



Library Lagniappe

St. Mary Parish Library Newsletter

January-February 2023

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LIBRARY HOURS

BAYOU VISTA • BERWICK • FRANKLIN • PATTERSON • WEST END

Monday	8:30-5:30
Tuesday	8:30-5:30
Wednesday	8:30-5:30
Thursday	8:30-5:30
Friday	8:30-5:30
Saturday	9:00-1:00
Sunday	Closed

• AMELIA •

Monday-Friday	9:30-5:30
Saturday	Closed

• CENTERVILLE •

Tuesday & Thursday	9:30-5:30
Saturday	Closed



February is Black History Month, a time for all to reflect on the history and teachings of African Americans and to celebrate the progress, richness, and diversity of African American achievements.

The observation of Black History Month dates back to 1915, when Carter G. Woodson, now known as the 'Father of Black History,' created an organization called the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, Woodson initiated the first Negro History Week in February.

The 2023 Black History Month theme is Black Resistance. Cultural centers such as libraries worked to support the intellectual development of communities to collect and preserve Black stories, sponsor Black history and literature events, and were active in the quest for civil, social, and human rights.

Through children's books, interviews with Black children's authors and illustrators, classroom activities, online history resources, and powerful documentaries, we celebrate and learn about the lives and contributions of African Americans.

We challenge you to learn something new about Black History and the achievements of African Americans.



Year in Review



new year NEW READS



Children's Programs

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

Pre-K-1st Grade

Thursday, January 12-

Reading Pointer

3:45 PM

Instead of tracking the words on the page with your finger, make your own super snazzy reading pointers. Pre-K-1st Grade.

All Ages

Thursday, January 19-

Floss Painting

3:45 PM

Make a unique and colorful painting using dental floss. All Ages.

Friday, January 20-

Word Bingo

3:45 PM

The perfect activity for any age group, bingo is the ideal fun afterschool game. All Ages.

Thursday, January 26-

Marshmallow Snowman Challenge

3:45 PM

The tallest one that you can? This simple and fun winter STEM challenge builds a snowman with just marshmallows and toothpicks. All Ages.

Friday, February 10-

Black History Month:

Art Inspired by Lois Mailou Jones

3:45 PM

Learn about Lois Mailou Jones and create art inspired by her! All Ages.

Tuesday, February 14-

Minute to Win It: Valentine's Day Edition

3:45 PM

Participants attempt to finish a challenge first, in under a minute. Playing a few of these fun and simple games is sure to make your Valentine's Day a memorable one! All Ages.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Toddlers

Monday, January 9-

Princess Tea Party

12:00 PM

You are cordially invited to a splendid tea party. Come dressed in your very best outfit and enjoy tea (juice), crumpets (cookies), and a variety of royal activities. **Registration is required.** Toddlers.

All Ages

Thursday, January 12-

Dragon Diaries

3:30 PM

Express your fiery side with these handmade dragon inspired journals in appreciation of Dragon Day. All Ages.

Friday, January 13-

National Blame Someone Else Day

3:30 PM

Bring your superstition to accuse someone in this mysterious game of clue! All Ages.

Thursday, February 9-

Happy Valen-Slime Day!

3:30 PM

Make fluffy slime in shades of pink and red to celebrate this day of love. All Ages.

Monday, February 13-

Random Acts of Kindness

3:30 PM

Help brighten the lives of the local nursing home residents by creating a special Valentine's Day card. If you'd like to create a card without attending, drop off your creations before February 14. All Ages.

Friday, February 17-

Black History Month: Trivia

4:00 PM

How much do you know about African American leaders and events? Test your knowledge of Black History. All Ages.

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During the month of February, participate in an informational 'Face and Facts' game in honor of Black History Month. Search through the library to find famous faces who helped shape African- American history for a prize. Feb 1-28, any time All Ages.

