

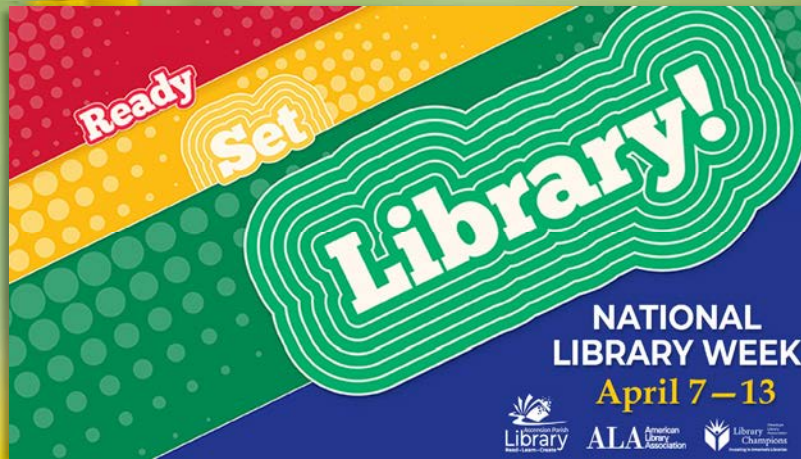


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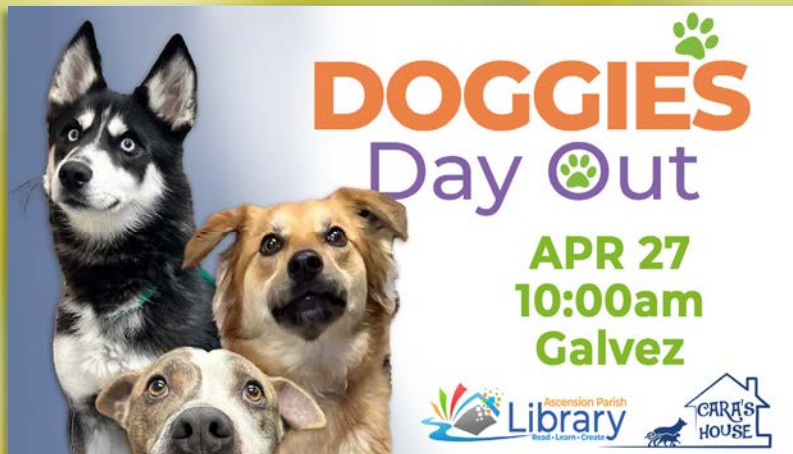
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Mark your calendars for April 7–13 as Ascension Parish Library proudly celebrates National Library Week, recognizing everything that makes libraries extraordinary! This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library," showcases the green light to experiences that make libraries so unique. Libraries support their community by serving as a hub for connecting with others, providing access to education, and supporting individuals pursuing their passions through

activities such as Storytimes, Adventure Passes, and the Seed Library, just to name a few. No matter what stage of life you're in—whether it's preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling into retirement—there's something for you at Ascension Parish Library.

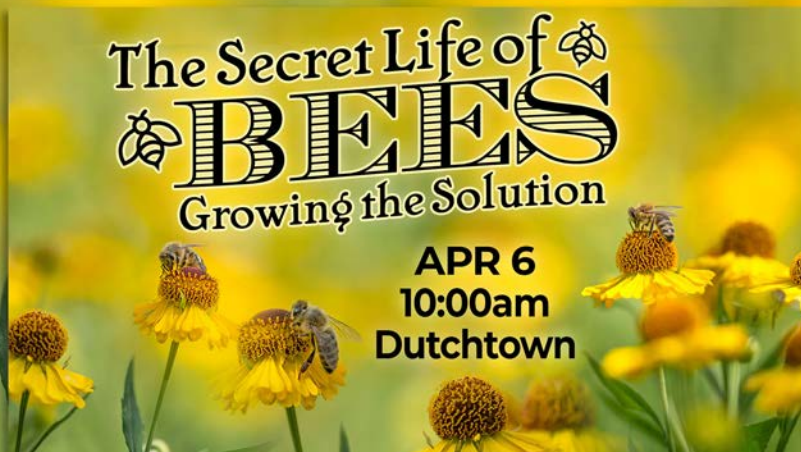
Throughout the week, we will spotlight our dedicated staff and share testimonials from members of our community. Keep an eye on our social media [@myAPLibrary](#), and make sure to visit our library locations during this special week to discover more exciting highlights!



Life is ruff, so paws and play with some adorable pups that are ready for adoption on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00am until 12:00pm at Ascension Parish Library in Galvez. Make a dog tag, a doggie snack, or a rope toy to take home for your own four-legged friend. We will also have puzzles for you to solve, and people treats as well. It's going to be a tail-wagging good time!

This event is brought to you by Ascension Parish Library in

partnership with Cara's House. Animal adoptions are not required to participate in this event. Everyone is welcome to pet and play with the pups.



