



# Read, Renew, Repeat

## 2024 Summer Reading Program

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It's going to be a summer of inspiration and adventure as we learn about conservation and become stewards of our planet. This year's summer reading theme is Read, Renew, Repeat, and we've planned events all summer long that will let us explore the natural world, learn how to conserve resources, and allow each of us to reflect on our own journey. Conservation means taking care of our planet and using its natural resources wisely, making sure there is enough for everyone—including animals and plants. You won't want to miss out on this time of discovery, exploration, and learning. Best of all, our summer reading program is open to readers of all ages!

Receive rewards and prizes by signing up for our Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge beginning Thursday, May 23. You can read or listen to books, audiobooks, or magazines and track your reading at [myAPL.beanstack.org](http://myAPL.beanstack.org) or by using the Beanstack app. Earn incentives for signing up and reading throughout the summer. You can also earn up to 25 chances to win one of our Grand Prize drawings at the end of the summer.

- Read to Me Grand Prize**—Wooden ocean slide and shape sorting grocery cart push toy
- Kids Grand Prize**—Kick Scooter and solar wireless waterproof power bank
- Teen Grand Prize**—5G WiFi Bluetooth projector with screen
- Adult Grand Prize**—Indoor hydroponic growing system and garden accessories

The last day to log your summer reading is Wednesday, July 31. Prizes are provided by a donation from the Friends of the Ascension Public Library. Scan the QR code for a full list of our Summer Reading Program events, or pick up a calendar from any library location.



**Summer Reading Program Kickoff**

MAY 29	1:00pm	Gonzales
MAY 30	9:00am	Study Commons
MAY 31	9:00am	Galvez
JUN 1	9:00am	Dutchtown

This summer will be one for the books! Get ready to read, renew, and repeat all summer long by signing up for Ascension Parish Library's Summer Reading Program at our kickoff party on Wednesday, May 29 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Gonzales; Thursday, May 30 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville; Friday, May 31 from 9:00am to

12:00pm in Galvez; or Saturday, June 1 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Dutchtown. Grab a cold treat from Louisiana Lemonade in Gonzales, Galvez, or at the Study Commons. The Red River Bank Ice Cream Truck will stop by our Dutchtown location, and the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office will provide hot dogs and water slides at the Study Commons at the Wag Center.

No matter which library location you visit, be sure to catch a spellbinding performance by magician Tim Spinoza. He will appear at 2:00pm in Gonzales and 10:00am in Dutchtown, Galvez, and at the Study Commons. It's going to be a summer of thrills, chills, and magical moments!



Whether you are a board game enthusiast, card game connoisseur, or dice-rolling champion who is new to tabletop gaming or a seasoned strategist, unplug for some interactive fun at Ascension Parish Library. Bring your favorite board games, card games, or role-playing games, or choose from our collection. From Chess and Chutes & Ladders to Clue and Dungeons and Dragons campaign kits, we have lots to choose from. Come socialize and forge new friendships with fellow gamers on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Gonzales. Refreshments will be provided, so you will have all the fuel you need for an evening of fun and camaraderie. Let the games begin!



Have you ever heard of an axolotl? It's the mascot of our Amigos Time. Known as 'water dragons' in Mexico, they are not your average amphibian—they are extraordinary, endangered creatures. Learn fun facts about axolotls, their wild counterparts, and the dangers they face on Saturday, May 18 at 1:00pm in Gonzales. Tanee Janusz from Nature on the Geaux will introduce us to some live axolotl animal ambassadors. Discover what it takes to be an axolotl keeper if you would like to have one as a pet. We will enjoy our regular Amigos Time fun and games after the presentation.

El axolote, conocido como el 'dragón de agua' de México, es una criatura extraordinaria y está en peligro de extinción. Tanee Janusz, experta en animales, traerá algunos el 18 de mayo a la 1:00pm a la biblioteca de Gonzales para que los conozcas y compartirá datos interesantes sobre cómo cuidarlos como mascotas. Lo hemos elegido como mascota para Amigos Time con el fin de crear conciencia sobre su importancia. Después de la presentación, habrá juegos y actividades en nuestro programa bilingüe Amigos Time.



