



# Library Lagniappe

St. Mary Parish Library Newsletter

March-May 2024

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## LIBRARY HOURS

### BAYOU VISTA • BERWICK FRANKLIN • PATTERSON WEST END

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

### AMELIA

Monday-Friday	9:30 AM-5:30 PM
Saturday-Sunday	Closed

### CENTERVILLE

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Thursday	8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Saturday-Sunday	Closed



# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13, 2024

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. "Ready, Set, Library!" promotes the idea that in our always online world, libraries give us the green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at St. Mary Parish Library's programs and book clubs.

National Library Week 2024 will be celebrated Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 13th. Days of note during that week are:

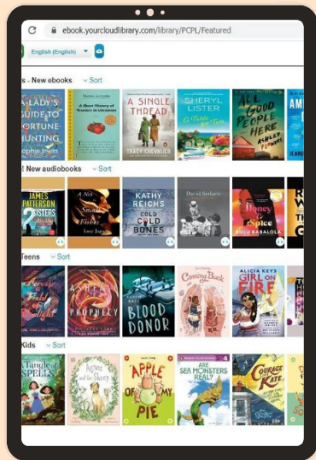
Monday, April 8: Right to Read Day

Tuesday, April 9: National Library Workers Day

Wednesday, April 10: National Library Outreach Day

Thursday, April 11: Take Action for Libraries Day

Celebrate with St. Mary Parish on Monday, April 8 with coffee and cake at all library branches.



## cloudLibrary

e-book & e-audiobooks

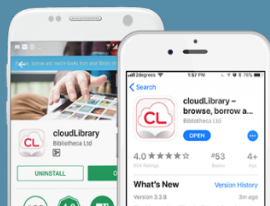
St. Mary Parish Library is transitioning to a new platform for eBook and eAudiobook lending. The new platform, cloudLibrary™, will provide an app that is extremely easy for all users and allows the library to manage its content and offer more to you through a partnership with other libraries across Louisiana. On March 13, 2024, the collection within OverDrive will be turned off and those titles will be moved over into cloudLibrary throughout the day. Holds and reading history will not be transferred over. The new cloudLibrary app can be found in app stores, or you can find the link at **[www.yourcloudLibrary.com](http://www.yourcloudLibrary.com)**. Download the app to begin browsing, borrowing, and reading/listening to our collection. Once the app is added to your device, there is a simple, one-time sign-in process of selecting the library and entering the library card number and pin. If you need help downloading the cloudLibrary app or any other help with cloudLibrary, we encourage you to visit your local library branch. Our staff are here to help you with this transition.

*Please note: cloudLibrary is not compatible with Kindle Paperwhite or the Kindle apps*

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### Download the cloudLibrary app

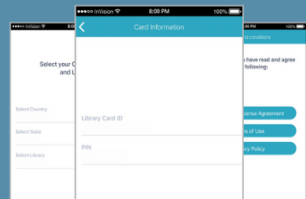
directly from the Apple App Store or Google Play



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### Log into St. Mary Parish Library

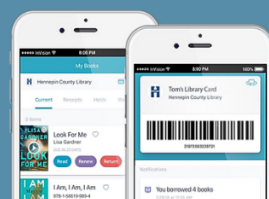
select country, state, and library, and enter your Library card number and PIN (last 4 digits). Agree to the terms and log in.



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### Browse, borrow and read

now you are ready to browse, borrow, and read e-books and e-audiobooks from St. Mary Parish Library. Manage borrowed items, reading history and more!



# Children's Programs

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

## Pardon Our Progress

Amelia Library is currently undergoing renovations. The branch will stay open for the duration of the construction.



## All Ages

Wednesday, March 27

**School House Safari** 2:30 PM

Schoolhouse Safari brings an engaging and interactive demonstration to introduce and explore 8 exotic arthropods. Participants will have the opportunity to get a close up view of each creature. All Ages.

Thursday, April 11

**Craft Stick Cellphone Stand** 4:00 PM

Craft a simple DIY project using craft sticks to create a stand for holding smartphones. All Ages.

Wednesday, April 17

**Taste Safe Floam Slime** 4:00 PM

Experiment with jello and marshmallows for some tasty fun. All Ages.