Children's Programs

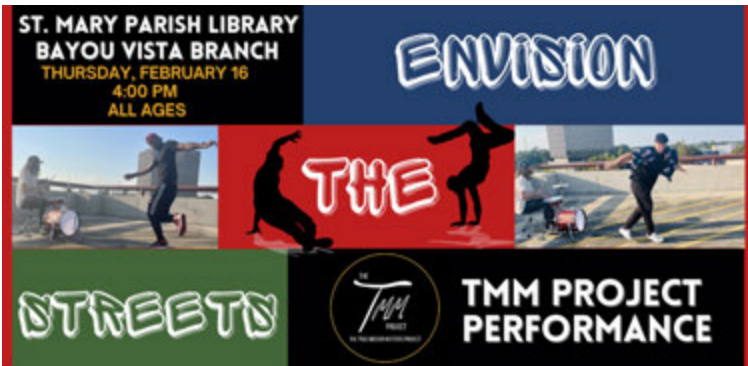
Bayou Vista Branch 985-399-9866

Thursday, February 16

**Black History Month:
TMM Project Dance Performance
Envision the Streets**

4:00 PM

Born and raised in Louisiana, Terrance Michael-Morgan and The TMM Project (The True Mission Matters Project) are on a mission to improve the lives of today's youth by promoting positive youth development through the act of art, dance, speaking and more. Envision the Streets celebrates the arts & sounds of live music & street dance inspired by African American culture with a special one of a kind performance. All Ages.



Berwick Branch 985-385-2943

Kin-4th Grade

Monday, February 13

Valentine's Day Wreath

Construct a festive Valentine's Day wreath with assorted paper.

4:00 PM

CANCELLED

Friday, February 10
Library BINGO

4:00 PM

Welcome back to the library with a classic game of bingo! All Ages.

Centerville Branch 337-836-1717

All Ages

Thursday, January 19-

Bead Jewelry

3:30 PM

Make your own bracelet or necklace with this simple DIY jewelry making tutorial for beginners. All Ages.

Thursday, February 9-

Giant Twister

3:30 PM

Enjoy a fun, giant-sized game of Twister! All Ages.

Thursday, February 23-

Black History Month: Chip Tasting

3:30 PM

Did you know that the potato chip was invented in 1853 by a man named George Crum? Who was this man? How did he come up with this tasty idea? Learn about the inventor of one of America's favorite snack foods and join us for a potato chip tasting challenge! All Ages.



Children's Programs

Franklin Library  337-828-5364

All Ages

Wednesday, January 11-

Winter Wonderland Cake Pops 4:15 PM

These delicious cake pops are the ultimate sweet treat! Decorate your own tasty cake pop using chocolate and sprinkles. All Ages.

Wednesday, January 25-

Elephant Toothpaste 4:15 PM

Elephant toothpaste is a fun science experiment that produces a giant foamy substance that looks like toothpaste. Make a fantastic eruption with hydrogen peroxide, yeast, soap, and food coloring. All Ages.

Wednesday, February 8-

No Sew Valentine Pillows 4:15 PM

Looking for super sweet valentine pillows to share? These easy no sew fleece tie heart pillows are the perfect Valentine's Day craft! All Ages.

9th Grade & Up

Wednesday, February 22-

Dungeons & Dragons: Epic Quest 4:15 PM

Dungeons and Dragons is a collaborative story-telling game played as a group. Take a journey with us as we explore new realms, fight evil creatures, and attempt to save the world. Adventure awaits as we begin an introductory adventure with five missions in the *Defiance of Phlan*. **Registration is required.** 9th Grade & up.



Patterson Branch  985-395-2777

1st-3rd Grade

Wednesday, January 18-

Dream Catcher 4:00 PM

Craft an easy paper dream catcher in bright colors to keep bad dreams away! 1st-3rd Grade.

Wednesday, February 1-

Valentine's Day Craft 4:00 PM

Make a super sweet card this Valentine's Day for family, teachers, or friends! 1st-3rd Grade.

4th Grade & Up

Thursday, January 26-

Vision Board 4:00 PM

Design a vision board to keep you motivated and to help meet new goals. 4th Grade & up.