It's no secret that Ascension Parish Library is the place to bee! See what all the buzz is about on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00am in Dutchtown. Local beekeeper Fred Armand Jr. will take us on a captivating journey through the enchanting world of bees and their critical role in our ecosystem. Learn effective methods to protect your plants from Louisiana's high temperatures and discover eco-friendly strategies for reducing water usage while maintaining a

thriving garden. Additionally, seeds from Louisiana's high-pollinator plants, carefully chosen for their ability to promote optimal bee production, will be available for pick up. Celebrate the hard work of the hive by sampling the distinctive flavors of locally harvested honey.





It's a bird, it's a plane, it's... an eclipse! On Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales, join amateur astronomer Don Weinell from the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS) to learn all about eclipses, including what they are, their different types, the mythology surrounding them, and why the upcoming eclipse has created such a buzz. Don will also discuss some famous eclipses from the past. Don Weinell is the host of the library's monthly Sidewalk Astronomy events. A limited number of solar glasses will be available for distribution at the end of this event. Limit: one per person. *Available while supplies last.*



The sun is setting later, so we have to wait for darkness to see the sights in the night sky. Explore the wonders above at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales on Tuesday, April 16 at 8:00pm. See the detailed landscape of the moon and get a close-up look at the Orion Nebula and the Beehive Cluster in Cancer. Don Weinell will help you search the night sky with a high-powered telescope.



Finn is a furry ball of joy. On Saturday, April 6 at 10:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales, hear all about Finn's adventures as a certified service and therapy dog and his bond with his human companion Frank. Frank will share stories about their volunteer work and answer your questions, while Finn takes all of the head scratches and pictures. Kids who draw and share a sketch of their dream pet will receive a Therapy Dog Helper certificate, acknowledging their participation and new knowledge about the world of service and therapy dogs.

Registration required. Call (225) 647-3955 to reserve a seat.



¡Hola! Prepárate para una experiencia interactiva en español e inglés. Hello! Get ready for an all-new interactive experience in Spanish and English.

Únete a nosotros en la biblioteca de Gonzales el jueves 18 de Abril a las 6:30pm. Disfrutaremos de juegos, canciones interactivas, historias y mucha diversión mientras haces nuevos amigos. Este evento es perfecto para niños y familias. Join us at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm for games, interactive songs, stories, and fun while you make new friends. This event is perfect for children and their families.

## Louisiana Library Director of the Year

We are thrilled to announce that our director, John Stelly, was named Louisiana's Library Director of the Year! John was recognized for his leadership and dedication to Ascension Parish Library. He was awarded at the Louisiana Library Conference in March and said, "The encouragement from our library board motivates us to continually innovate and enhance our offerings. Our staff are smart, creative, compassionate, and always looking for new ways to serve the community. This award belongs to them as much as it does me." Congratulations John!







Whether you are maintaining your health goals or looking to set new ones, don't miss this opportunity to be wise and well at APL. Ascension Parish Library, in partnership with the Ascension Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Good Health Women's Immunization Networks, LifeShare Blood Center, and the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, is delighted to host Springing into Wellness, an interactive community fun day for the whole family to discover ways to build a healthier lifestyle. Watch a healthy cooking demonstration with K. Alexis, owner of Healthy Soul Kitchen, learn life-saving skills during a CPR workshop, and get moving with a Jazzercise workout.

This free event on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville will provide health and wellness resources, educational sessions, and approved health screenings by area medical partners and hospitals.



When cancer touches your life, know that you're not alone. Connect with others living with, recovering from, or caring for someone with a cancer diagnosis at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales on Thursday, April 11 at 11:00am. Create an open dialogue in a supportive atmosphere and explore topics about your diagnosis or that of someone you know. This workshop is available to everyone, especially those whose lives have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis, who are presently going through treatment, and those who have recovered.

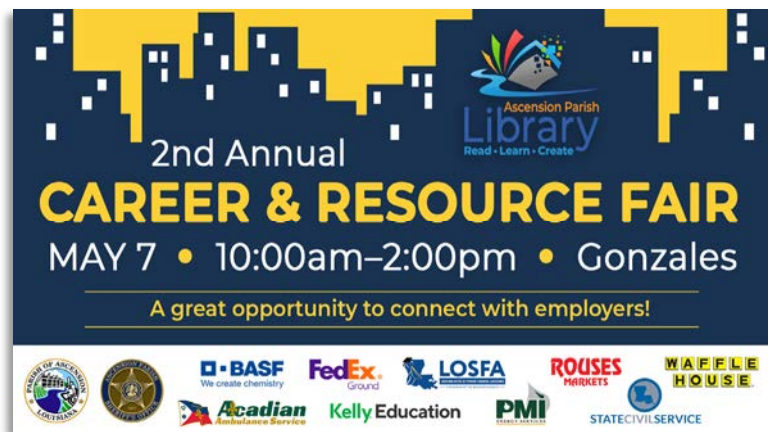
Cancer Conversations is a support group provided by Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Services. Registration required. Sign up by scanning the QR code or by calling (225) 647-3955.