Friday, April 26

**Candy Sushi** 4:00 PM

Experiment with different candy combinations and designs to make delicious candy sushi! All Ages.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

## 4th Grade & Up

Thursday, March 14

**Squishmallow Painting** 4:00 PM

Paint your favorite Squishmallow on canvas! 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, March 21

Thursday, April 18

**Scrapbooking Club** 4:00 PM

Get started with scrapbooking by creating a monthly page using provided supplies or your own photos and materials. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, April 25

**Clay Magnets** 4:00 PM

Enhance your refrigerator or locker with stylish and custom-made magnets. 4th Grade & Up.

## All Ages

Monday, March 4

**Felt Bookmarks** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Create a personalized bookmark, perfect for you! All Ages.

Friday, March 8

**Super Mario & Friends Night** 6:00 PM

Make your way to the library for a thrilling game of live-action Mario Kart. Everyone will have a blast decorating cupcakes, participating in a scavenger hunt, and crafting a Bob-omb night light. All Ages.

Friday, March 22

**Pulp Painting** 4:00 PM

Join us as we explore painting with paper mache materials to craft a piece that you can cherish forever. All Ages.

Friday, April 5

**Ice Cream & Ice Age (PG)** 6:00 PM

Put on your cozy pajamas and indulge in an ice cream sundae while enjoying Ice Age. All Ages.

Monday, April 22

**Upcycle Bird Feeders** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Turn trash into treasure by creating DIY bird bath and feeder stations to support your local bird population. All Ages.

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

## KIN-3rd Grade

Monday, March 4

**Green Eggs & Ham Craft** 4:00 PM

Get creative with a Green Eggs & Ham craft to bring the beloved Dr. Seuss story to life. Kin-3rd Grade.

Tuesday, April 9

**3D Ladybugs** 4:00 PM

Create a 3D ladybug craft using simple supplies and personalize with antennae for a fun decorative piece. Kin-3rd Grade.



# Children's Programs

*Berwick Branch*

985-385-2943

## 4th Grade & Up

Tuesday, March 5

**Hat Pencil Cup with Truffula Tree Pencils** 4:00 PM

Design a whimsical pencil cup inspired by Dr. Seuss to hold your truffula tree pencils. 4th Grade & Up.

Tuesday, March 19

**String Bunny Egg** 4:00 PM

Create adorable egg bunnies for spring décor using an egg, yarn and mini pompoms. 4th Grade & Up.

Wednesday, April 10

**Fidget Bracelets** 4:00 PM

Design a unique fidget bracelet using a variety of materials and techniques for a calming outlet for restless hands and minds. 4th Grade & Up.

Tuesday, April 23

**Book Speed Dating** 4:00 PM

Struggling to discover your next captivating book? Join us for a Book Speed Dating event and uncover your ideal literary match. 4th Grade & Up.

## 7th Grade & Up

Tuesday, March 26 *\*Registration Required\**

**Dungeons & Dragons** 4:15 PM

Dungeons and Dragons is a tabletop role playing game where players create characters and go on adventures with guidance from an experienced DM. 7th Grade & Up.

## All Ages

Friday, March 1

**Family Story Hour** 5:30 PM

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Bring the whole family for an evening of Dr. Seuss fun! Hear stories, do a craft, and have a Seuss snack! All Ages.

Wednesday, March 6

**Movie Showing: The Cat in the Hat (PG)** 3:30 PM

Friday, March 8

**Dr. Seuss Bingo** 4:00 PM

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Monday, April 15–Friday, April 19

**Bookshelf Scavenger Hunt** 2:30–5:00 PM

Take part in a week long scavenger hunt to ignite your love for reading! Submit your completed form for a chance to win a small prize. All Ages.

Monday, April 8

**Word Bingo** 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 13

**National Scrabble Day** 11:00 AM

National Scrabble Day is celebrated on April 13th! Have fun with words, challenge your vocabulary, and enjoy the company of others! All Ages.

Monday, April 22

**Captain P's Honey Bees** 4:00 PM

In celebration of Earth Day, we are raising awareness about the importance of honey bees, their effect on the climate, and the actions we can take to help protect them with a visit from Captain P's Honey Bees. All Ages.

Saturday, April 27

**Baking Bar Crawl** 10:30 AM

Showcase your baking skills with cookies, brownies, rice Krispies, and other bite-sized bar treats! Enter the competition with recipes, and vote for the ultimate champion. The judging will begin at 11:00 AM, while supplies last. Please be aware that although we strive to label all dishes accurately, cross-contamination is possible. Exercise caution if you have any food allergies. All Ages.

