

Library Updates



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In her years as Director of the St. Mary Parish Library system, Julie Champagne Culler helped develop our library system into the valued organization we know and love today.

In 2004, when the Library Board appointed her to her leadership position, Julie and the Library Board collaborated on expanding our library system. Their collaboration produced the opening of Centerville Library in 2009, and subsequently, Julie led multiple library renovation projects in Franklin, Berwick, and Patterson. During COVID-19, Julie's attention to detail and adherence to CDC guidelines ensured staff continued to provide quality resources and services to our beloved community within safety measures. In 2023, she was the recipient of the Louisiana Library Association's Library Director of the Year award, an award that acknowledges a library director's outstanding contributions. St. Mary Parish Library remains grateful for Julie's contributions to our library system and wishes her a wonderful retirement.



As Summer draws to a close, there's nothing better than curling up with a good book on a fall evening. The displayed titles will be released Sept-Oct 2023.

Children's Programs

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262



Wednesday, September 6 3:45 PM Slime Fixing Whether it's too sticky, too thin or too hard, bring in slime that needs fixing. All Ages.

Friday, September 8

Life-Sized Scrabble 3:45 PM This giant Scabble game turns a classic board game life-sized! All Ages.

Monday, September 11 **Basic Slime** 3:45 PM Create a basic slime base, used to make a variety of different types. All Ages.

Friday, September 15 **Uno Competition**

competition. All Ages.

3:45 PM Be the first to yell 'UNO' for a chance to win the

Monday, September 18 3:45 PM **Smelly Slime** Add scent to your slime with a simple DIY recipe.

Friday, September 22

All Ages.

Life-Sized Checkers

3:45 PM

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See how many moves you can make against a friend in this life-sized version of the classic game of Checkers. All Ages.

Monday, September 25

Friendship Bracelets

Design colorful beaded bracelets to share with friends! All Ages.

Friday, September 29 Word Bingo 3:45 PM

Wednesday, October 4

Black Out Poetry 3:45 PM Learn the creative process of making blackout poetry art. All Ages.

Friday, October 6 Glow in the Dark Slime 3:45 PM Add glow to your slime! All Ages.

Wednesday, October 11

3:45 PM

Lego Brick Painting LEGO bricks aren't just for great building ideas! Gather your favorite LEGO pieces and create stamp art. All Ages.

Tuesday, October 17 **Spider Web Painting** 3:45 PM Create abstract art using paper webs. All Ages.

Friday, October 20 **Picture Bingo**

3:45 PM

Tuesday, October 31

Costume Contest 3:45 PM Wear your best costume and enjoy creepy crispy treats! All Ages.

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

th Grade & Up

Friday, September 22

3:30 PM

Book Nooks **Registration Required** Add a little magic to your bookshelf by creating a miniature room book nook. This small box transports you into a tiny world, designed with wall paper and accessories. We encourage you to bring any personal mini-items you'd like inside your room. 4th Grade & Up.

Friday, September 29

Tik Tok Pickle Tasting Party

4:00 PM

Play pickle themed games while taste testing trendy pickle concoctions, like pickles stuffed with gushers and wrapped in fruit roll ups. Which one will be your favorite? 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, September 7

Back to School Notebooks 9:00 AM-4:30 PM Create a customized composition notebook for your back to school needs. All Ages.

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Children's Programs

Bayou Vista Branch

985-399-9866

Friday, September 15

Family Pancake & Pajama Night

6:00 PM Get cozy at the library with the whole family at our pancake and pajama night! Enjoy pancakes and a showing of 'Matilda' (PG). Don't forget your stuffed animal and blanket! All Ages.

Thursday, October 19

9:00 AM-4:30 PM **Fall Topiaries** Bring autumn to your space by creating a festive fall tree. All Ages.

Friday, October 27

BOOKtacular Halloween

5:30 PM

Visit the library after hours for a creepy good time! Enjoy games, a costume contest, spooky treats and a movie showing. All Ages.