Learn if your child qualifies for help from Louisiana's early intervention system on Thursday, May 9 at 10:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown. EarlySteps services are tailored to enhance a family's ability to support their child's development. Children experiencing cognitive, motor, vision, hearing, communication, social-emotional, or adaptive development delays may qualify for these services. Provided in natural environments like homes, childcare settings, or any other community setting typical for very young children, EarlySteps aims to make intervention accessible and convenient. While some services come at no cost, others may involve a fee. Valencia Allen, regional coordinator for EarlySteps, will lead this informational session about the organization, steps to take if developmental concerns arise, and eligibility criteria. Parents may bring their young children to the presentation.

Registration required. Call (225) 673-8699 to register.



Help some furry friends socialize and get ready for their forever homes at Ascension Parish Library in Galvez on Saturday, May 25 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Put together a cat-themed puzzle, get creative and make a toy to take home for your purring pal, or kick back and enjoy some reading time with one of the cats from Cara's House.

Adoptions will be available but are not required to attend this event.



Ascension Parish Library  
Read • Learn • Create

2nd Annual  
**CAREER & RESOURCE FAIR**  
MAY 7 • 10:00am–2:00pm • Gonzales

A great opportunity to connect with employers!

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 more. 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.



Businesses interested in participating are invited to call (225) 647-3955 to see if space is available.

Participating employers include:



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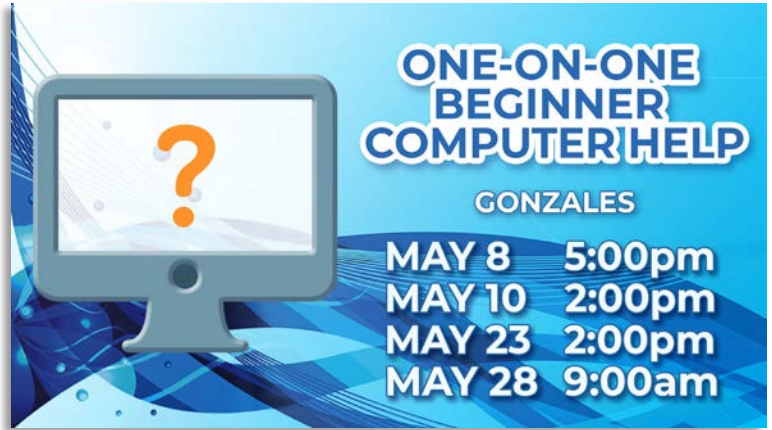
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**ONE-ON-ONE BEGINNER COMPUTER HELP**

GONZALES

**MAY 8 5:00pm**  
**MAY 10 2:00pm**  
**MAY 23 2:00pm**  
**MAY 28 9:00am**

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, May 8 from 5:00pm to 7:45pm; Friday, May 10 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; Thursday, May 23 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; or Tuesday, May 28 from 9:00am to 11:45am. 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.

Registration required. Call (225) 647-3955 to make an appointment.



## packet pickup

**DIY Air Plant Jellyfish**  
MAY 6  
All Locations

Air plant jellyfish are a unique type of air plant that has gained popularity among plant enthusiasts. They are not actually related to jellyfish in any way, but their unique shape resembles a jellyfish floating in water. These air plant jellyfish are a type of epiphytic bromeliad, which means they don't require soil to grow and attach themselves to other surfaces. Hanging air plant jellyfish are a whimsical and easy way to display your plants. Beginning Monday, May 6, stop by any Ascension Parish Library location and grab one of these DIY craft packets. Inside, you will find a sea urchin shell that resembles a jellyfish to use as a holder and an air plant to mimic the tentacles. *Available while supplies last.*