Monday, May 13–Friday, May 17

**Money Madness Scavenger Hunt** 2:30–5:00 PM

Join the week long Money Madness Scavenger Hunt to learn more about financial literacy! All Ages.

## 9th Grade & Up

Thursday, March 7

Thursday, April 11

**Evening ACT Study Session** 5:30–8:00 PM

St. Mary Parish High School Students are invited to an evening study session to prepare for the ACT exam! Career Compass members will be available to help students with FAFSA, applications, research, and more. Students must provide their student ID to enter, and re-entry will not be permitted. 9th Grade & Up.

# Children's Programs

Centerville Branch 337-836-1717

## All Ages

Tuesday, March 5

**Mod Podge Eggs** 3:30 PM

Use Mod Podge to craft a mosaic egg for a cheerful and artistic spring ornament. All Ages.

Thursday, March 14

**Word Bingo** 3:30 PM

Thursday, March 21

**Spring Slime** 3:30 PM

Stretch it, squish it, and have fun with this colorful, gooey spring slime! All Ages.

Thursday, April 11

**Number Bingo** 3:30 PM

Thursday, April 25

**Edible Pudding Slime** 3:30 PM

This edible pudding slime offers a unique twist on traditional slime, providing a delightful and delicious experience! All Ages.

Tuesday, April 30

**Cinco de Mayo Bolero Game** 3:30 PM

The "Bolero" game is a lively and fun-filled Cinco de Mayo activity that blends music, dancing, and lots of laughter. Embrace the vibrant Mexican culture through this celebration. All Ages.

Tuesday, May 7

**Spring Bingo** 3:30 PM

Franklin Library 337-828-5364

## All Ages

Saturday, March 2

**Saturday Morning Cartoons: Seussical** 10:30 AM

Celebrate Dr. Seuss with a screening of Horton Hears a Who (G)! All Ages.

Wednesday, March 6

**It's a-me, Mario!** 4:15 PM

Join us at our Mario Madhouse featuring Mario Kart & Super Smash Bros on the Nintendo Switch. All Ages.

Wednesday, March 13

**Lucky Charm Rock Painting** 4:15 PM

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day by decorating rocks with paint, stickers, and other materials! All Ages.

Wednesday, April 10

**Unicorn Slime** 4:15 PM

To celebrate National Unicorn Day, use simple ingredients to make magical slime! All Ages.

Wednesday, April 17

**Captain P's Honeybees** 4:00 PM

Captain P's Honeybees welcomes you to a special event about beekeeping. Discover the roles bees play in helping our planet. All Ages.

Wednesday, April 24

**Earth Day: Cloud Jar** 4:15 PM

Cloud in a jar provides a visual and educational experience about clouds and weather. All Ages.

Thursday, April 25

**Milk o' Upcycle** 4:15 PM

Let your creativity flow by upcycling old bottles into bird feeders, fairy houses, and more using decorations and other materials. All Ages.

Saturday, May 4

**Saturday Morning Cartoons: Star Wars** 10:30 AM

May the fourth be with you. Enjoy Lego Star Wars shorts in celebration of Star Wars Day! All Ages.

## 7th Grade & Up

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, April 17 *\*Registration Required\**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Epic Quest** 4:15 PM

**Read across America March 4-8**

Celebrate reading with St. Mary Parish Library! Dress your best and visit the library during Read Across America week to receive a fun prize!

<b>Monday</b> March 4 Wear crazy socks	<b>Tuesday</b> March 5 Wear a shirt others can read	<b>Wednesday</b> March 6 Wear your wackiest outfit	<b>Thursday</b> March 7 Wear green	<b>Friday</b> March 8 Wear future job attire
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Books featured: Fox in Socks, I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!, Wacky Wednesday, Green Eggs and Ham, Oh, the Places You'll Go!

# Children's Programs

*Patterson Branch*

985-395-2777

## 1st-3rd Grade

Wednesday, March 13

**Rainbow Blower** 4:00 PM

Use recycled cardboard with vibrant streamers to create a whimsical effect in the wind. 1st-3rd Grade.

Wednesday, April 17

**Dream Catcher** 4:00 PM

Decorate a dream catcher to welcome positive dreams. 1st-3rd Grade.