Berwick Branch

985-385-2943

KIN-3rd Grade

Thursday, September 14

Movie Showing: Up (PG) 3:30 PM Adventure is out there! Create a paper hot air balloon from the movie 'UP'.

4th Grade & Up

Tuesday, September 12

Bracelet Weaving

4:00 PM

Craft a woven friendship bracelet that is sure to be your favorite accessory. 4th Grade & up.

Friday, September 8 Word Bingo

4:00 PM



Thursday, September 21 **Cloud Dough**

4:00 PM

Make this super soft cloud dough recipe, a fun twist on traditional playdough. All Ages.

Friday, October 6

Schoolhouse Safari:

Educational Insect Encounter

4:00 PM

Schoolhouse Safari introduces an interactive demonstration through teaching us about 8 exotic arthropods. The encounter will include an up-close look at each insect followed by the chance to hold one critter for a photo. All Ages.

Friday, October 20 Word Bingo

4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Spook-tacular

3:30 PM

Wear your best Halloween costume and head to the library for an afternoon of Halloween fun! Craft a glow in the dark canvas while watching the classic movie Hocus Pocus (PG). All Ages.

Centerville Branch

Tuesday, September 5

3:30 PM

337-836-1717

Rock n' Roll Painting Create colorful designs on rocks using paint! All Ages.

Tuesday, October 10 **Fizzing Moon Ghosts**

3:30 PM

Fizzing Moon Ghosts is a fun STEM Halloween activity that includes incredible sensory play followed by a bubbly chemical reaction. All Ages.



Children's Programs

Franklin Library

337-828-5364

Wednesday, September 6

Volcanic Slime

4:15 PM

Find out how to make slime with baking soda and vinegar for an awesome fizzing slime volcano. All Ages.

Wednesday, September 13

Friendship Bracelets

4:15 PM Learn how to make stretchy beaded bracelets with elastic cord and colorful beads, in this beginner jewelry-making tutorial. All Ages.

Friday, October 13

Fear Factor

4:15 PM

Are you brave enough to taste test gross goodies? Put your taste buds to the test at our Fear Factor: Halloween Edition! All Ages.

Wednesday, October 18

Halloween Costume Party

4:15 PM

Come dressed in your favorite costume and have a fang-tastic time making tasty Halloween treats. All Ages.

Friday, October 27

Schoolhouse Safari: Creepy Crawlies

4:15 PM

Schoolhouse Safari introduces an interactive demonstration through teaching us about 8 exotic arthropods. The encounter will include an up-close look at each insect followed by the chance to hold one critter for a photo. All Ages.

7th Grade & Up

Wednesday, September 27 Wednesday, October 25

Dungeons & Dragons: Epic Quest

4:15 PM

Adventurers wanted! D&D is a fantasy role-playing game, allowing players to collaborate as storytellers. Join us as we embark on our first campaign. 7th Grade & Up. *Registration Required*

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

-3rd Grade

Wednesday, September 6 Fall Wreath

4:00 PM

Create fall art using leaf paper decorations. 1st-3rd Grade.

Wednesday, October 25 Monster Treat Bag

4:00 PM

Design a monster themed bag for Halloween trickor-treating, 1st-3rd Grade,

h Grade & Up

Thursday, September 14 Tin Can Insect

4:00 PM

Create some insect friends for your house or garden with old tin cans. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, September 28

Get in the Game 4:00 PM Let the games begin! Join us for an afternoon of board game fun. 4th Grade & Up.

Thursday, October 12

Mason Jar Pumpkin 4:00 PM With mod podge and tissue paper, turn a mason jar into a pumpkin. 4th Grade & Up.

Tuesday, October 24

4:00 PM

Are you Smarter than a Librarian? Test your knowledge with a game of library trivia. 4th Grade & Up.

