

Library Lagniappe St. Mary Parish Library Newsletter

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9:30 AM-5:30 PM Closed

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Monday Tuesday-Thursday Saturday-Sunday

Closed 8:30 AM-5:30 PM 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 2023 Black History Month theme is African Americans and the Arts spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.



a creative art contest! Showcase your talent by submitting a creative piece in any medium. Historical figures and events, personal experiences, modern black heroes, art, music, and movements can all serve as inspiration. Library visitors in each community will vote for their favorite piece, and one winner from each age category will be selected from each library location.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23



Black History Quiz Bowl

Black Men of St. Mary Parish In partnership with St. Mary Parish Library presents

BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUZBOW

Attention St. Mary Parish High School Students, put your knowledge to the test to win a \$1,000 cash prize and an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta, GA!

100 Black Men of St. Mary is partnering with St. Mary Parish Library for their second annual Black History Quiz Bowl! High school students from all schools in St. Mary Parish are eligible to participate, with each team consisting of two students. Study materials will be provided by the library, and after-hours study sessions will be held at all library locations. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and advance to the National Competition in Atlanta, GA!

For registration and further details, interested participants may contact Osaria Mouton or Ashton Myers at 337-828-5364 or by email at osaria.rogers@stmaryparishlibrary.org.

feb 24 Franklin Senior High School Auditorium 1401 Cynthia St Franklin, LA 70538

Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

ST. MARY PARISH

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

Friday, January 12 4:00 PM **Snowy Slime** Create shimmery snow slime, the perfect activity for winter days indoors. All Ages.

Friday, January 19

Pom Pom Snowman & Snowball Toss 4:00 PM

Bring winter fun inside with projects such as DIY snowballs made with cornstarch and shaving cream for a fun snowball toss challenge! All Ages.

Wednesday, January 24 Birthday Slime

4:00 PM

Get ready to have a gooey good time with birthday slime! All Ages.

Friday, February 2

4:00 PM

Groundhog Slime: Winter or Spring? February 2nd is Groundhog Day! If the groundhog sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. Let the groundhog decide which slime you'll design! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day Slime & Story Time 4:00 PM Customize your colorful slime and hear a themed story in celebration of the special holiday. All Ages.

Thursday, February 15

Chocolate Kisses Mice & Tic Tac Toe

4:00 PM

Design a mouse using chocolate candy. These bite-sized candies are perfect for sharing or indulging in a sweet treat. All Ages.

Friday, February 16 Valentine's Day Bingo

4:00 PM

Monday, February 26

Black History Month: Father of Ice Cream 4:00 PM Honor Augustus Jackson, an African-American confectioner who played a key role in the development of ice cream by making your own homemade ice cream. All Ages.

4th Grade & Up

Tuesday, February 27 **Canvas Painting**

4:00 PM

Join the fun of a canvas painting tutorial, a great way to learn artistic skills and discover a new hobby. 4th Grade & Up.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Toddlers-2nd Grade

Wednesday, January 17 Wednesday, February 21 **Bedtime Story Hour**

6:00 PM

Wear your pajamas and slippers, bring your favorite blanket, and head to the library for bedtime stories, milk and cookies. Toddlers-2nd Grade.

th Grade & Up

Thursday, January 18

Interactive Time Capsules

4:00 PM

Customize a time capsule to showcase your unique personality. Write a letter about your interests, hopes, and aspirations, and include keepsakes to preserve inside your capsule. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, January 25 Thursday, February 22 **UNO Club**

4:00 PM

4:00 PM

Join us for a classic game with a twist and meet new friends (and maybe even some rivals). Are you ready to have some fun? 4th Grade & Up.

Monday, January 29 Monday, February 26

Scrapbooking Club

Are you interested in scrapbooking but don't know where to begin? We are here to guide you! Each month, create a fun page to add to your scrapbook. Use the provided supplies, or bring your own photos and unique materials to make it even more special. 4th Grade & Up.



Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Friday, January 12

Pet Rock Adoption Day

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Create a pet that promises never to make a mess or run away at our Pet Rock Adoption Day! Give it a unique appearance and you'll receive an adoption certificate to make it official! All Ages.

