each month, we have a different inspirational book to read and discuss.

WHEN: 1st Tuesday of the month
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12 PM

South Branch Bookies*

Camaraderie, laughter, and passionate opinions await those who join the South Branch Bookies, a fun, long-established book club of friends, both old and new.

WHEN: Last Thursday of the month
TIME: 5:30-7 PM

Watson Branch

Watson Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club**

Read uplifting fiction and sometimes nonfiction that generates discussion among its diverse members.

WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of the month
TIME: 11 AM - 12 PM

Watson Spine Tingle Book Club**

Read thrilling fiction with a good mystery and some spine-tingling suspense.

WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of the month
TIME: 6-7:30 PM

Do you LOVE reading? YOUR Library wants to connect you with others who share the same passion!

The Livingston Parish Library offers several book clubs at all five LPL branches. These clubs cover a wide variety of topics, genres, and discussions.

Whether you love reading mysteries, enjoy stories of hope and faith, or simply want to make new friends while reading a good book, YOUR Library has the book club just for you.

Check out the graphic to see what clubs we have.

Note: All book clubs are for adults (ages 18 and up). To register for a book club, call or visit your branch to make sure space is available.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

JANUARY 2024

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

Pardon our progress! Regular programs will resume promptly upon completion of the Branch's renovation project. Monitor our website calendar and social media pages for program updates.

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

1/3	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/6	1:30p	Arctic Animal Soap Carving	Ages 8-12
1/8	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/9	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
1/10	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/10	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/12	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
1/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/17	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/18	5:30p	Pinch Pot Monsters	Ages 5-7
1/22	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/24	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/24	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
1/29	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
1/31	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/31	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18

WATSON

1/3	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/4	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
1/4	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
1/5	10:30a	Wiggle Worms Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
1/10	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
1/11	5:30p	Cookie Reader Stations	Ages 3-7
1/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/18	5:00p	Cosplay Dragon Mask	Ages 13-18
1/19	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
1/24	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/25	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
1/31	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

1/8	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
1/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/10	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
1/11	6:00p	STEM Superstars: Geology	Ages 6-12
1/16	6:00p	Pinch Pot Monsters	Ages 5-7
1/17	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
1/18	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
1/19	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
1/22	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
1/22	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
1/24	5:00p	Teens New Year Vision Board	Ages 13-18
1/25	6:00p	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8
1/27	2:00p	Cookie Reader Stations	Ages 3-7
1/29	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
1/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/31	5:00p	Cosplay Dragon Mask	Ages 13-18

SOUTH

1/3	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
1/9	5:30p	Cosplay Dragon Mask	Ages 13-18
1/10	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/23	5:30p	Arctic Animal Soap Carving	Ages 8-12
1/24	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
1/30	1:00p	Cookie Reader Stations	Ages 3-7
1/31	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

We Will Be CLOSED
JANUARY 15
for Martin Luther
King Jr. Day



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

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MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

1/20	10:30a	Decoupage Tile Coasters	Ages 18+
1/27	1:00p	Library Board Game Café	Ages 18+
1/30	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+

SOUTH

1/2	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
1/6	10:30a	Friends & Needles	Ages 16+
1/11	5:30p	Decoupage Tile Coasters	Ages 18+
1/20	11:30a	Self-Love Tree with Folded Book-Art	Ages 18+
1/25	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

WATSON

1/9	11:00a	Watson Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
1/9	6:00p	Watson Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
1/16	5:30p	Decoupage Tile Coasters	Ages 18+

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

1/5	12:00p	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	Ages 18+
1/6	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
1/8	9:00a	'GEAR' Training	Ages 18+
1/8	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
1/9	9:00a	'GEAR' Training	Ages 18+
1/10	9:00a	'GEAR' Training	Ages 18+
1/10	3:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
1/17	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
1/18	10:30	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
1/18	2:00p	Decoupage Tile Coasters	Ages 18+
1/20	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
1/22	5:00p	Basic Computer Skills	Ages 18+
1/23	2:00p	Word Basics	Ages 18+
1/23	5:30p	2023 Reader's Club Reception	Ages 18+
1/25	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
1/27	2:00p	Master Gardener: Spring Gardening	Ages 18+
1/29	2:00p	Windows 10	Ages 18+
1/30	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.