Monday, September 25-Fall Bingo

4:00 PM

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Friday, October 6-Health Inspector Q&A w/ J'Mia Young, R.S. 4:00 PM Handwashing Sensory Bag

Stay informed on sanitation with J'Mia Young, R.S. at this Q&A session. Create a DIY sensory bag to teach young learners about hand washing! All Ages.

Monday, October 30-Halloween Bingo

4:00 PM

Children's Story Times

St. Mary Parish Library Toddler TIME

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







September 5- Cupcake Party Story: Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes Activity: Colorful cupcakes

September 12– Oopsie! Story: It's Okay to Make Mistakes Activity: Mistake art

September 19-At the Grocery Store Story: Maisy Goes Shopping Activity: Shopping bag

September 26-Fruit Salad Yummy Yummy Story: Summer Fruits Activity: Popsicle stick pineapple

October 3- Camping Out Story: Maisy Goes Camping Activity: Craft stick tents



October 10- Creepy Crawlies Story: There Was an Old Mummy Who

Swallowed a Spider Activity: Playdough spiders October 17- At the Pumpkin Patch @



Story: Pick a Pumpkin Activity: Halloween silhouettes October 24– Goofy Ghosties Story: Say Boo! Activity: Cotton ball ghost October 31– Happy Halloween! Story: It's Halloween Night! Activity: Candy corn friend



CENTERVILLE BRANCH TODDLER TIME THURSDAYS 10:30 AM

September 7– Friends Story: My Best, Best Friend Activity: Fingerprint dotted tree September 21– Colors Story: The Life of a Crayon Activity: Color pockets October 12–Elowers



October 12-Flower's Busy Day Story: The Flower's Busy Day Activity: Tissue paper flower October 26- Fall Story: Let It Fall Activity: Paper plate wreath



Children's Story Times



September 6- A is for Apples Story: Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze! Activity: Apple art September 13-Acorns Everywhere Story: The Busy Little Squirrel Activity: Squirrel and acorn September 20- Friends on the Farm Story: Farmer Brown and his Little Red Truck

Activity: Popsicle stick truck September 27 – Little Pigs! Little Pigs! Story: Huff and Puff

Activity: Pig puppet

October 4– Stop Drop and Roll Story: Flash, the Little Fire Engine Activity: Fire safety October 11– Silly Scarecrows Story: The Little Scarecrow Boy Activity: Scarecrow hat October 18– Pumpkin Time Story: Itsy Bitsy Pumpkin Activity: Pumpkin painting



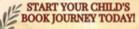
October 25– Trick or Treat Story: Just Say Boo! Activity: Halloween shakers

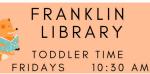




This free library program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before kindergarten. Any child from birth to preschool may participate.

·REGISTER AT YOUR HOME BRANCH TRACK YOUR READING -CELEBRATE 100-BOOK MILESTONES -GOAL: COMPLETE 1,000 BOOKS





September 8- ABC Make a Word with Me Story: The Alphabet Tree Activity: Alphabet tree matching letters September 15- We Help Our Friends Story: The Rabbit Listened Activity: Ear headbands September 22– Help Fergus Hide **Story: Find Fergus** Activity: Help Fergus hide September 29- Beep! Beep! Meet Blue Story: Little Blue Truck Activity: Color and paint October 6- Rub-a-Dub Scrub Story: Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm Activity: Color. cut and glue

October 13- Shake, Wiggle and Giggle Story: Meet Dizzy Dinosaur! **Activity: Sponge paint Dinosaurs** October 20– Do Pumpkins Quack Story: Pumpkin Trouble Activity: Pumpkin paper plate craft October 27 – Spooktacular Halloween

*Costumes Optional Story: Room on the Broom Activity: Hand print broom





TODDLER TIME MONDAYS 10:00 AM

September 11– Bears Story: The Three Bears Activity: Paper plate bear face September 18 – Frogs