## 4th Grade & Up

Thursday, March 7

**Tape It & Make It** 4:00 PM

Create a one of a kind masterpiece using duct tape. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, April 4

**Poetry Corner** 4:00 PM

In honor of National Poetry Month, join us at poetry corner where you will create poetic art using magazines and books. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, April 25

**Upcycled Bird Feeder** 4:00 PM

To help celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day join us in making a bird feeder that can hang outside for all types of birds to enjoy. 4th Grade & Up.

## All Ages

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday, April 30

**Word Bingo** 4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27

**Schoolhouse Safari** 10:30 AM

Schoolhouse Safari offers an engaging presentation where participants can meet and learn about six to seven reptiles, such as snakes, lizards, and a large tortoise. All Ages.

Thursday, March 28

**Eggstravaganza** 4:00 PM

Hop on over to the library for an egg hunt and spring themed minute to win it games. All Ages.

*West End Branch*

337-923-6205

## All Ages

Thursday, March 7

**Spring Candy Jars** 4:00 PM

Create spring candy jars using colorful candies, clear jars, and ribbons. All Ages.

Thursday, March 14

**St. Patrick's Day Slime** 4:00 PM

Create some ooey gooey green slime for St. Patrick's Day. All Ages.

Friday, March 22

**Hippity Hop Bingo** 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 23

**Egg Hunt** 10:00 AM

Race around and search for hidden eggs filled with delightful surprises. All Ages.

Tuesday, April 9

**April Showers Umbrella** 4:00 PM

Craft a charming paper umbrella to brighten up those rainy April days. All Ages.

Thursday, April 18

**Earth Slime** 4:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day by making some eco-friendly, shimmering slime! All Ages.

Wednesday, April 24

**Spring Bingo** 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 2

**Cinco De Mayo Slime** 4:00 PM

Explore Mexican culture with Cinco de Mayo Slime! All Ages.

Thursday, May 9

**Movie Showing: Coco (PG)** 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 22

**Ice Cream Jam** 4:00 PM

Kick off the summer season with a fun filled afternoon of karaoke, singing, & ice cream! All Ages.

## 6th-12th Grade

Wednesday, March 20, April 17, May 15

**Teen Advisory Board** 4:00 PM

# Children's Story Times

## BAYOU VISTA BRANCH

TODDLER TIME  
TUESDAYS 10:00 AM



March 5-Cloudy with a Chance of Stories

Story: Little Cloud  
Activity: Rain clouds

March 12- Colors of the Rainbow

Story: A Rainbow of my Own  
Activity: Rainbow flowers

March 19- Spring Things

Story: The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Garden Friends  
Activity: Frog on a lily pad

March 26-Hippity Hoppy

Story: The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Easter Egg Hunt  
Activity: Craft stick carrot stand

April 2- A Quacking Good Storytime

Story: Splish, Splash, Ducky!  
Activity: Duck finger puppet

April 9- Feeling Blue

Story: Bear's Picture  
Activity: Ice painting

April 16- Wiggly Worms

Story: Worm Weather  
Activity: Worm in apple

April 23- At the Beach

Story: Pete at the Beach  
Activity: Cupcake liner fish

April 30- Birds of a Feather

Story: Hooray for Birds!  
Activity: Clothespin birds in nest



## PATTERSON BRANCH

TODDLER TIME  
MONDAYS 10:00 AM

March 4- No Sleep for Sheepy

Story: Sleepy Sheepy  
Activity: Make a sheep mask

March 11- St. Patrick's Day

Story: How to Trap a Leprechaun  
Activity: Pot of gold & Leprechaun friend

March 18- Happy Waffle Day

Story: Woodpecker Wants a Waffle  
Activity: Create waffle funny faces

March 25-Happy Spring

Story: Bluey Easter  
Activity: Spring basket with eggs

April 1-April Fool's Day

Story: April Foolishness  
Activity: Joke book and mask

April 8- Rainbows

Story: Raindrops to Rainbow  
Activity: Design a rainbow umbrella

April 15-Sour Grapes

Story: The Sour Grape  
Activity: Sweet sour grape craft

April 22-Earth Day

Story: Peppa Pig & the Earth Day Adventure  
Activity: Flowers using recycled items

April 29-Hungry Caterpillar

Story: The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
Activity: Create a beautiful butterfly



## BERWICK BRANCH

TODDLER TIME  
WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM

March 6- Green Sheep!

Story: Where is the Green Sheep?  
Activity: Green cotton sheep

March 13- Lucky Day Hooray!

Story: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover

Activity: Colorful clover

March 20- Hop on Over!