Help your daughter understand the physical and emotional changes she will experience as she goes through puberty. Ascension Parish Library, in partnership with Our Lady of the Lake Ascension, presents Growing Up Girls: A Class for Preteen Girls on Saturday, May 4 at 9:00am at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville. This frank and comforting discussion about a normal aspect of growing up is specifically designed for girls ages 9-11 and their parents or guardians.

Registration required. Space is limited. To secure your spot for this workshop, call Our Lady of the Lake Ascension at (225) 621-2906.

## coming soon



Explore employment and educational opportunities with organizations from around our community at our 2nd Annual Career and Resource Fair at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales on Tuesday, May 7 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Visit with area employers, like BASF, Ascension Parish Government, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, LOSFA, Acadian Ambulance, Waffle House, LA Department of State Civil Service, Kelly Education, PMI, Rouses, FedEx, and many others. Job seekers will be able to meet with representatives from these organizations to discuss available positions and application processes. Some may be looking for immediate hires, so you might be able to interview on the spot! Professional attire and bringing copies of your resume are recommended.

Booths will fill up quickly. Businesses interested in participating must register before April 6 by either scanning the QR code or calling (225) 647-3955.



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# Earth Day PAINTING workshop

APR 16  
5:30pm  
Donaldsonville

Celebrate our planet by painting a colorful masterpiece together! It's not just about creating art; it's about spreading good vibes for the Earth. Harness the power of impactful art on Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30pm at Ascension Parish Library in Donaldsonville. Emphasize the urgent need to care for our planet and advocate for the environment. All necessary materials will be provided, and experienced staff will guide you through the process.

Registration required. To secure your spot and reserve your canvas of creativity, scan the QR code or call (225) 473-8052.





# The Art of Slow Stitching

APR 20  
10:00am  
Galvez

Unwind, relax, and enjoy the benefits of slow stitching! Slow stitching is a simple and meditative practice of using small daily hand stitches. This practice helps you be present in the moment. Stitching is done on small 4-inch to 5-inch base fabric with the option of adding additional small pieces of fabric onto the base and adding simple, slow stitches. There is no pressure to create something perfect; the main goal is to slow down, breathe deeply, and unwind.

Join needle-point artists Suzi Stone and Yvonne Bayham at Ascension Parish Library in Galvez on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00am until 1:00pm. They will show you how to compose your fabric piece and apply stitches to create a needle art piece as you relax and slow stitch. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Registration required. Scan the QR code or call (225) 622-3339 to reserve your spot.





# packet pickup

## Recycled CD Coasters

APR 1 All Day  
All Locations

Innovation meets conservation with our latest DIY. The concept of going green means different things to different people, but the undeniable advantage is its contribution to reducing pollution. Transforming old and unused CDs into gorgeous coasters serves as one creative way to repurpose outdated technology into something fresh and new. Embrace nostalgia and sustainability as you protect surfaces in style. These DIY coaster packets will be available for pick up at any Ascension Parish Library location beginning Monday, April 1. *Available while supplies last.*



# Coffee & Crafts

## No-Sew Cross Stitch Painting

APR 27  
10:00am  
Dutchtown

Have you always wanted to learn an old-school craft like cross stitching, but your skill with a needle and thread ends with more crossed eyes than cross stitches? For some, sewing is more complicated than it seems. But we have just the thing for you! Make ab-sew-lutely unique art with no fabric or thread. Join us for a Coffee and Crafts social hour at Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00am. No matter your skill level, try your hand at this no-sew substitute, replacing fabric with canvas and embroidery floss with paint. Multiple patterns will be available to choose from.

Registration required. Sign up by scanning the QR code or by calling (225) 673-8699.



Check out all of the latest news regarding Ascension Parish Library's innovations and renovations by visiting [myAPL.org](https://myAPL.org) and clicking Construction Updates in the menu bar.



# Gardening Workshops



The Ascension Master Gardeners Association, under the direction of the LSU AgCenter, present their spring library series of educational workshops for novice and advanced gardeners.

## Create a Colorful Spring Landscape APR 9 6:30pm Dutchtown

Add color to your landscape and enhance your curb appeal. Say goodbye to boring backyard vibes and hello to a rainbow explosion of botanical beauty. Learn the secrets to growing Louisiana Super Plants, those that perform well throughout Louisiana, from horticulturists Kaylee Deynzer and Bert Hammett on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm in Dutchtown. To register for this workshop, scan the QR code or call (225) 673-8699.