Saturday, February 3 **DIY Mardi Gras Mask**

10:00-12:00 PM

Celebrate Mardi Gras in style with your unique and homemade mask. All Ages.

Friday, February 9

Found Art Mosaics

4:00 PM

Personalize a mosaic dish using an assortment of objects and paints to decorate air dry clay. All Ages.

Friday, February 23

win a prize! All Ages.

Berwick, Branch.

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 PM Join us for a flavorful evening tasting potato chips

Friday, January 12 Word Bingo

4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 31 National Hot Chocolate Day

Movie Showing: Small Foot (PG)

4:00 PM Enjoy this special day with a cup of cocoa & a movie showing! All Ages.

Friday, February 2 Word Bingo

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7

4:00 PM

Sweetheart Slime Be my Valen-slimes with gooey heart theme slime! All Ages.

Friday, February 16 **Black History Month:**

Performer: TMM- Envision the Streets 4:00 PM Terrance Michael-Morgan and The TMM Project are on a mission to improve the lives of today's youth by promoting positive development through art and dance. Envision the Streets celebrates the arts & sounds of live music & street dance inspired by African American culture. All Ages.

Cotton Ball Snowman Create a festive snowman using cotton balls, paper accessories and decorations. Kin-3rd Grade.

Black History Trivia & Potato Chip Tasting

as we honor the inventor, George Crum and

participate in Black History Trivia for a chance to

rd Grade

Friday, February 9 Mardi Gras Headpiece

4:00 PM

4:00 PM

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Mardi Gras headpieces are a significant aspect of the celebration. Let your creativity run wild designing your own piece. Kin-3rd Grade.

Wednesday, February 14

Pizza My Heart Valentine's Day Cards 4:00 PM Celebrate this Valentine's Day in a cheesy way with our Pizza My Heart cards! Kin-3rd Grade.

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4th Grade & Up

Wednesday, January 17 **DIY Puff Paint Canvas Painting**

4:00 PM

Create an easy puff paint art piece using acrylic paint, shaving cream and a canvas. 4th Grade & Up.

Saturday, February 10

Chinese New Year Lanterns

11:00 AM

Get into the spirit of the Chinese New Year by making your own decorative lantern to display in your home. 4th Grade & Up.

th Grade & Up

Tuesday, January 16 **Registration* Required* **Dungeons & Dragons** Dungeons and Dragons is a tabletop role-playing

game that allows players to create their own

characters and embark on adventures. Our

experienced DM will guide you through an introduction of the game. 7th Grade & Up.

4:15 PM

Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

Thursday, January 4

Pancake Party w/ LSU Ag

3:30 PM

LSU Ag Center nutrition agent Jessica Randazzo will demonstrate how to make the perfect pancake. Participants will learn about the nutritional benefits of incorporating whole grains and fresh fruits into diets and making pancakes healthier without sacrificing taste. All Ages.

Tuesday, January 9 Winter Bingo	3:30 PM
Thursday, January 11 Winter Slime Get festive this winter with DIY s Ages.	3:30 PM sparkling slime! All
Tuesday, January 22	

Tuesday, January 23

Play Dough 3:30 PM Roll and mold your own colorful play dough made of natural ingredients. All Ages.

Thursday, January 25 Safari Bingo	3:30 PM
Thursday, February 1 Valentine's Bingo	3:30 PM

Tuesday, February 6

Duct Tape Wallets

Valentine's Bingo

3:30 PM

Customize your own wallet with different colors and patterns of duct tape. All Ages.

Wednesday, February 14

3:30 PM

Valentine Slime Happy Valen-slime's Day! Nothing beats getting gooey and messy with loved ones on this special day. All Ages.

Thursday, February 29 Bingo

3:30 PM

Franklin Library

337-828-5364

Wednesday, January 10

4:15 PM

Icy Winter Snowflakes Make uniquely exquisite snowflake decorations to celebrate the winter season! All Ages.