Story: We're Going on a Egg Hunt  
Activity: Bunny puppet

March 27- Hip Hopping Fun!

Story: Easter  
Activity: Mini Easter basket

April 3-Spring and Sunshine

Story: Sunshine Brightens Springtime  
Activity: Sunny tissue art

April 10-Bees

Story: In the Tall, Tall Grass  
Activity: Bumblebee finger puppet

April 17-Bug Adventures

Story: Bugs on the Rug  
Activity: Wooden bug craft

April 24-Flowers and Fun

Story: And then it's spring  
Activity: Creative flower planter

May 1-Ocean Friends

Story: Moonlight Ocean  
Activity: Ocean suncatcher



### Baby Clap & Tap

0-18 Months Story Time  
Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 AM  
Berwick Branch

Saturday, March 16	Saturday, April 6	Saturday, May 18
Friday, March 22	Friday, April 26	Friday, May 31



## FRANKLIN LIBRARY

TODDLER TIME  
FRIDAYS 10:30 AM

March 1- Hip, Hip, Hooray

Story: Hooray for Books  
Activity: Decorate bookmarks

March 8- Lucky Charms

Story: Ten Lucky Leprechauns  
Activity: Make a Leprechaun mask

March 15- Bunny

Story: The Easter Bunny is Coming to Louisiana  
Activity: Paint bunnies

April 5- Good Morning!

Story: The New Rooster  
Activity: Rooster art

April 19- Elephants

Story: A Parade of Elephants  
Activity: Make an elephant mask

April 26- Can You Find Me?

Story: Where Oh Where is Baby Bear?  
Activity: Paper bag bear puppets



## Baby Rhyme Time

0-2 years old  
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
Franklin Library

March 20 | April 17



## Bedtime Story Hour

Relax and unwind at the Franklin Library's pajama story time!

Tuesday, April 16  
5:30 PM

## WEST END BRANCH

TODDLER TIME  
MONDAYS 10:00 AM



March 4- Winter

Story: Kitten's Winter  
Activity: Mittens

March 11-Bears

Story: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?  
Activity: Paper plate bear face

March 18-Rainbow Fish

Story: Rainbow Fish  
Activity: Paper rainbow fish

March 25-Spring

Story: Little bunny Easter  
Activity: Spring wreath



April 1- Flowers

Story: The Busy Flower  
Activity: Tissue paper flower

April 8-Friends

Story: My Best Friend  
Activity: Hand tree

April 15-Transportation

Story: If a Monkey Jumps Onto Your School Bus  
Activity: Red car

April 22-Ducks

Story: Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks  
Activity: Paper plate duck

April 29-Bubbles

Story: Bubble Trouble  
Activity: Outside bubble blowing



# Adult Programs

## Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

Monday, April 22

### Sour Dough Starter

10:30 AM

With just a little patience and regular feeding, you can create your own homemade sourdough starter from scratch using just flour and water. Adults.

## Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Saturday, March 9

### Ice Tie-Dye Tea Towels

10:00 AM

Give your dish towels a fresh new look using the ice tie-dye technique. Adults.

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 8

### Adult Coloring

10:30 AM

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

Saturday, April 13 *\*Registration Required\**

### DIY Hanging Shelf

10:00 AM

Looking for an affordable way to add charm to your space? We'll provide the materials you need to create a stylish and functional shelf for your home. Adults.

## Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

Tuesday, March 5,12,19,26

Tuesday, April 2,9,16,23,30

Tuesday, May 7,14,21,28

### 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.

Friday, March 8

### Women's Trivia Night

6:00 PM

Join us for an after-hours trivia night to celebrate International Women's Day. Engage in three rounds of women's trivia using Kahoot. Remember to bring a mobile device to join in the fun. Adults.

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Saturday, March 23

### Candle Wax Painting

11:00 AM

Add a touch of playfulness to your space with our colorful painted candles where wax serves as your artistic medium! Adults.

Monday, March 25

### Tech Help

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Whether you need assistance setting up a new device, troubleshooting an issue, or simply want to learn more about how to make the most out of your technology, we've got you covered. Drop in any time between 10-12 for your on the go tech help! Adults.

## Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

Wednesday, March 6

### Pin Cushion

10:30 AM

Discover how to create your pin cushion with this simple, step-by-step guide. This handmade tool is practical for sewing projects and a stylish addition to crafting supplies. Adults.