## Gardening Q&A and Plant Swap APR 30 6:00pm Gonzales

Have a question about gardening? Ask the experts on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00pm in Gonzales. A panel of Ascension Master Gardeners will be ready to answer all your questions. Bring your labeled plants, cuttings, bulbs, or seeds to exchange after the panel. To register for this workshop, scan the QR code or call (225) 647-3955.



## Seed Library Restocked

It's time to get your garden ready for the spring/summer growing season. We've restocked our Seed Library with various veggies, fruits, herbs, and flowers, so whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting, there's something for everyone!

The Seed Library is available at our Gonzales location. Each APL cardholder may pick up a maximum of 10 seed packets per growing season while supplies last. Each packet contains enough seeds to germinate 3-5 plants. Seed packets cannot be reserved, placed on hold, or sent to other library locations.

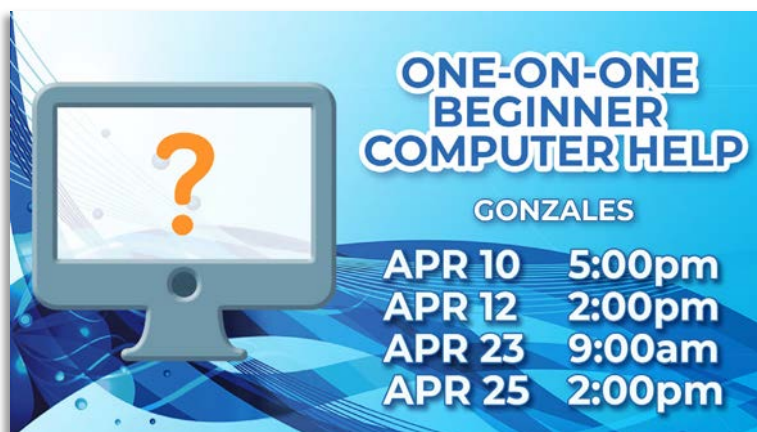


United Community Bank generously donated \$1,700 to our Excel Adult High School program, which will provide a local resident with a scholarship and a laptop to pursue their academic goals. Find out more about how you can sponsor library programs, resources, and capital projects at [myAPL.org/PAL](http://myAPL.org/PAL).



Green thumbs, get ready for a gardening extravaganza! It's time for the Gonzales Garden Club's annual floral exhibit and presentation. Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30am at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales as garden club members share essential gardening tips, spill the dirt on floral design techniques, and reveal ten ways to become a better gardener. Be prepared to level up your gardening game with their invaluable insights.

The garden party continues with the club's annual spring exhibit, titled *Garden Inspiration*. This exhibition showcases stunning floral designs, horticulture specimens, and container plants. Visit the library in Gonzales from Wednesday, April 10 to Friday, April 12 during regular library hours to see the beauty of these displays. While you're there, cast your vote for the Gonzales Garden Club People's Choice Awards.



Improve your computer skills with one-on-one help tailored to meet your needs. Sign up for a 45-minute session at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales to get a basic overview of computer usage on Wednesday, April 10 from 5:00pm to 7:45pm; Friday, April 12 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; Tuesday, April 23 from 9:00am to 11:45am; or Thursday, April 25 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm. Assistance is available by appointment for beginner computer skills; Microsoft Office products such as Word, Excel, and Publisher; email and social media; or help using an electronic device to access the library's digital resources.

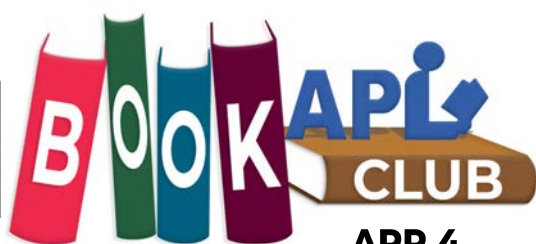
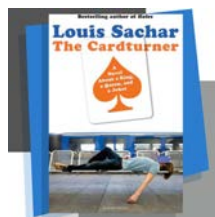
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**Donaldsonville 12:00pm**

*The Cardturner* by Louis Sachar

**Gonzales 6:30pm**

*Bayou Farewell* by Mike Tidwell

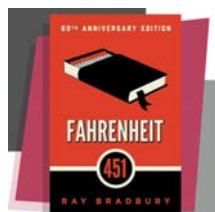
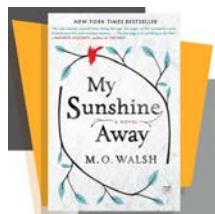
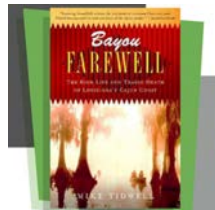
**Dutchtown 6:30pm**

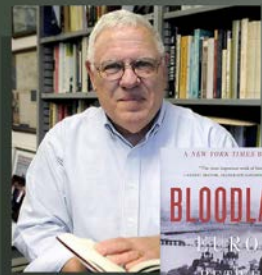
*My Sunshine Away* by M. O. Walsh

**Galvez 6:30pm**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Explore the literary world. APL Book Clubs meet at each library location on the first Thursday of every month. It's the perfect opportunity to discover new authors, exchange ideas, and have a great time. Advance registration required. If you are interested in joining a book club, please call your local library location to see if space is available.