Wednesday, February 8-

No Sew Heart Pillows 4:00 PM

You'll create a heart full of love when you add these Valentine's Day pillows to your collection. 4th Grade & up.

All Ages

Monday, January 30-

Winter Bingo 4:00 PM

For a fun indoor winter activity, head to the library for a game of bingo! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 15

Black History Month: Scavenger Hunt 4:00 PM

Test your knowledge of African American history by participating in our scavenger hunt throughout the library. All Ages.

Monday, February 27-

Valentine's Bingo 4:00 PM

Play a fun game of bingo with loved ones! All Ages.

Children's Programs

West End Branch 337-923-6205

All Ages

Thursday, January 5-

Snow Globe Finger Painting 4:00 PM

Celebrate winter and all things cold with this snow globe finger painting! All Ages.

Tuesday, January 17-

Snowman Slime 4:00 PM

This sparkly snowman slime recipe will have you shivering with excitement! All Ages.

Tuesday, January 24-

3D Winter Village 4:00 PM

Create a beautiful winter scene with houses, snowmen, and trees! All Ages.

Tuesday, February 7-

Handmade Valentine Card 4:00 PM

Spread some love with these adorable Valentine's Day cards. All Ages.

Thursday, February 9

Black History Month: Sweet Soul Food Dessert Contest 4:00 PM

Gather your favorite recipe for your tastiest soul food dessert to enter in the Sweet Soul Food Dessert Contest hosted by The Community of Friends. **Registration is required.** All Ages.

Tuesday, February 14-

Valentine Slime 4:00 PM

It's sparkly, squishy, and makes a fun Valentine gift! This Valentine slime takes only a few minutes to make and uses minimal supplies. All Ages.



FEB 1

FEB 28

CHILDREN • TEENS • ADULTS

ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY IS HOSTING A SPECIAL READING CHALLENGE DESIGNED TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND HISTORY OF BLACK AMERICANS. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE TO READ THREE BOOKS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN AMAZON GIFT CARD!



FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY LOCATIONS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1. RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY BY FEBRUARY 28.

Children's Story Times

AMELIA BRANCH

AFTERNOON STORY TIME
HEADSTART-1ST GRADE
THURSDAYS 4:15 PM



February 2- The Library
Story: A Visit to the Library
Activity: Clear bookmarks



BERWICK BRANCH

TODDLER TIME
WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM



February 1- Peek Into Toddler Time
Story: Ten Grouchy Groundhogs

Activity: Pop up groundhog

February 8-

CANCELLED

Story: Peek into Toddler Time Mister!
Story: Peek into Toddler Time Mister!
Activity: Mardi Gras party

February 22- Picture Books and Paintings
Story: I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!
Activity: Painting to the sound of music

BAYOU VISTA BRANCH

TODDLER TIME
TUESDAYS 10:00 AM



January 10- It's Snow Cold
Story: If Snowflakes Tasted Like Fruitcake
Activity: Snowflake sun catcher