Tuesday, March 12

Tuesday, April 9

### Adult Coloring

10:30 AM

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

Wednesday, April 3

### Button & Blooms

10:30 AM

Create a beautiful bouquet using buttons instead of flowers. Adults.



## City of Franklin & St. Mary Parish Library

Presents

### CITY-WIDE CLEANUP



The Keep Louisiana Beautiful Love the Boot Week is a community program engaging volunteers each spring for positive change and lasting impact. In collaboration with the City of Franklin, we will host a city-wide cleanup event to help beautify the city and promote a sense of pride and unity among neighbors. Residents can pick up cleaning supplies at the St. Mary Parish Courthouse Square. Let's make our city shine!

**Date:** Saturday, April 20

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Meet Up Location:** St. Mary Parish Courthouse Square



# Adult Programs

**Franklin Library** 337-828-5364

**Monday, March 11**

**Adult Crafternoon: Candle Painting** 3:15 PM  
Candle wax painting is a creative and colorful craft that involves using melted wax to create beautifully designed taper candles. Adults.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Law Talks: Issues with Income Taxes** 5:30 PM  
Attend a virtual presentation about income tax issues, led by legal aid and volunteer attorneys. Adults.

**Monday, April 15**

**Adult Crafternoon: Flower Bookmarks** 3:15 PM  
Preserve the beauty of flowers for years to come with personalized bookmarks. Adults.

**Monday, April 22**

**Figuring Out Finance: w/ Tina Hidalgo, CPA & Victoria Simoneaux, Financial Advisor** 6:00 PM  
Join finance professionals Christina Hidalgo and Victoria Simoneaux for a workshop covering a range of economic subjects including simple tax overviews, retirement and savings plans. Adults.

**Wednesday, March 27 & Tuesday, April 30**

**SNAP Education w/ Crystal Adam** 5:30 PM  
SNAP helps low-income individuals purchase healthy food like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. St. Mary Parish Library is excited to host SNAP ES Consultant Crystal Adam, who will guide you on applying for food stamps. Discover the eligibility criteria, contact details, and available alternatives if you do not qualify. Pamphlets and extra resources will be provided to support you throughout the application process. Adults.

**Patterson Branch** 985-395-2777

**Saturday, March 30**

**Bedazzled Glasses** 10:00 AM  
Embellish a glass with gems and glitter to bring a touch of sparkle to your table setting. Adults.

**Saturday, April 27**

**Faux Concrete Painting** 10:00 AM  
Use paint and baking soda, to create a concrete look without the weight. Adults.

**West End Branch** 337-923-6205

**Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Monday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Monday, May 6, 13, 20**

**Art Workshop** 1:30 PM

The weekly art workshop is open to artists of all levels to explore painting, drawing, and mixed media. It offers a space for sharing ideas, inspiration, and techniques while connecting with a community of art enthusiasts. Adults.

**Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24**

**Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**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.

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Buttons & Blooms** 10:00 AM

Craft a lovely bouquet using buttons in place of flowers. Adults.

**Thursday, April 4**

**Pin Cushion** 10:00 AM

Create a pin cushion with a step-by-step guide for sewing projects and crafting supplies. Adults.



*Spring Reads*

Explore these upcoming book releases scheduled for March, April, and May 2024.

<b>DANIELLE STEEL</b> NEVER TOO LATE	<b>Fern Michaels</b> Wild Side	<b>Bye, Baby</b> CAROLA LOVERING	<b>EVERY ONE IS WATCHING</b> HEATHER GUDENKAUF	<b>KENNEDY RYAN</b> THIS COULD BE US
<b>EMILY HENRY</b> FUNNY STORY	<b>SHE'S NOT SORRY</b> MARY KUBICA	<b>MARY HIGGINS CLARK &amp; ALAFAIR BURKE</b> IT HAD TO BE YOU	<b>JOHN GRISHAM</b> CAMINO GHOSTS	<b>RUTH WARE</b> ONE PERFECT COUPLE

## Adult Book Club

*Amelia Branch*  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month  
10:45 AM

**March 12-** Starling House by Alix E. Harrow  
**April 9-** The House in the Pines by Ana Reyes  
**May 14-** Wrong Place Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister

*Berwick Branch*  
Meets last Wednesday of every month  
2:00 PM

**March 27-** Swinging in Place by Jocelyn Hazelwood Donlon, Ph.D.  
**April 24-** As You Wish by Jude Deveraux

*Centerville Branch*  
Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month  
10:30 AM