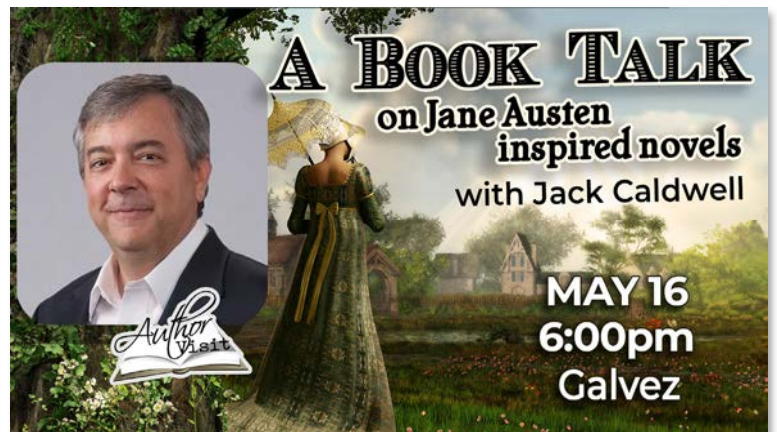


Learn how to use air plants in living hair accessories, jewelry, and unique containers like dishware, leather bowls, baskets and more in *Air Plants: The Curious World of Tillandsias* by Zenaida Sengo. Nonfiction—635.965 SEN



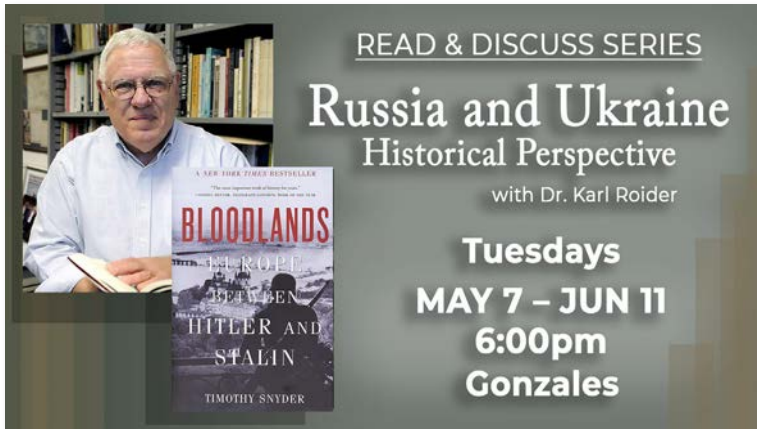
Give your guests a personal pan welcome! No matter how you slice it, everyone loves a warm reception. Show hospitality to guests at your home with this uniquely welcoming entry sign. Using a simple pizza pan and chalk paint, craft the perfect greeting that is as easy as pie to make.

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



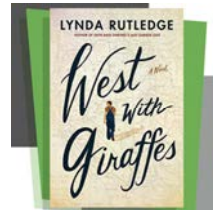
Jack Caldwell, born and raised in the bayous of Louisiana, is an author, amateur historian, professional economic developer, playwright, and, like many Cajuns, a darn good cook. Always a history buff, Jack found and fell in love with Jane Austen's work in his twenties. Struck by her innate understanding of the human condition, Jack has since written several fanfiction books about Jane Austen's most memorable characters, using his work to share his knowledge of history. Join us at Ascension Parish Library in Galvez on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00pm for a discussion with Jack Caldwell about his Jane Austen-inspired novels. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Registration required. Call (225) 622-3339 to sign up.

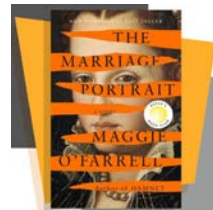


Take a look at the long, tangled history of Russia and Ukraine to see how the stage was set for today's conflict. This six-week reading and discussion series, held each Tuesday at 6:00pm from May 7 until June 11, presents an opportunity to examine the long and turbulent relationship between Russia and Ukraine from a historical perspective. Dr. Karl Roider, 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. This authoritative and imaginative book tells the grim story of the great human demographic tragedy in European history with exemplary clarity.

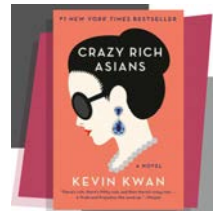
Readers interested in committing to this six-week series must register by calling the library at (225) 647-3955.