January 17- Warm Mittens

Story: Three Little Kittens
Activity: Mitten greeting card



January 24- Penguins

Story: Pip the Little Penguin
Activity: Penguin puppet



January 31-Polar Bears

Story: There's a Bear on My Chair
Activity: Polar bear and igloo picture

February 7- Shapes and Shadows

Story: Shape by Shape
Activity: Groundhog's shadow

February 14- Happy Valentine's Day

Story: Curious George Makes a Valentine
Activity: Valentine heart collage



February 28- Taking Care of Our Teeth

Story: Maisy, Charley and the Wobbly Tooth
Activity: Cotton ball tooth

FRANKLIN LIBRARY

TODDLER TIME
FRIDAYS 10:30 AM



January 6- Sliding Into Winter
Story: Little Penguins

Activity: Penguin buddies



January 13- Snow is Falling,
Books are Calling

Story: Snow Falls
Activity: Cotton ball snowman

January 20- Mittens

Story: The Mitten Tree
Activity: Warm winter mittens

January 27- Sleepy Bears

Story: Bear Sleeps On
Activity: Bear cave



February 3- Pop Into Toddler Time

Story: Bubble Gum Bubble Gum
Activity: Pom pom bubblegum machine

February 10- Little Sweethearts

Story: Click, Clack, Moo I Love You
Activity: I love you art

February 17- Rolling into Toddler Time

Story: The Little Float That Could
Activity: Jumbo Mardi Gras bead

February 24- Llama Llama

Story: Llama Llama Red Pajama
Activity: Creative pajama painting



WEST END BRANCH

TODDLER TIME
MONDAYS 10:00 AM



January 9- Winter Foxes
Story: What Does Fox Say?

Activity: Tissue paper fox



January 23- Penguins

Story: Little Penguins
Activity: Water bottle penguins

January 30- Mittens

Story: The Mitten
Activity: Mitten drawing



February 6- Colors

Story: Mouse Paint
Activity: Painted art

February 13- Valentine's Day

Story: Pete the Cat's Valentine Day is Cool!
Activity: Valentine cards

February 27-Monkeys

Story: Monkey See, Monkey Do
Activity: Monkey mask



TODDLER TIME

The St. Mary Parish Library offers story time every week for infants-age 4 and their caregivers at several locations. Story time encourages social and early literacy skills development by incorporating singing, dancing, and engaging storytelling. Toddlers participate in rhymes, open-ended art, and fingerplays in a fun, interactive setting.

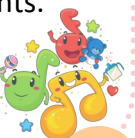


BAYOU VISTA BRANCH

TODDLER MUSIC & MOVEMENT
FRIDAYS 10:00 AM

Enjoy a fun way to develop early literacy skills in young children with music, dancing, singing, and exploration of simple musical concepts while using parachutes, bean bags, and instruments.

January 27
February 24



Adult Programs

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262



Thursday, February 2, 16 and 23

Black History Month:

Docuseries 'The Hair Tales'

10:45 AM



The Hair Tales is a Hulu docuseries that follows six influential black women as they share their intimate tales of black culture, beauty, and hair.

Viewings will occur in three sessions, each containing two 40-minute episodes. Adults.

- Episodes 1 & 2 February 2
- Episodes 3 & 4 February 16
- Episodes 5 & 6 February 23

Tuesday, February 28

Cricut Maker 101

10:45 AM

Join other curious Cricut crafters in this beginners introduction to the world of vinyl, paper and fabric cutting. Learn what this machine can do! Adults.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866



Saturday, January 21-

Soup Swap

10:00 AM

Celebrate National Soup Swap Day by exchanging homemade soups and tasting each type. Bring a pot of your favorite soup to share and swap recipes with fellow soup lovers. Adults.

Saturday, February 18-

Good Tea & Bad Art

10:00 AM

Enjoy tea and each other's company while unwinding and creating unique works of art. Adults.

Friday, January 20 & Friday February 17-

50 Shades of Shade Adult Coloring Club

10:00 AM

De-stress your busy life with a relaxing morning of coloring. Adults.

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943



Monday, February 6

Good

Enjoy

spe

CANCELLED

2:00 PM

tasting

Centerville Branch

337-836-1717



Thursday, January 26-

Winter Wreaths

10:30 AM

Create this simple & elegant winter wreath for a cozy after holiday touch to your home. Adults.

Thursday, February 16-

Golden Age of Hollywood Film:

Movie Showing: Casablanca

10:30 AM

Classical Hollywood cinema is among the best loved films ever made. Celebrate this era with the showing of *Casablanca*. An American saloon owner in North Africa is drawn into World War II when his lost love turns up. PG.

1 h 42 m. Adults.

Franklin Library

337-828-5364



Wednesday, January 18-

Figuring Out Finance w/ Christina Hidalgo, CPA

& Victoria Simoneaux, Financial Advisor 4:00 PM

Attend an informative workshop presented by finance professionals Christina Hidalgo, and Victoria Simoneaux, on various economic topics. Adults.