KIDS CORNER

ARCTIC ANIMAL SOAP CARVING

Join us for soap carving. It is good "clean" fun! Let's use our creativity to show just how artistic we can be as we carve arctic animals from bars of soap. Registration is required. *For ages 8-12.*

MAIN	Saturday, January 6	1:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, January 23	5:30 pm

STEM SUPERSTARS: GEOLOGY

Interested in learning more about science, technology, engineering, and math? Join us this month to learn about crystals and the rock cycle using candy. Learn and enjoy a sweet treat at the same time. Registration is Required. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW	Thursday, January 11	6:00 pm
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COOKIE READER STATIONS

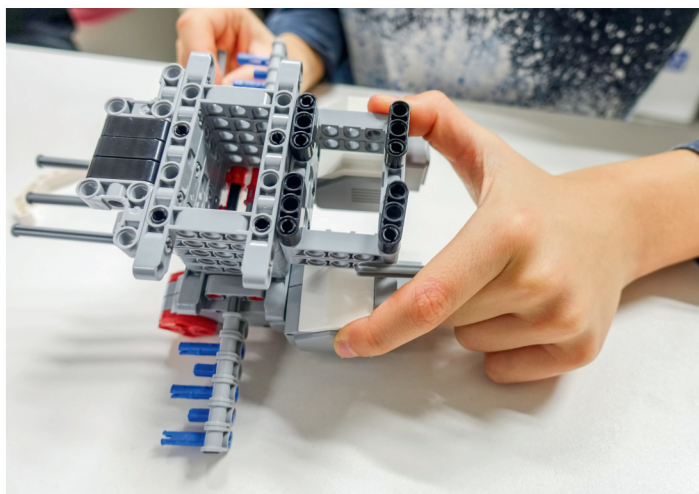
How much fun can you have with a mouse and a cookie? Join us for a sweet opportunity to enjoy a cookie and have fun with games and activities. Registration is required. *For ages 3-7.*

WAT	Thursday, January 11	5:30 pm
DSW	Saturday, January 27	2:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, January 30	1:00 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.*

DSW	Thursday, January 18	6:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, January 25	5:30 pm



PINCH POT MONSTERS

Give your imagination life with pinch pot monsters! Make the silliest monster you can think of using clay. Registration is Required. *For ages 5-7.*

DSW	Tuesday, January 16	6:00 pm
MAIN	Thursday, January 18	5:30 pm



TEEN SCENE

COSPLAY DRAGON MASK

Learn to craft a cool dragon mask and put your cosplay skills to work! Registration is Required. *For ages 13-18.*

STH	Tuesday, January 9	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, January 18	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, January 31	5:00 pm



TEENS NEW YEAR VISION BOARD

What do you want to do today? Who do you want to be tomorrow? Join us to set goals and make plans on a personalized vision board. Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Wednesday, January 24	5:00 pm
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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, January 8	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, January 10	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, January 17	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, January 22	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, January 24	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, January 29	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, January 31	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, January 4	5:00 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, January 9	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, January 17	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, January 3	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, January 4	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 lcine@mylpl.info. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Monday, January 8	6:00 pm
DSW	Thursday, January 25	10:00 am



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, January 6	1:00 pm
DSW	Saturday, January 20	1:00 pm



LIBRARY BOARD GAME CAFÉ

Do you enjoy adopting secret identities, clever word games, and arguing about wheat? Join us for our first ever Library Board Game Café! Enjoy playing a variety of board games and tasting our selection of coffee and teas from local shops! All supplies are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN	Saturday, January 27	1:00 pm
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HOOKS & LOOPS CROCHET CLUB