**READ & DISCUSS SERIES**

## Russia and Ukraine

Historical Perspective  
with Dr. Karl Roeder

**Tuesdays**  
**MAY 7 – JUN 11**  
**6:00pm**  
**Gonzales**

**Registration begins April 15**

**BLOODLANDS**  
EUROPE BETWEEN  
HITLER AND  
STALIN  
TIMOTHY SNYDER

Take a look at the long, tangled history of Russia and Ukraine to see how the stage was set for today's conflict. This six-week reading and discussion series, held each Tuesday at 6:00pm from May 7 until June 11, presents an opportunity to examine the long and turbulent relationship between Russia and Ukraine. Dr. Karl Roeder, Alumni Professor Emeritus of Louisiana State University, will lead each session with open discussions supported by the text, *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* by Timothy Snyder.

Readers interested in committing to this six-week series must register in advance by calling the library at (225) 647-3955. Registration begins on Monday, April 15.



## Women's History Month

Curated by Katie Rivers Ocmond



*Little People, BIG DREAMS* is a best-selling biography series for kids that explores the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series of books offers inspiring messages to children of all ages. Scan the QR code to find more reading suggestions on our Shelf Analysis blog.







Quirky characters, hilarious antics, and a touch of 90s charm—it's a teen movie afternoon at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville! Take a journey to the Mushroom Kingdom for this animated adaptation of the classic video game featuring the Mario brothers on Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30pm. It's a must-watch for gamers and non-gamers alike. But the fun doesn't stop there! How about we add in a popcorn bar?! Make your own delicious concoction with a variety of popcorn toppings—we have all your movie cravings covered. Let's have some stress-free fun before finals!

This event is free, but registration is required to allow enough space and snacks for everyone. Call (225) 257-1307 to sign up.

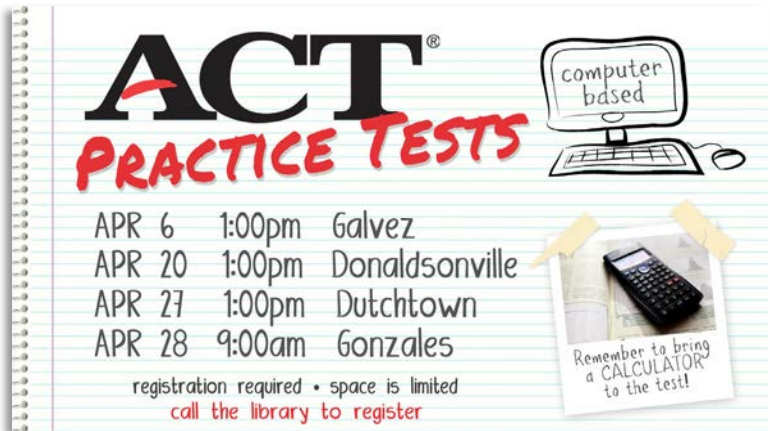


Discover new worlds and new characters. Hang out with other teens, debate the plot, and share your thoughts on our monthly book selection in a fun and welcoming environment. Ascension Parish Library's Teen Book Club is held on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00am in Galvez. The book discussion for April 13 is *These Violent Delights* by Chloe Gong, a retelling of Romeo and Juliet set in 1920s Shanghai and a 2020 Goodreads Choice Award nominee. Refreshments will be provided.

This event is limited to teens ages 12–18. Registration required. Call (225) 622-3339 to sign up. Book selections will be reserved for pickup at our Galvez location. While book selections are chosen for teens, parents may wish to review if the content is suitable for their young adult.

*"Even the land of dreams  
needs to wake up sometimes."*

—Chloe Gong, *These Violent Delights*



Don't miss your chance to prepare for the ACT! Ascension Parish Library will be administering free, timed computer-based ACT practice tests utilizing Princeton Review resources available through the library's databases. Get familiar with the sections and format on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00pm in Galvez; Saturday, April 20 at 1:00pm in Donaldsonville; Saturday, April 27 at 1:00pm in Dutchtown; and Sunday, April 28 at 9:00am in Gonzales. Each practice test will last three and a half hours, and you will immediately know your score. Bringing a calculator is recommended.

Teens ages 12–18 are encouraged to register. Registration required. Space is limited. Call your local library location to sign up.



Prepare for post-secondary success with Ascension Parish Library! Learn how to access free ACT/SAT online practice tests, tutorials, and homework help through the library's databases on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00pm in Donaldsonville; Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30pm in Donaldsonville; Wednesday, April 17 at 3:00pm in Gonzales; or Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm in Galvez. Knowledgeable library staff will guide you through resources that provide valuable information on how to improve your test scores. Each session will last approximately 30 minutes. Students are welcome to bring their own laptops, but it is not required.