Story: Foo, the Flying Frog of Washtub Pond Activity: Frog dot paint

September 25– Owls Story: The Little White Owl Activity: Tissue paper owl

October 2- Fall Story: How Do You Know It's Fall? Activity: Fall wreath

PATTERSON BRANCH TODDLER TIME 10:00 AM TUESDAYS

September 5-Back to School Story: | Like School! Activity: School bus art September 12-All Things Fall Story: Mouse Loves Fall Activity: Leaf hunt and collage

September 19-Forest Story: The Lorax



Activity: Tree and Lorax craft September 26-Cooking with Bluey and Bingo Story: Bluey: Bob Bilby

Activity: Create a recipe from a cookbook

October 3-Going to the Doctor

Story: Froggy Goes to the Doctor

Activity: Take home doctor kit October 10 - Scarecrows

Story: The Scarecrow's Hat Activity: Scarecrow craft



October 17- Learn about the Library Story: The Library Fish

Activity: Design a fish book October 24– Haunted Mansion Dance

Story: The Haunted Mansion

Activity: Crystal ball & ghost October 31– Shop for a Pet Monster *Costumes Optional Story: The Little Shop of Monsters Activity: Monster art

Lecation Update

West End Branch will be hosting Toddler Time at their temporary location. Baldwin Community Service Center 305 LA-83 Baldwin, LA 70514

October 9- Farm Animals Story: My Farm Friends Activity: Farm animal dots



October 16- Flowers Story: Tiny's New Flowers Activity: Paper flower October 23– Pumpkins



Story: Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins Activity: Tissue paper pumpkin

October 30 – Halloween Story: Spooky Spooky Spooky Activity: Witch paper craft



Adult Programs

Amelia Branch

985-631-2262

Monday, October 9 **Mental Health Journal**

10:45 AM

When struggling with mental health it can be therapeutic to organize it all into a journal. Give yourself the me time you deserve with these self care journals. Adults.

Friday, October 13

Louisiana Sticker Collage

10:45 AM

Design a collage in the shape of our beautiful state using local stickers. Adults.

Bayou Vista Branch

Saturday, September 9

985-399-9866

Funky Chicken Door Stop 10:00 AM Design a funky chicken door stop using recycled bowling pins. No matter where they sit, these cute and funky chickens will surely attract people's attention. Adults.

Friday, October 13

Wellness Check-In Ochsner St. Mary 10:00-1:00 PM Stop by and have your blood pressure, glucose level and pulse checked by health experts from Ochsner St. Mary. Adults.

Saturday, October 14

Bottle Cap Message Board

10:00 AM

Add a unique piece of decor to your home with this magnetic bottle cap message board, handy for messages, lists, photo displays, and more. Adults.



Berwick Branch

Coffee Sachet

985-385-2943

Thursday, September 14

10:00 AM

Using burlap bags and coffee beans, decorate a coffee sachet with fall finishes. Adults.

Friday, September 29

Social Security Disability 101

10:00 AM

Hear an informative presentation on everything you want to know about Social Security disability with local professionals. Adults.

Thursday, October 12

Patterson Total Care Clinic

2:00 PM

You have questions? We have answers! Talk and get wellness information from a medical health professional from Patterson Total Care Clinic. Adults.

Thursday, October 26 **Book Knife Block**

10:00 AM

Give old books a new purpose on the kitchen counter by transforming them into a knife block. Adults.

Centerville Branch

337-836-1717

Tuesday, September 12 Tuesday, October 10

Adult Coloring

10:30 AM

Enjoy a stress-free zone of artistic expression. Adults.

Wednesday, September 27 Medicare 101

10:00 AM New to Medicare? Explore helpful resources and find answers to all your Medicare-related questions with Humana sales representative, Kelly Millet. Adults.

Adult Programs

Franklin Library

337-828-5364

Wednesday, September 20

Friends of Bayou Teche NWR: w/ David L. Martin Identifying Venomous Snakes in Louisiana 6:00 PM Friends of Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge hosts an informative discussion on identifying snakes with guest speaker, biologist David Martin. Adults.