**Donaldsonville 12:00pm**  
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*  
by Rebecca Skloot



**Gonzales 6:30pm**  
*West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge



**Dutchtown 6:30pm**  
*The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

**Galvez 6:30pm**  
*Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan

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.



Check out all of the latest news regarding Ascension Parish Library's innovations and renovations by visiting [myAPL.org/construction-updates](https://myAPL.org/construction-updates).



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](http://myAPL.org) > Events > Author Talks. Registration is required for livestreaming.



### Upcoming Author Talks:

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

"Genius, Power, & Deception on the Eve of World War I" with Douglas Brunt

The *New York Times* bestselling author chats about his instant hit non-fiction debut, *The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel*, which reveals the hidden history of the great inventor 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 talks about her *New York Times* bestselling debut whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths.



#### Tuesday, May 21 6:00pm

"Asian American Representation in Literature" with Rebecca F. Kuang

Rebecca F. Kuang converses with us about her *New York Times* bestselling novel, *Yellowface*, which grapples with questions of diversity, racism, cultural appropriation, and the alienation of social media.



#### Monday, June 3 1:00pm

"For the Love of Mars" with Matt Shindell

Mars and its secrets have fascinated and mystified humans since ancient times. Come learn alongside National Air & Space Museum Curator Matt Shindell as he introduces us to historical figures, writers, and artists who have made sense of this mysterious planet.



#### Thursday, June 13 7:00pm

"Psychological Thrillers & the Queen of Twists" with Freida McFadden

Get your popcorn and take a seat as we pick the brain of the queen of twists herself, Freida McFadden. She chats about writing psychological thrillers, her mega-bestselling series *The Housemaid*, and the upcoming third installment in the series.



## Light Novels & Manhwa

Curated by Willie Nettles



Light novels are a type of popular literature novel native to Japan known for their engaging storytelling and often feature illustrations. Manhwa is a Korean genre of graphic novels, comics, and webtoons that is known for its distinct art style and storytelling techniques. The library is a great resource for discovering new series and exploring the diverse worlds of Japanese and Korean literature. Scan the QR code to find more reading suggestions on our Shelf Analysis blog.



#### *Solo Leveling* by Ch'ugong

The weakest of the weak, Jinwoo Sung has no money, no talent, and no prospects. After suffering a horrendous tragedy in a hidden dungeon, he is left to die. While at death's door, Jinwoo is suddenly invited by a mysterious voice to be a "player." Desperate to live, Jinwoo jumps at the chance. But what is this strange new leveling system that only he can see?

#### *Occulted* by Amy Rose

When the Hale-Bopp comet soars across the sky for the first time in over 4,000 years, young Amy Rose thinks it's a good omen of an amazing new future. Instead, it brings news of a horrible tragedy at a similar compound called Heaven's Gate. Now, she must risk everything to make secret trips to an abandoned off-limits library to learn what she was never meant to know: banned books can give her everything she needs to escape.



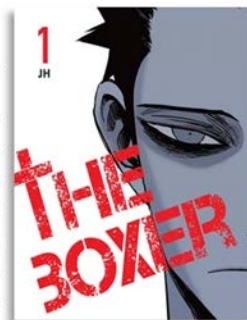
#### *Not-Sew Wicked Stepmom* by Iru

Once upon a time, there was a lovely young princess who suffered under her cruel stepmother... until a children's clothing designer was reborn as the evil queen! Now, all Her Majesty wants to do is dote on the adorable princess and give her the happy childhood she deserves. Can Queen Abigail convince her stepdaughter that she's not so wicked after all?



#### *The Boxer* by JH

While searching for a final prodigy to train, legendary boxing coach K stumbles across a bewildering scene—an apathetic teenager simply standing still as his bullies throttle him. But Coach K sees more than this. He sees the precision, grace, and uncanny perceptiveness in the boy's movements. He knows right away that this is the fighter he's been waiting for.