**March 19-** Educated by Tara Westover  
**April 16-** Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus  
**May 21-** The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

*Franklin Branch*  
Meets 2nd Thursday of every month  
4:00 PM

**March 14-** The Christie Affair by Nina De Gramont  
**April 11-** Belgravia by Julian Fellowes  
**May 9-** Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult



## Youth Book Club

*Berwick Branch*  
Grades 4-8  
Meets last Thursday of every month  
4:00 PM

**March 28-** Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
**April 25-** Coraline by Neil Gaiman

*Centerville Branch*  
Grades 6-8  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month  
3:30 PM

**March 12-** The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket  
**April 9-** The Reptile Room by Lemony Snicket  
**May 14-** The Wide Window by Lemony Snicket

*Patterson Branch*  
Grades 6-12  
Meets 3rd Thursday of every month  
4:00 PM

**March 21-** The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
**April 18-** Daughter of Smoke and Bone by Laini Taylor

*West End Branch*  
Grades 6-7  
Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month  
4:00 PM

**March 19-** Cursed Carnival and Other Calamities by Rick Riordan  
**April 16-** The Bellwoods Game by Celia Krampien  
**May 21-** Brick Dust and Bones by M.R. Fournet

*West End Branch*  
Grades 8-12  
Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month  
4:00 PM

**March 13-** Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard  
**April 10-** My Fault by Mercedes Ron  
**May 8-** The Selection by Kiera Cass



## •Alma Blood

*Still We Rise: A Love Letter to the Southern Biscuit with Over 70 Sweet and Savory Recipes* by Erika Council

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*Best Perennials for Sun and Shade (Home Grown Gardening)* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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*Fly Fishing Evolution: Advanced Strategies for Dry Fly, Nymph and Streamer Fishing* by George Daniel

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## •Anne Guillotte Picard

*Wreaths: 22 Festive Creations to Make* by Sian Hamilton

*The Hummingbird Handbook: Everything You Need to know about These Fascinating Birds* by John Shewey

*The Cut Flower Sourcebook: Exceptional Perennials and Woody Plants for Cutting* by Rachel Siegfried

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## •Billy Rogers

*Catch a Better Life: Daily Devotions and Fishing Tips* by Jimmy Houston

*Good Catch: A Guide to Sustainable Fish and Seafood with Recipes from the World's Oceans* by Valentine Thomas

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## 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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### Upcoming Library Closures

Good Friday	March 29
Staff Day	April 12
Memorial Day	May 27



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Franklin, LA 70538  
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Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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#### Library Headquarters

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Sat Closed

#### Centerville Branch

9340 Hwy 182  
Centerville, LA 70522  
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Patterson, LA 70392  
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#### Bayou Vista Branch

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Bayou Vista, LA 70380  
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100 Charenton Rd  
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**Franklin Library**  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### Donation Drive



March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women throughout history. During the month, St. Mary Parish Library will host a donation box at each location to be presented to local shelters throughout the parish. By supporting the donation drive, we can come together to help those in need within our community. Your donations can make a difference in the lives of women and families who rely on local shelters for support. Together, we can make a positive impact and continue to honor the legacy of women who have paved the way for future generations.

#### LOCAL SHELTER ITEMS NEEDED:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AFRICAN AMERICAN HAIR PRODUCTS | KLEENEX                           |
| BABY BOTTLES                   | MOUTHWASH                         |
| BABY LOTION                    | NEW UNDERGARMENTS (YOUTH & ADULT) |
| BABY WASH/SHAMPOO              | PACIFIERS                         |
| BARRETTES                      | PAPER PLATES                      |
| BATH TOWELS                    | PAPER TOWELS                      |
| CLEANING PRODUCTS              | PONYTAIL HOLDER                   |
| COMBS                          | SANITARY NAPKINS/LINERS           |
| CONDITIONER                    | SHAMPOO                           |
| DEODORANT                      | SOAP                              |
| DIAPERS (ALL SIZES)            | TAMPONS                           |
| DISHWASHING LIQUID             | TOILET PAPER                      |
| FEMININE WASH                  | TOOTHBRUSHES                      |
| FLOOR CLEANER                  | TOOTHPASTE                        |
| HAIRBRUSHES                    | WASHCLOTHS                        |
| HAIRSPRAY                      | WASHING POWDER                    |
|                                | WIPES                             |



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