Get hooked on making loops into cool things (also known as crochet)! Are you an absolute beginner? You'll get one-on-one instructions on how to get started, plus some yarn and loaner hooks. Are you more than a novice but have yet to become an expert? Get project help and advice here. Are you a veteran crocheter? Join us to swap ideas, work on your latest creation, and share your knowledge. Whatever you are, come by and have fun crocheting! Bring your supplies, and spin a yarn with like-minded crafters. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Wednesday, January 17	2:00 pm
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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, January 10	3:00 pm
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DECOUAGED TILE COASTERS

Join us in decoupage book pages onto ceramic tiles to make the perfect book-lover's coaster. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH	Thursday, January 11	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, January 16	5:30 pm
DSW	Thursday, January 18	2:00 pm
MAIN	Saturday, January 20	10:30 am



2023 READERS CLUB RECEPTION

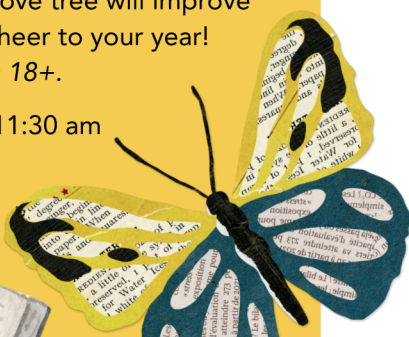
Did you participate in the 2023 Readers Club Challenge? If so, please join us at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch for LPL's annual Readers Club Reception! The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments, to receive your completion prizes, and meet and mingle with other members of the club. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Tuesday, January 23 5:30 pm

SELF-LOVE TREE WITH FOLDED BOOK-ART

The best way to start the new year is with a positive mindset, so we are making a self-love tree using folded book art! Replacing negative beliefs with positive affirmations can bring about positive changes in your life. Repeating these affirmations can help you visualize and truly believe in the statement, ultimately leading to a more positive outlook. Your self-love tree will improve how you see yourself and bring cheer to your year! Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH Saturday, January 20 11:30 am



FRIENDS & NEEDLES: A FIBER ARTS CIRCLE

Do you quilt, embroider, sew, crochet, knit, cross stitch, or do felting, tatting, or leatherworking? South Branch will be a meeting place where like-minded needle and fiber artists will gather to discuss the trials and triumphs of various kinds of fiber arts. Bring one of your latest projects to work on during this social circle of Friends & Needles as we ask questions, answer concerns, and maybe even learn a new needlecraft. This homage to an old-fashioned sewing circle will meet monthly for two hours of discussion, demonstration, and camaraderie. *For ages 16+.*

STH Saturday, January 6 10:30 am



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+.*

MASTER GARDENER: SPRING GARDENING

Time for a spring inspection! Get prepared to freshen up your garden and get the know-how you'll need for the growing season ahead. Join us for a presentation on spring gardening presented by the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, January 27 2:00 pm

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, January 5 12:00 pm



Take & Makes!

PHOTO HOLDER ROCKS

Painting rocks has become quite the trend! Try your hand with this self-guided craft and use your painted rock to make a special photo holder you can display at home or give as a gift! Craft kits are available at all branches while supplies last. *For ages 6-18.*



HOMEMADE CANDLE CRAFT

Shine some light on the New Year with a little light of your own. Head over to your local library branch to pick up a candle-making 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.

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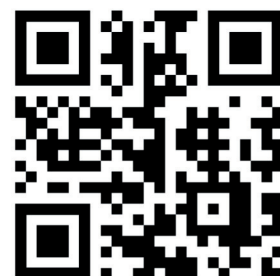
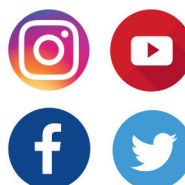
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Watson

36581 Outback Road
Denham Springs, LA 70706
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Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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