Wednesday, January 17

Popcorn Flavor Factory & Film

4:15 PM

Pop in for an afternoon of food decorating where you'll add flavor to your popcorn using syrup, candy, and more! Enjoy your treat during the movie showing of Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever (PG)! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 7

Churning Out Butter

4:15 PM

Make fresh butter using cream and salt, and sample your delicious creation on biscuits. You can even experiment with adding different flavors to your butter! All Ages.

Wednesday, February 21 **Kinetic Sand Mayhem**

4:15 PM

Kinetic sand is a fun activity made of sand and oil. Once made, it can be molded into shapes, used for sandcastles, or as a sensory tool for stress relief. All Ages.

7th Grade & Up

Wednesday, January 31 Wednesday, February 28

Dungeons & Dragons: Epic Quest

4:15 PM

Dungeons & Dragons is a tabletop role-playing game that immerses players in a fantasy world. Players create characters and progress by gaining experience and skills. A Dungeon Master leads the game, creating battles, puzzles and social interactions for the players to navigate through. Register and join an ongoing campaign with other teens! 7th Grade & Up. *Registration Required* 5

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

Grade

Wednesday, January 10 Paper Plate Snow Globe

4:00 PM

4:00 PM

Create a whimsical globe filled with artificial snow. 1st-3rd Grade.

Wednesday, February 14

Heart Suncatcher

Craft a heart-shaped suncatcher and hold it up to the sky to see the sun shine through. 1st-3rd Grade.

Thursday, January 4 **Firework Painting**

4:00 PM

Start the New Year with a bang by creating a fireworks painting using acrylic paints, straws, and forks. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, January 11

4:00 PM

UNO Playoffs Challenge each other to match colors and numbers the fastest to be the first to discard all cards to win and advance to the playoffs. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, February 8

Fluffy Pet Rocks

4:00 PM Make a one of a kind companion for Valentine's Day with this fluffy pet rock. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, February 22

Mardi Gras Slime

4:00 PM

Let the good times roll in making Mardi Gras slime embellished with beads, glitter and more! 4th Grade & Up.



Monday, January 29 Monday, February 26 Word Bingo

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 28

Black History Month: Fact or Fiction Trivia 4:00 PM Join us for an enjoyable round of fact or fiction trivia to celebrate Black History Month. All Ages.

West End Branch

337-923-6205

Tuesday, February 6 **Registration Required** **Black History Month:** 4:00 PM

2nd Annual Sweet Soul Food Dessert Contest

Make or bake your tastiest soul food dessert to participate in the 2nd Annual Sweet Soul Food Dessert Contest! The competition will be judged based on taste, presentation, and creativity. All Ages.

Thursday, February 8

Valentine Picture Frames

4:00 PM

Make a personalized picture frame, the perfect gift for your special Valentine. All Ages.

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine Slime

4:00 PM

With some glue, glitter, and food coloring, you can make your own custom slime and add heart-shaped confetti or glitter for an extra touch of love. All Ages.

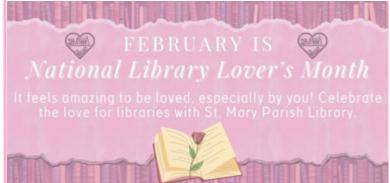
Friday, February 16

Movie Showing: Elemental (PG)	4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 20 Safari Bingo	4:00 PM
Thursday, February 29	

Bouncy Balls

4:00 PM

Make your own bouncy ball using borax, cornstarch, glue, food coloring, and water. This DIY activity is a fun way to learn about science and chemical reactions. All Ages.



Children's Story Times

BAYOU VISTA BRANCH TODDLER TIME TUESDAYS 10:00 AM

January 9-Reading is SNOW Much Fun! Story: I'm Going to Build a Snowman Activity: Cupcake liner snowmen January 16- Splish Splash Puddles Story: Let's Go Puddling! Activity: Rain boot in a puddle January 23– Fun With Opposites Story: Big Bear, Small Mouse Activity: Day & night art January 30-Totally Terrific Turtles Story: Scoot! Activity: Colorful foam turtles February 6- BRRR, It's Cold! **Story: Winter Cold and Snow** Activity: Mouse in a Mitten February 20- Soup-er Story Time Story: Carrot Soup Activity: Paper soup February 27- Clowning at the Circus Story: Where's Pup? Activity: Trapeze artist