Registration required. Interested teens ages 12–18 should sign up by calling their local library location.





Attention all Swifties! It's time to embrace our library era and party like it's 1989. There's no bad blood here; it's just the best day to celebrate the one and only Taylor Swift. Shake it off with your friends and immerse yourselves in the world of Taylor Swift at Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00am. Create bejeweled friendship bracelets, enchanting buttons, and paper rings that capture the essence of the iconic pop sensation. Join in on Taylor's version of trivia to test your Swiftie knowledge and help cement your reputation as a true fan. Feel free to dress up as your favorite era and just say yes to a morning of fun and excitement!



Would you let the Pigeon drive the bus? Would you dance and party with Piggie and Elephant? Let's celebrate all things Mo Willems at Ascension Parish Library with a playtime and movie extravaganza on Tuesday, April 2 at 3:00pm in Galvez; Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00am in Gonzales; Thursday, April 4 at 3:30pm at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville; and Friday, April 5 at 10:00am in Dutchtown. While movies based on the books are showing, create a Pigeon puppet, play a cookie toss game, and create unique "We Are in a Book" poses using our photo backdrop. We will even vote to see how many people say "nuffle" or "ka-nuffle" Bunny.

This event is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5.



It's hands-on and homemade! Get ready for a delicious journey into the world of food preservation that combines fun, learning, and a dash of sweetness. Join us for a culinary adventure on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales as you make apple or grape jelly with directions from Ascension Parish Master Gardener Ora Jones. Learn about the fascinating science behind the transformation that occurs when fruit, sugar, and heat combine to create preserves. Cooking together fosters teamwork and communication, creating bonds and lasting memories with newfound friends. As a bonus, you will get to take home the jelly you prepared, along with some seeds to start your own home garden.

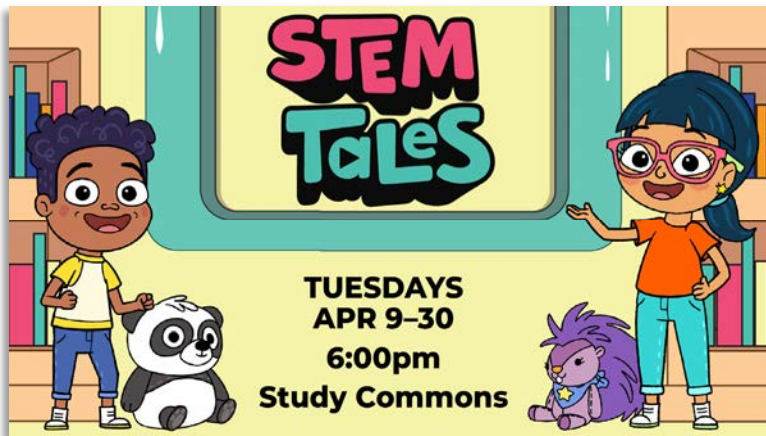
Registration required. Call (225) 647-3955 to reserve your spot.  
*Note: This event may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*



Play Dates is an informal gathering time designed for newborns through two-year-olds and their caregivers. On Thursdays from April 4 until April 18 at 10:00am, Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown will provide a welcoming and safe space with toys and books where babies and toddlers can get to know each other and grow and learn through play. It's a time for babies and toddlers and their caregivers to socialize with others. Each session lasts approximately one hour.







Ignite your child's curiosity for adventure. STEM Tales aims to attract more students to career fields that prioritize critical thinking, innovation, and problem-solving by providing engaging and interactive tools to explore and discover. STEM Tales will be held each Tuesday in April at 6:00pm at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville. This series, designed for kids ages 4-8, includes a picture book read-aloud from professional experts, materials about STEM careers, hands-on STEM activities, and a free take-home STEM kit.



Registration required. Call (225) 257-1307 to sign up.



Set your Sat Nav for the library to meet Bluey! At Bluey's Wackadoo Bash on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales, get ready to meet and greet the famous Blue Heeler with a larger-than-life personality while playing fun games like a trifficult game of Keepy Uppy. You can also navigate an obstacle course and enjoy a delicious snack while coloring and doing activity sheets. Don't slip on your beans and miss out on this chance to meet one of the most adored characters around!

This event is designed for kids ages 3-8.



Come to the library dressed in your favorite snuggly pajamas and get ready to read, sing songs, and make an easy craft for you to take home as we celebrate Louisiana's birthday this month. Pajama Storytime is designed for kids ages 8 and younger and their families. It promotes imagination, which can help foster creative development and social and emotional skills. Pajama Storytime is held at 6:30pm every second Thursday of the month in Gonzales and Galvez and on the third Thursday in Dutchtown. Each session lasts approximately 35 minutes. Kids ages 5 and younger may need assistance with crafting.