Monday, January 23-

Adult Crafternoon: Pinecone Trees

3:15 PM

With just a few supplies, you can craft up this beautiful pinecone winter centerpiece in no time. Adults.

Adult Programs

Franklin Library  337-828-5364

Monday, February 6-

Black History Month:

Black Beauty Trends 4:00 PM

Hair is an art form African Americans have cultivated over centuries. From natural curls, dread locks, relaxers, braids, and other designs, hair creativity has combated against systemic racism. Daphne Chapman Thomas, a Franklin native, hairstylist, and educator at LaGrange Elementary will present an informational program about the development of black hair in America, building a timeline of how black hair has progressed in society, and provide hair survival tips that will help others identify what products and styling techniques may work best for their hair. Adults.

Monday, February 27-

Libby 101 Tutorial 3:15 PM

Libby is an app that allows you to read and listen to books on the go! Bring your own device for a hands on experience in learning how to download and use Libby for borrowing e-books and audiobooks. Adults.

Patterson Branch  985-395-2777

Tuesday, January 10

Canvas Art Painting 10:00 AM

Start the new year with new artwork made by you! Adults.

Tuesday, February 7

Macrame Wall Art 10:00 AM

Learn how to make a DIY macrame wall hanging for beginners. Adults.

West End Branch  337-923-6205

Tuesday, January 3

Candle Pouring w/ Fifolet Candle Makers 10:00 AM

Join community Chandler, Chad Boutte to learn the art of candle making and take home your own soy wax candle. **Registration is required.** Adults.

Thursday, January 19

New Year Affirmation Board 10:00 AM

A solid self care plan should include using positive affirmations. Learn how to make your own affirmation board to define goals and pursue dreams. Adults.

Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18 & 25

Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, & 22

Tai Chi Classes 10:00 AM

Tai chi is a practice that involves a series of slow, gentle movements, physical postures, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. Shift into wellness every Wednesday with instructor Debbie Aymond. Adults.

Thursday, February 23

Winter Canvas Painting 10:00 AM

This acrylic painting tutorial will show the beginner painter how to create a magical winter scene on canvas. Adults.

Tuesday, February 28

Black History Month: Resources Related to African American Interests w/ Suzanne Wiltz 10:00 AM

Gather for an informative program featuring local educator, Suzanne Wiltz on 'Library Resources as They Relate to African American Interests'. Adults.

Celebrate 
Black History Month


Book Clubs



BOOK Club

Let's read together! If you are interested in joining an adult book club, please contact your local library.



Every chapter is a new adventure.



ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

BAYOU VISTA BRANCH GRADES 6-12

Meets last Friday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

January 27- Introduction Meeting

February 24- The Girl From Everywhere by Heidi Heilig

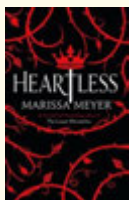


BERWICK BRANCH GRADES 9-12

Meets last Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

January 26- Introduction Meeting

February 23- Heartless by Marissa Meyer



ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY Adult Book Club

Amelia Branch

Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10:45 a.m.

January 10-Introduction Meeting

February 14- More Than You'll Ever Know by
Katie Gutierrez

Bayou Vista Branch

Meets 4th Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

January 23-Introduction Meeting

February 27-A Flicker in the Dark by
Stacy Willingham

Berwick Branch

Meets last Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

January 25- Introduction Meeting

February 22- Crawfish Mountain by Ken Wells

Centerville Branch

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

January 17- Language of Flowers by
Vanessa Diffenbaugh

February 28- Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell

Franklin Library

Meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 4:15 p.m.

January 12 -One by One by Ruth Ware

February 9-Where'd You Go Bernadette by
Maria Semple

West End Branch

Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

January 9 -Introduction Meeting

February 14-The Moonshiner's Daughter by
Donna Everhart

•Theodora Battaglia

Christmas with Southern Living 2022.

Comfort Baking: Feel-Good to Savor and Share by Stephanie Wise

Donor: Paggi Lancon

•Edward E. Chase, Jr.