> PATTERSON BRANCH TODDLER TIME MONDAYS 10:00 AM

January 8- New Year Winnie the Pooh Story: My Very First New Year Pooh! Activity: New year streamers & glasses January 22– Become a King or Queen Story: King Penguin Activity: Make crowns & wands January 29- Let's Dance Story: Guinea Pigs Go Dancing Activity: Create a microphone February 5– Late Winter or Early Spring Story: Will Spring Be Early? Or Will Spring Be Late? Activity: Design pop up groundhogs February 19- Pancake Day Story: If You Give a Pig a Pancake Activity: Make pancakes with toppings February 26– Dr. Seuss Day Story: Green Eggs & Ham Activity: Design Sam I Am hat





A story time experience for our youngest library users and their caregivers. 20-30 minute story times are a wonderful way to introduce songs, rhymes, and the joy of reading in a fun and positive atmosphere. The program is designed so the baby will be in the caregiver's lap and the grownup is actively involved in the program and is designed for infants (0-18 months) who have not begun to walk independently. Children who have started walking are encouraged to attend our Toddler Time on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM







Activity: Caterpillar number matching February 26- Colors Story: Monster Loves Colors Activity: Monster shapes/colors





Story: The Kindness Book

Story: Pop

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Activity: Cards for nursing home residents



Activity: Make bubbles January 26- Opposites Story: Big Bob, Little Bob

January 19– Things That Go Pop!

Activity: Opposites art

February 2– Sweethearts Story: Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse

Activity: Valentine's card February 9- Mardi Gras Story: Happy Mardi Gras!

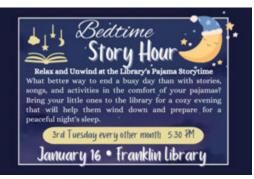
Activity: Make and parade floats February 16- Love

Story: Love is Bubblegum **Activity: Bubblegum Machine** February 23– Feelings

Story: The Feelings Book



Activity: Make faces expressing feelings



Adult Programs

Bayou Vista Branch

Monday, January 8 Monday, February 5 Adult Coloring

10:30 AM

985-399-9866

Relax, de-stress and take some time for yourself. Enjoy relaxing session of coloring, refreshments, and soothing music. Adults.

Saturday, January 13

Book Talk & Signing: Rhonda Dennis 10:00-12:00 PM Attention all fans of the Green Bayou series! Join us for a special event with local author Rhonda Dennis, where she will discuss her latest book, Reawakened. Rhonda is also working on new projects and can't wait to share updates with everyone during the event. Adults.

Saturday, January 20

Decorative Candles

10:00 AM

Light up the new year with these custom decorative candles. Adults.

Saturday, February 17

DIY Watercolor Coasters

10:00 AM

Create a set of beautiful coasters to add a personal touch to your home decor. Adults.

Berwick Branch



Tuesday, January 9,16,23,30 Tuesday, February 6,20,27 Calm Coloring

1:45 PM

Coloring can be an effective way to relax, unwind, and even improve your mental wellbeing. Join us each Tuesday for our adult coloring sessions and experience the benefits for yourself. Adults.

Saturday, January 20 Wire Word Art

11:00 AM

Wire word art is a versatile way to add a threedimensional touch to your home décor. Shape your wire into letters or words to match your theme. Adults.

Monday, January 29 Tech Talk

10:00 AM

If you're new to computers, haven't used one in a while, or feel uncomfortable with technology, join us for an informative talk on maximizing the library's public computers and online resources. Adults.

Saturday, February 3 Puzzle Wreath

11:00 AM

Make a unique and creative puzzle wreath using recycled jigsaw puzzles pieces. Adults.

Monday, February 5,19,26 Black History Month:

10:00 AM

A Salute to Black Directors, Actors & Movies

Join us every Monday in February for a series of movie showings highlighting and celebrating African-American culture. Each film is directed and features African-American actors.