**GROWING UP GIRLS:**  
*A Class for Preteen Girls*

**MAY 4**  
**9:00am**  
**STUDY COMMONS**

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.

**How to COMBAT ANXIETY**  
with **Sheena Hock**  
licensed counselor

**MAY 18**  
**11:00am**  
**Galvez**

Many people find themselves in stressful situations and need to find ways to cope. On Saturday, May 18 at 11:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Galvez, learn how you can combat anxiety in your life or help someone you know. Sheena D. W. Hock is a licensed counselor who dedicates her time to helping others find their path to greatness. She will walk you through useful ways to help you manage your anxiety.

Registration required. Sign up by scanning the QR code to register or by calling (225) 622-3339.



**DOWNSIZING & DECLUTTERING**

**MAY 9 • 11:00am • Gonzales**

**AARP Louisiana**

Should it stay, or should it go? It's just stuff, and holding on to too much can prevent you from making life changes, like relocating or getting health care in your home. But figuring out what to keep and what to donate can be overwhelming. Holding on to treasures and memories is important to some people. On Thursday, May 9 at 11:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales, get tips on how to declutter before you downsize. Representatives from AARP Louisiana will walk you through practical, easy-to-follow tips for cleaning out and organizing your home in as stress-free of a process as possible.

**Voices of Resilience**  
LISTEN & LEARN  
ABOUT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

**MAY 16 • 6:00pm • Gonzales**

Every day, we hear news about how opioids affect the community we live in. The Louisiana Department of Health hopes to spread hope through its Voices of Resilience program. Join us at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales on Thursday, May 16 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm to hear from survivors of overdose, those in recovery, and healthcare providers who work to prevent prescription drug misuse and promote safe medication practices in our homes and communities. Trudy Wickham, opioid prevention outreach coordinator with the Louisiana Department of Health, will lead the discussion.

Registration required. Secure your seat by scanning the QR code to register online or by calling (225) 647-3955.

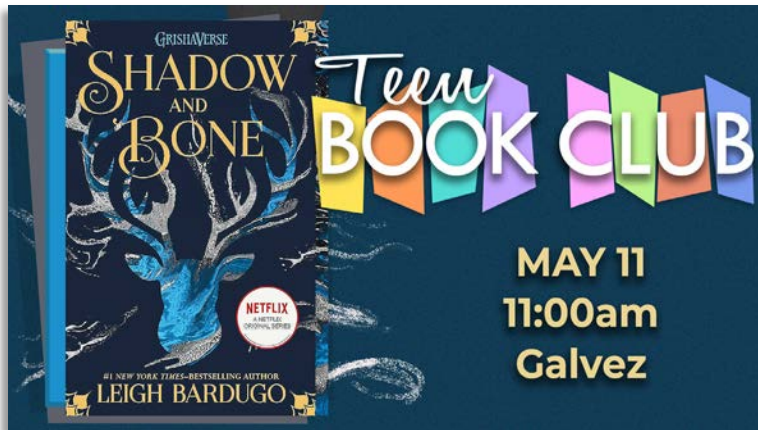


Tip: Visit our website at [myAPL.org/events](https://myAPL.org/events), select Health & Wellness as your Event Type, then set your date range to view all of the Wise & Well @ APL events we have to offer.



Hey, gamers! Grab a controller, and let's play! It's time for an adrenaline-pumping adventure at Ascension Parish Library. We have popular games like Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart 8 on the Nintendo Switch and Wii U. So whether you're a seasoned pro or want to test your skills and meet some new friends, we are ready to let the games begin. Showcase your skills and level up at the library on Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30pm in Dutchtown; Thursday, May 9 at 5:30pm in Galvez; and Wednesday, May 22 at 2:30pm in Gonzales.

While this gaming extravaganza was designed for teens and tweens ages 9-18, all of our games are rated E and are suitable for all ages.



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 May 11 is *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo, the inspiration for the hit Netflix show. 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.