Waterfowl of Eastern North America by Chris G. Earley

Wildfowl Magazine's Duck Hunting: Best of Wildfowl's Skills, Tactics, and Techniques from Top Experts

Donor: Lynn O'Niell

Wing and Trap Shooting: a Classic Handbook on Marksmanship and Tips and Tricks for Hunting Upland Game Birds and Waterfowl by Charles Askins

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Weidenboerner

A Legacy Preserved: Contemporary Louisiana Decoy Carvers by Harvey J. Lewis

Artistry of Louisiana Decoys: Old and Contemporary by Harvey J. Lewis

Donor: Paul J. Breaux

The Sporting Art of Eldridge Hardie: Paintings of Upland Hunting, Angling, and Waterfowling by Eldridge Hardie

Waterfowl of the World by Gary Kramer & John Gregory Mensik

Donor: Richard Tresch



•Rickey Lee Curry

Hunting Big Mule Deer: The Stories by Randy Ulmer

Donor: Donovan Pontiff

•William "Mack" Hudson

North American Bird Watching for Beginners: Field Notes on 150 Species to Start Your Birding Adventures by Sharon Stiteler

For Military Merit: Recipients of the Purple Heart by Fred L. Borch

Woodworking: The Complete Step-by-Step Manual by DK

Donor: Virginia Thibodeaux

MEMORIALS

The Library's Memorial program is a special way to remember loved ones and friends who have passed away. Patrons may donate funds to purchase library books in someone's memory while making general suggestions regarding the subject or genre. Materials are selected and bought by the acquisitions department. A memorial plaque is placed in the book and after processing, the donor and the honoree's family are notified. Direct donation of actual materials is discouraged as these are often not in compliance with the collection selection policy. For more information, please contact your local library.





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2023



Upcoming Library Closures

New Years Day Observed January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 16
Mardi Gras February 20-21



Main Library—Alex P. Allain

206 Iberia Street , Franklin
Phone 337-828-5364
Fax 337-413-0415
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Sat 9:00-1:00

Library Headquarters

206 Iberia Street , Franklin
Phone 337-828-1624
Fax 337-828-2329
Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00
Sat Closed

Amelia Branch

625 Lake Palourde Road, Amelia
Phone 985-631-2262
Fax 985-631-2632
Mon-Fri 9:30-5:30
Sat Closed

Bayou Vista Branch

1325 Belleview Drive, Bayou Vista
Phone 985-399-9866
Fax 985-399-4232
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Sat 9:00-1:00

Berwick Branch

3512 Fifth St., Berwick
(Expected to open Feb 2023)
Phone 985-385-2943
Fax 985-385-6474
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Sat 9:00-1:00

Centerville Branch

9340 Highway 182, Centerville
Phone 337-836-1717
Fax 337-836-1718
Tues & Thurs 9:30-5:30
Sat Closed

Patterson Branch

521 Catherine Street, Patterson
Phone 985-395-2777
Fax 985-399-4469
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Sat 9:00-1:00

West End Branch

100 Charenton Road, Baldwin
Phone 337-923-6205
Fax 337-923-4507
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Sat 9:00-1:00

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LIBRARY CARD AGREEMENT

Library Card Eligibility
St. Mary Parish Library cards are free to applicants of any age with provision of current physical address and proof of identity. They must meet any of the following criteria:

- Anyone living in or owning property in the library taxing district of St. Mary Parish and not covered by a reciprocal agreement with another parish.
- Residents of library districts with reciprocal borrowing agreements with St. Mary Parish Library (Acadia Parish Library, Iberville Parish Library, Public Library, St. Landry Parish Library, St. Martin Parish Library, St. Tammany Parish Library, Vermilion Parish Library)

Card Types

Card Type	Cost
Resident	\$0 for the first card, \$1 replacement
Reciprocal Borrower	\$0 for the first card, \$1 replacement
Non-Resident Borrower	\$35/year individual \$50/year household



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St. Mary Parish Library System

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