February 5: The Woman King (PG-13)
February 19: Ride Along (PG-13)
February 26: Love & Basketball (PG-13)

Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

Tuesday, January 9 Wednesday, February 28 Adult Coloring

10:30 AM

Adult coloring is an easy and enjoyable way to unwind and tap into your creative side. Adults.

Wednesday, January 17

Painting with Leaves

10:30 AM

Make a unique leaf painting, which can be framed and hung as a reminder of the beauty of nature. Adults.

Wednesday, January 31

Canvas Painting

10:30 AM

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned artist, canvas painting is a great way to express your creativity and explore your artistic side. Adults.

Thursday, February 15

Sunshine Sun Catcher

10:30 AM

Using beads and your imagination, create a beautiful suncatcher to add some charm to your windowsill! Adults.



Adult Programs

Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

Tuesday, February 27 **Healthy Snacks** LSU Ag w/ Jessica Randazzo

10:30 AM

Healthy snacks are a great way to keep your energy levels up throughout the day. Discover some great options that are not only nutritious but also delicious with the help of LSU Ag agent Jessica Randazzo, Adults.





Monday, January 8

Adult Crafternoon: Clothespin Snowflakes 3:15 PM Elevate your decor with these charming clothespin snowflakes and add a touch of winter wonderland to your home. Adults.

Wednesday, January 24

Riders on the Orphan Train

6:00 PM

Join us for an hour-long multimedia experience that aims to educate, raise awareness, and preserve stories about the orphan train movement. The presentation includes a live musical performance by Phillip Lancaster and Alison Moore and an archival photo and video montage with survivor interviews. Additionally, the program features a dramatic reading of the award -winning novel "Riders on the Orphan Train" by Alison Moore, which tells the story of children affected by this little-known part of our history. Adults.

Monday, February 5

Adult Crafternoon: Mardi Gras Bottles 3:15 PM

Decorate recycled bottles in festive Mardi Gras colors and add ribbon, beads, or feathers as adornments. Adults.

Saturday, February 10

Art with Marla: Art Talk & Mini Workshop 10:00 AM Watercolor painting is a versatile medium that can create vibrant and expressive works of art. Join Marla Chirdon, an emerging local visual artist, for an informative art discussion and hands on watercolor workshop. Adults.

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

Saturday, January 27 **Record Album Bowls**

10:00 AM

Turn repurposed vinyl records into a unique and stylish bowl for home decor. Adults.

Saturday, February 24

10:00 AM

Porch Leaner Sign Make something cute, sassy or classy for your porch with a homemade porch leaner. Adults.

West End Branch 337-923-6205

Thursday, February 1

10:00 AM

Lemon & Sugar Body Scrub Create a nourishing, vitamin C-rich body scrub using fresh lemons and sugar to exfoliate and brighten your skin. Adults.

Monday, February 5,19,26 **Canvas Painting**

1:30 PM

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

Wednesday, February 7,14,21,28

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.

Saturday, February 17

Swap Shop

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Start collecting your treasures for some trading fun at our swap shop, a fun and unique way to connect with others in your community and discover new items! Adults.

Thursday, February 29

Healthy Snacks w/ LSU AG

10:00 AM

Snacking on healthy foods is an excellent way to keep your energy levels up throughout the day. LSU Ag agent Jessica Randazzo has some fantastic options for you to consider, which are nutritious and delicious. Adults.

Book Clubs

Adult Book Chik

Amelia Branch esday of ev 10:45 AM

Berwick Branch Meets last Wednesday of every month 200 PM





January 9-Homecoming by Kate Morton February 20-Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

January 31- The Maid by Nita Prose February 28- Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney

January 16- The House on Honeysuckle Lane by Mary McDonough February 20- The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

January 11- The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab February 8- The Viscount Who Loved Me by Julia Quinn



Berwick Branch Grades 4-8 Meets last Thursday of every month

4:00 PM January 25-Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds February 29- When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead



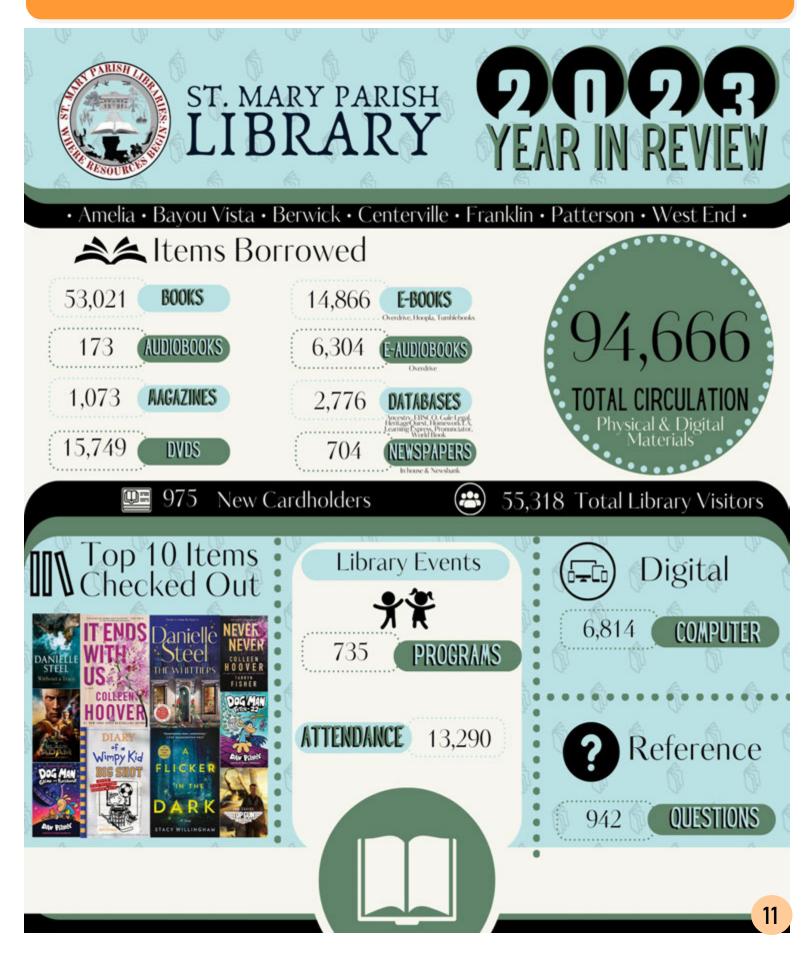
atterson Branch Grades 6-12 Meets 3rd Thursday of every month

4:00 PM

January 18- The Grace Year by Kim Liggett February 15- Slammed by Colleen Hoover



Year In Review





St. Mary Parish Library 206 Iberia Street Franklin, LA 70538

Upcoming Library Closures

New Year's Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Mardi Gras January 1 January 15 February 12-13



 Main Library—Alex P. Allain

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 Franklin, LA 70538

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 337-828-5364

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 Mon-Fri
 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

 Sat
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Bayou Vista Branch

 1325 Belleview Dr

 Bayou Vista, LA 70380

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 985-399-9866

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 985-399-4232

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 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

 Sat
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Berwick Branch

3512 Fifth St Berwick, LA 70342 Phone 985-385-2943 Fax 985-385-6474 Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Centerville Branch

9340 Hwy 182 Centerville, LA 70522 Phone 337-836-1717 Fax 337-836-1718 Tues-Thurs 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Sat Closed

Patterson Branch

521 Catherine St Patterson, LA 70392 Phone 985-395-2777 Fax 985-399-4469 Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

West End Branch

 100 Charenton Rd

 Baldwin, LA 70514

 Phone
 337-923-6205

 Fax
 337-923-4507

 Mon-Fri
 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

 Sat
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

in loving memory Larry Hicks

The Hidden Language of Cats: How They Have Us at Meow by Sarah Brown Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

Dr. Thomas Kramer

Functional Maternity: Using Functional Medicine and Nutrition to Improve Pregnancy and Childbirth Outcomes by Sarah Thompson Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

Margaret Taylor

Next-Level Bass Fishing: Innovative Techniques That Have Elevated the World's Best Anglers to the Top by Joe Kinnison Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

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St. Mary Parish Library System

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