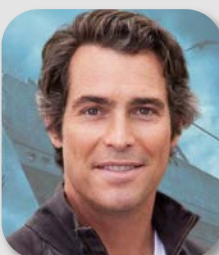
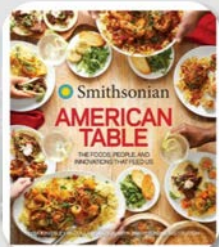
Tip: Visit our website at [myAPL.org/events](https://myAPL.org/events), select Storytime as your Event Type, and set your date range to view all of the storytime events the library has to offer.



Let your imagination soar at Ascension Parish Library's Fantastical Fun Fair on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am in Dutchtown; Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00pm in Galvez; Tuesday, May 14 at 4:00pm at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville; and Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00am in Gonzales. Step into a world where unicorns frolic, narwhals dive, and monsters are the friendliest creatures you'll ever meet. This whimsical event is where imagination knows no bounds! On your enchanting adventure, test your aim and toss rings onto the majestic horns of unicorns and narwhals; knock down friendly monster pins in a game of monster bowling; drop colorful discs down a maze of pegs and watch as they twist and turn before landing in different slots; take aim and toss beanbags to score big and feel like a superstar; and jump, skip, and hop your way through our hopscotch course.

This event is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5.





Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling, award-winning authors and thought leaders from around the world. Cast the live stream or watch recordings of past talks at your own pace from anywhere using your favorite device.

Find all of our upcoming Author Talks by scanning the QR code or visiting [myAPL.org](https://myAPL.org) > Events > Author Talks. Registration is required for livestreaming.

### Upcoming Author Talks:

#### Tuesday, April 2 1:00pm

"The Foods, People, & Innovations That Feed Us" with Paula J. Johnson  
Virtually step into the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History with Paula Johnson, curator and project director of the American Food History Project.

#### Tuesday, April 9 1:00pm

"From Murder to Atonement: Confronting My Son's Killer" with Colum McCann and Diane Foley  
Join us for a one-of-a-kind conversation with National Book Award-winner Colum McCann as he is joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book *American Mother*.

#### Wednesday, April 17 7:00pm

"A Literary Examination of Power, Love, & Art" with Xochitl Gonzalez  
We cannot wait for you to join us as we chat with the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Olga Dies Dreaming* about her newest novel *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*.

#### Wednesday, May 1 2:00pm

"Genius, Power, & Deception on the Eve of World War I" with Douglas Brunt  
Join us for a chat with the *New York Times* bestselling author about his instant hit debut non-fiction work, *The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel*, which reveals the hidden history of one of the world's greatest inventors and his mysterious disappearance on the eve of World War I.

#### Wednesday, May 8 6:00pm

"A Murder Mystery, Family Story, & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere" with Nina Simon  
Join Nina Simon as she chats about her *New York Times* bestselling debut whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths.

## bookmobile schedule

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Butcher Boy	Tue	Apr 2 & 16	9:30am-10:30am
St. Amant Park	Tue	Apr 2 & 16	3:30pm-4:30pm
	Tue	Apr 9 & 23	9:00am-10:00am
Francois Bend	Wed	Apr 3	1:00pm-2:00pm
Sorrento Community Center	Wed	Apr 3 & 17	3:30pm-4:30pm
Oak Grove Community Center	Thu	Apr 4 & 18	3:30pm-4:30pm
Gill's Supermarket	Fri	Apr 5	9:00am-10:00am
Darrow Community Center	Fri	Apr 5 & 19	3:30pm-4:30pm
New River United Methodist	Tue	Apr 9 & 23	2:00pm-3:00pm
Keystone of Galvez Park	Tue	Apr 9 & 23	3:30pm-4:30pm
The Church—Donaldsonville	Thu	Apr 11 & 25	3:00pm-4:00pm
Donaldsonville Senior Apartments	Fri	Apr 12 & 26	1:30pm-2:30pm
Lemanville Park	Fri	Apr 12 & 26	3:00pm-4:00pm
Riverside Farmers Market *	Sat	Apr 13	9:00am-2:00pm
Francois Parc	Wed	Apr 17	10:30am-11:30am

\* pop-up library

If you would like bookmobile homebound delivery or to invite the library to an upcoming event, fill out a request online at [myAPL.org/bookmobile](https://myAPL.org/bookmobile) or contact Stephanie at (225) 647-3955. If you would like our bookmobile to visit your Senior facility, contact your facilities' activities director.