*"I've been waiting for you a long time, Alina.  
 You and I are going to change the world."*  
 —Leigh Bardugo, *Shadow and Bone*



packet pickup

**DIY Pony Bead Bracelets**  
**MAY 1**  
**Donaldsonville**

Whether you're a trendsetter or a fashion enthusiast, you won't want to miss this! Bead bracelets are back in demand, and we have you covered. Stop by Ascension Parish Library in Donaldsonville beginning Wednesday, May 1 to step up your wrist game and grab one of these do-it-yourself beaded bracelet packets. Express your style by personalizing your own bracelet, or bring a friend along so you can each create one and exchange them. Each packet contains everything you need to create one pony bead bracelet, including the closure. *Available while limited supplies last.*



Be sure to snap a photo of your finished creations and share them with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using [@myAPLibrary](#).

for tweens



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 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 a small jar of jelly and cucumber 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.*



Let's create a 3D work of art by repurposing plastic bottle tops into a mosaic masterpiece. Mosaics use pieces of stone, glass, or ceramic to blend together and produce an image. But since we are learning about environmental awareness this summer, we are getting inventive with bottle caps. Choose one of our pattern examples or design your own. Turn your blank canvas into a colorful backdrop, glue your bottle caps into place, and then you have a 3D art piece that is ready to be displayed. Join us at Ascension Parish Library on Thursday, May 30 in Dutchtown; Monday, June 10 in Donaldsonville; Monday, June 17 in Galvez; and Friday, June 21 in Gonzales to craft your own cap creation. Each session starts at 2:00pm.



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.



packet pickup

**Pocket Bookmark**  
MAY 28  
All Locations

You can never have too many bookmarks, and this one has a pocket! These easy-to-follow instructions will transform scrap paper into an artful, useful item. Fold, snip, glue, and voila! You will never lose your spot again. Packets contain everything except for a pair of scissors and glue, which you will need at home. Also inside your packet, we are including slips of paper to place in your pocket bookmark to list books you have read and ones you would like to read. Stop by any Ascension Parish Library location beginning Tuesday, May 28 to snag one of these packets before they are all gone. *Available while supplies last.*



Once upon a time—Saturday, May 11 at 10:00am at Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown, to be precise—a group of young adventurers gathered for a magical morning of STEM crafts and activities inspired by classic fairy tales. Using their hearts, minds, and hands, these happy heroes will find the most petite peas, explore the tallest beanstalk by stacking cut-up pool noodles to reach the castle in the clouds, and design the sturdiest house with paint using straw, sticks, and bricks. Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo! They will also create a unique wand or crown to take home, so the magic never ends!

This event is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5.





**PLAY DATES**

Thursdays  
MAY 16–30  
10:00am  
Dutchtown

Play Dates is an informal gathering time designed for newborns through two-year-olds and their caregivers. On Thursdays from May 16 to May 30 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.

**PLAY & GROW WITH PLAYDOUGH**

10:00am  
MAY 28 Dutchtown  
MAY 30 Gonzales  
MAY 31 Study Commons  
JUN 1 Galvez

Squish, mash, and roll your way to fun with playdough! Investigate shapes and patterns and create a mini sculpture. Playdough provides the perfect medium for sensory exploration and fine motor skill development. Let those little hands explore and discover texture and color at Ascension Parish Library on Tuesday, May 28 in Dutchtown; Thursday, May 30 in Gonzales; Friday, May 31 at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville; and Saturday, June 1 in Galvez. All play times begin at 10:00am.

This event is designed for babies and toddlers.

**OTTERLY AMAZING**

MAY 28 10:00am Gonzales  
JUN 3 10:00am Galvez  
JUN 6 2:00pm Dutchtown  
JUN 8 10:00am Donaldsonville

Let's celebrate the rising population of these perfectly amazing pups that were once threatened by extinction. Create an otter puppet and play games while watching otters frolic and swim on a livestream from Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. It will be an otterly amazing time on Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00am in Gonzales; Monday, June 3 at 10:00am in Galvez; Thursday, June 6 at 2:00pm in Dutchtown; and Saturday, June 8 at 10:00am in Donaldsonville.

This event is designed for kids ages 6–8.