Tuesday, September 26 Tuesday, October 24

Paint by Number

3:15 PM

September: Succulents • October: Fall Pumpkins Paint by number activities provide a creative outlet and enhances mindfulness. Paint each shape marked with a number with the corresponding color. Adults.

Wednesday, October 4 Medicare 101

3:15 PM

New to Medicare? Explore helpful resources and find answers to all your Medicare-related questions with Humana sales representative, Kelly Millet. Adults.

Friday, October 20

Book Talk w/ Damitra Harris

5:30 PM

Local author Damitra Harris presents a book talk on her debut title *"A Beautiful Hott Mess: Overcoming Obstacles Gracefully"* a heartfelt and empowering memoir that takes you on a transformative journey of resilience, courage, and personal growth. Adults.

Patterson Branch

985-395-2777

Monday, September 11 Macrame' Tutorial

10:00 AM

Learn the basics of macrame' to bring texture and style to your space. Adults.

Monday, September 18 Monday, October 2 Adult Coloring

10:00 AM

Take time for yourself to relax, unwind and breathe at this adult coloring class. Adults.

Monday, October 16 **Registration Required** Cork Pumpkin Decoration 10 Turn uncycled corks into a numpkin, a beauti

10:00 AM

Turn upcycled corks into a pumpkin, a beautiful rustic addition to your fall home décor! Adults.

West End Branch 337-923-6205

Wednesday, September 6,13,20,27 Wednesday, October 4,11,18,25

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. (Hosted at the Baldwin Community Center)

Monday, September 11,18,25 Monday, October 2,9,16,23,30

Canvas Painting

10:00 AM

This acrylic painting tutorial will show the beginner painter how to create a magical scene on canvas. Adults. *(Hosted at the Baldwin Community Center)*

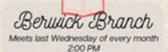


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Book Clubs

Adult Book Chik

Amelia Branch sday of e 10:45 AM







September 12-Magic by Danielle Steel October 10- Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor

September 27- The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman. October 25- A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham

September 19- Peach Cobbler Murder by Joanne Fluke October 17- The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin

September 14- The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson October 12- The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott



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

September 14- Welcome Meet & Greet/Journal Crafting October 12- The Library of Ever by Zeno Alexander



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Meets 3rd Thursday of every month 4:00 PM

September 21- Belladonna by Adalyn Grace October 19- The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgow & Liz Lawson



Memorials



-Norma Ann Williams Achee

Diaghilev's Empire: How the Ballets Russes Enthralled the World by Rupert Christiansen Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

-Hertha Shoemaker Barrilleaux

Make It Yours with Mimi G: A Sewist's Guide to a Custom Wardrobe by Mimi Ford Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

Michael P. Lorenzo

Hook, Line and Supper: New Techniques and Master Recipes for Everything Caught in Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Sea by Hank Shaw Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

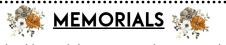
Hazel Theriot

The Southern Baking Cookbook: 60 Comforting Recipes Full of Down-South Flavor by Jenn Davis Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter

-John David Dartez

Control Freak: My Epic Adventure Making Jazz Jackrabbit, Gears of War, Unreal, and Fornite by Cliff Bleszinski Donor: Dr. Roland Degeyter





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.



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



Upcoming Library Closures Labor Day September 4



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

 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

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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

305 LA-83, Baldwin (Temporary Location) Phone 337-923-6205 Fax N/A Mon-Fri 10:00-3:00 Sat Temp Closed

Health Literacy Month

OCTOBER



🖓 Consumer Health Complete

Consumer Health Complete provides access to easily understandable health and medical information. Browse medical encyclopedias, popular reference books, and magazine articles.

Psychology & Behavioral Science Collection

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection is a comprehensive database covering information concerning topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods.

SMPL Online Databases Louisiana Library Collection stmaryparishlibrary.org





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