for all ages

for adults

for teens

for tweens

for kids

# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAR 31</b> Library Closed  <b>HAPPY Easter</b> Growing Readers Beanstack Challenge ends	<b>1</b> Recycled CD Coasters Packet Pickup All Locations While supplies last	<b>2</b> Author Talk with Paula J. Johnson 1:00pm Virtual  Mo Willems Playtime & Movie Extravaganza 3:00pm Galvez  All About Eclipses 7:00pm Gonzales	<b>3</b> Mo Willems Playtime & Movie Extravaganza 11:00am Gonzales  Teen Movie: The Super Mario Bros. 1:30pm Study Commons	<b>4</b> Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown  APL Book Club 12:00pm Donaldsonville 6:30pm Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Registration required  Mo Willems Playtime & Movie Extravaganza 3:30pm Study Commons	<b>5</b> Mo Willems Playtime & Movie Extravaganza 10:00am Dutchtown	<b>6</b> Pawsitive Companions 10:00am Gonzales Registration required.  Secret Life of Bees: Growing the Solution 10:00am Dutchtown  Springing Into Wellness 10:00am Study Commons  ACT Practice Test 1:00pm Galvez Registration required
<b>7</b> National Library Week begins	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> National Library Workers Day  Author Talk with Colum McCann & Diane Foley 1:00pm Virtual  STEM Tales 6:00pm Study Commons  Create a Colorful Spring Landscape with Kaylee Deynzer & Bert Hammett 6:30pm Dutchtown Registration required	<b>10</b> National Library Outreach Day  Garden Inspiration 9:30am Gonzales  Garden Inspiration exhibit begins  One-on-One Computer Help 5:00pm–7:45pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>11</b> Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown  Cancer Conversations: A Support Group 11:00am Gonzales Registration required  ACT Test Prep 6:00pm Donaldsonville Registration required  Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez	<b>12</b> One-on-One Computer Help 2:00pm–4:45pm Gonzales Registration required  Garden Inspiration exhibit ends	<b>13</b> In My Library Era: A Taylor Swift Party 10:00am Dutchtown  Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez Registration required
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Russia and Ukraine: Historical Perspective—Read & Discuss series registration begins	<b>16</b> ACT Test Prep 4:30pm Dutchtown Registration required  Earth Day Painting Workshop 5:30pm Donaldsonville Registration required  STEM Tales 6:00pm Study Commons  Sidewalk Astronomy 8:00pm Gonzales	<b>17</b> ACT Test Prep 3:00pm Gonzales Registration required  Author Talk with Xochitl Gonzalez 7:00pm Virtual	<b>18</b> Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown  Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Dutchtown  Amigos Time 6:30pm Gonzales  ACT Test Prep 6:30pm Galvez Registration required	<b>19</b> Library Closed 8:30am–1:30pm for staff meetings	<b>20</b> The Art of Slow Stitching 10:00am Galvez Registration required  Bluey's Wackadoo Bash 11:00am Gonzales  ACT Practice Test 1:00pm Donaldsonville Registration required
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> One-on-One Computer Help 9:00am–11:45am Gonzales Registration required  STEM Tales 6:00pm Study Commons	<b>24</b> Library Board Meeting 4:00pm Gonzales	<b>25</b> One-on-One Computer Help 2:00pm–4:45pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Coffee & Crafts: No-Sew Cross Stitch Painting 10:00am Dutchtown Registration required  Doggie's Day Out 10:00am Galvez  ACT Practice Test 1:00pm Dutchtown Registration required
<b>28</b> ACT Practice Test 9:00am Gonzales Registration required	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Gardening Q&A and Plant Swap 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required  STEM Tales 6:00pm Study Commons	<b>MAY 1</b> Author Talk with Douglas Brunt 2:00pm Virtual	<b>MAY 2</b> APL Book Club 12:00pm Donaldsonville 6:30pm Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Registration required	<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>MAY 4</b> Growing Up Girls 9:00am Study Commons Registration required  Jelly Junction with Ora Jones 10:00am Gonzales Registration required  Fantastical Fun Fair 10:00am Dutchtown



## Return Service Requested

### LOCATIONS & HOURS

#### Gonzales

708 South Irma Blvd.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
(225) 647-3955

Monday – Thursday ..... 8:30am – 8:00pm  
Friday & Saturday ..... 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Sunday ..... 2:00pm – 6:00pm

#### Dutchtown

13278 Highway 73  
Geismar, LA 70734  
(225) 673-8699

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday ... 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Tuesday & Thursday ..... 8:30am – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 8:30am – 12:30pm  
Sunday ..... CLOSED

#### Galvez

40300 Highway 42  
Prairieville, LA 70769  
(225) 622-3339

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday ... 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Tuesday & Thursday ..... 8:30am – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 8:30am – 12:30pm  
Sunday ..... CLOSED

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#### Donaldsonville

~~500 Mississippi St.~~  
Donaldsonville, LA 70346  
(225) 473-8052

**temporary location**  
420 Mississippi St.

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday ... 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Tuesday & Thursday ..... 8:30am – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 8:30am – 12:30pm  
Sunday ..... CLOSED

#### Study Commons at the Wag Center

1221 Maginnis St.  
Donaldsonville, LA 70346  
(225) 257-1307

Monday – Friday ..... 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Saturday ..... 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Sunday ..... CLOSED

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