**poppin' painting party**

10:00am  
MAY 29 Galvez  
JUN 10 Dutchtown  
JUN 14 Donaldsonville  
JUN 15 Gonzales

Pop! Pop! Pop! Everyone loves the sound and feel of popping bubble wrap. Let's enhance the sensory fun and delight of popping bubble wrap by adding paint and creating artistic masterpieces. We will provide the paint and bubble wrap to tape on 'mittens,' and it's up to you to get poppin' on Wednesday, May 29 in Galvez; Monday, June 10 in Dutchtown; Friday, June 14 in Donaldsonville; and Saturday, June 15 in Gonzales. Once you are popped out, take your picture home and put it on the fridge for everyone to see.

This event is designed for preschoolers ages 3–5. Each painting party starts at 10:00am. Don't forget to wear your play clothes. The paint is washable, but we plan to get messy.



*I Love You Like No Otter* by Rose Rossner combines a warm message of love with beautifully illustrated animals.

K5 Children—XF ROS

Delight in watching Otter messily go about the cake making process in *Otter: Best Cake Ever* by Sam Garton.

K5 Children—XF GAR

**READ WATCH LISTEN**

Your next round of entertainment is only a click away and all you need is your library card. Scan the QR code to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, & more!



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(Pictured) STEM Tales, held at the Study Commons at the Wag Center in Donaldsonville, was a four-part series designed to help children visualize themselves in fields like astronomy, architecture, gaming, and app development.



## bookmobile schedule

# May 2024



Francois Bend	Wed	May 1	1:00pm–2:00pm
Sorrento Community Center	Wed	May 1 & 15	3:30pm–4:30pm
Oak Grove Community Center	Thu	May 2 & 16	3:30pm–4:30pm
Gill's Supermarket	Fri	May 3 & 17	9:00am–10:00am
Darrow Community Center	Fri	May 3 & 17	3:30pm–4:30pm
Gonzales Heritage Festival*	Sun	May 5	12:00pm–8:00pm
Butcher Boy	Tue	May 7 & 21	9:30am–10:30am
St. Amant Park	Tue	May 7 & 21	3:30pm–4:30pm
	Tue	May 14 & 28	9:00am–10:00am
The Church—Donaldsonville	Thu	May 9 & 23	3:00pm–4:00pm
Donaldsonville Senior Apartments	Fri	May 10 & 24	1:30pm–2:30pm
Lemanville Park	Fri	May 10 & 24	3:00pm–4:00pm
Riverside Farmers Market *	Sat	May 11	9:00am–2:00pm
New River United Methodist	Tue	May 14 & 28	2:00pm–3:00pm
Keystone of Galvez Park	Tue	May 14 & 28	3:30pm–4:30pm
Francois Parc	Wed	May 15	10:30am–11:30am
Prairieville Middle STEM Fair**	Mon	May 20	8:00am–1:00pm
57th Annual Jambalaya Festival*	Fri	May 24	12:00pm–7:00pm
	Sat	May 25	10:00am–7:00pm
	Sun	May 26	10:00am–7:00pm

\*pop-up library \*\*special event

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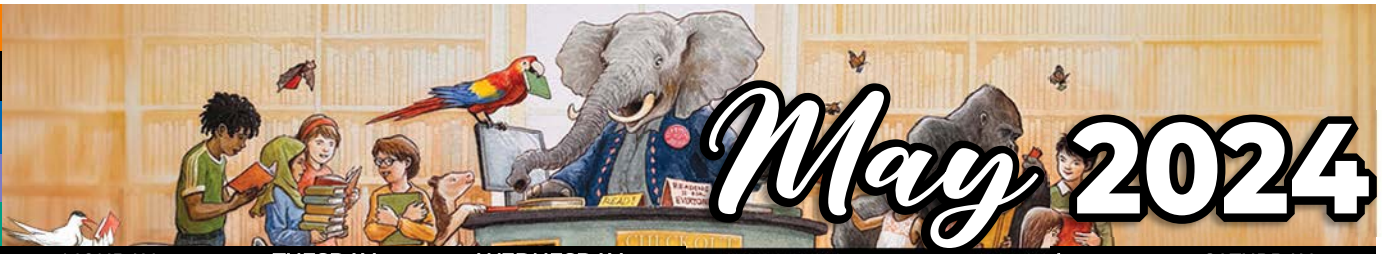
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for adults

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for kids



# May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>APRIL 28</b> ACT Practice Test 9:00am Gonzales Registration required	<b>APRIL 29</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b> Gardening Q&A and Plant Swap 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required STEM Tales 6:00pm Study Commons	<b>1</b> DIY Pony Bead Bracelets Packet Pickup Donaldsonville While supplies last Author Talk with Douglas Brunt 2:00pm Virtual	<b>2</b> APL Book Club 12:00pm Donaldsonville 6:30pm Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Registration required	<b>3</b>	<b>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
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> DIY Air Plant Jellyfish Packet Pickup All Locations While supplies last	<b>7</b> 2nd Annual Career & Resource Fair 10:00am Gonzales Game On! 5:30pm Dutchtown Russia and Ukraine: Historical Perspective—Read & Discuss series 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required Fantastical Fun Fair 6:00pm Galvez	<b>8</b> Game Gathering 5:00pm Gonzales One-on-One Computer Help 5:00pm–7:45pm Gonzales Registration required Author Talk with Nina Simon 6:00pm Virtual	<b>9</b> Early Steps: Louisiana's Early Intervention System 10:00am Dutchtown Registration required Downsizing & Decluttering with AARP Louisiana 11:00am Gonzales Game On! 5:30pm Galvez	<b>10</b> One-on-One Computer Help 2:00pm–4:45pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>11</b> Fairy Tale Fun 10:00am Dutchtown Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez Registration required
<b>12</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>13</b> Coffee & Crafts: Pizza Pan Welcome Sign 10:00am Dutchtown Registration required	<b>14</b> Fantastical Fun Fair 4:00pm Study Commons Russia and Ukraine: Historical Perspective—Read & Discuss series 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>15</b> Fantastical Fun Fair 11:00am Gonzales	<b>16</b> Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown Voices of Resilience: Listen & Learn About the Opioid Epidemic 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required A Book Talk on Jane Austen-Inspired Novels with Jack Caldwell 6:00pm Galvez Registration required	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> How to Combat Anxiety with Sheena Hock 11:00am Galvez Registration required Amigos Time with Nature on the Geaux 1:00pm Gonzales
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Author Talk With Rebecca F. Kuang 6:00pm Virtual Russia and Ukraine: Historical Perspective—Read & Discuss series 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>22</b> Game On! 2:30pm Gonzales	<b>23</b> Read, Renew, Repeat Summer Reading 2024 begins Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown One-on-One Computer Help 2:00pm–4:45pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Gonzales Location ONLY Library Closed Cozy Cat Café 9:00am Galvez
<b>26</b> Library Closed	<b>27</b> Library Closed <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>28</b> Pocket Bookmarks Packet Pickup All Locations While supplies last One-on-One Computer Help 9:00am–11:45am Gonzales Registration required Otterly Amazing 10:00am Gonzales Play & Grow with Playdough 10:00am Dutchtown Russia and Ukraine: Historical Perspective—Read & Discuss series 6:00pm Gonzales Registration required	<b>29</b> Poppin' Painting Party 10:00am Galvez Summer Reading Program Kickoff 1:00pm Gonzales Library Board Meeting 4:00pm Gonzales	<b>30</b> Summer Reading Program Kickoff 9:00am Study Commons Play & Grow with Playdough 10:00am Gonzales Play Dates 10:00am Dutchtown Cap Creations Mosaic Art 2:00pm Dutchtown	<b>31</b> Summer Reading Program Kickoff 9:00am Galvez Play & Grow with Playdough 10:00am Study Commons	<b>JUNE 1</b> Summer Reading Program Kickoff 9:00am Dutchtown Play & Grow with Playdough 10:00am Galvez



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### 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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