



AMERICA
250
A DAY IN
REVOLUTIONARY
AMERICA

1776

OCT 10
10:00am
Gonzales

You may have read about it, but what if you could step back in time and spend a day in Revolutionary America? On Saturday, October 10 from 10:00am to 1:00pm, the library in Gonzales will come alive with activities inspired by daily life in 1776. Wander from station to station, meet historical figures, try colonial games and crafts, and view replicas of common household items. Each planned activity will help you understand what life was like during the American Revolution. There will also be light colonial-inspired refreshments for you to enjoy as you experience the sights, sounds, and stories of a nation in the making.

¡FIESTA DE LAS
AMERICAS!

OCT 17 2:00PM
GONZALES

Let's celebrate together as we learn about the culture and stories of Latin America! Enjoy traditional games, lotería, and family activities at our Americas Celebration on Saturday, October 17 at 2:00pm at the library in Gonzales. There will also be snacks to enjoy, so bring the family and be part of the fun!

¡Celebremos juntos mientras aprendemos sobre la cultura y las historias de América Latina! Disfruta de juegos tradicionales, lotería y actividades para toda la familia en nuestra Celebración de las Américas el sábado 17 de octubre a las 2:00 p. m. en la biblioteca de Gonzales. También habrá bocadillos para disfrutar, así que ¡trae a toda la familia y sé parte de la diversión!

We Need You! Become an Adult Learner Tutor

What if three hours of your week could help someone get a job, help their child succeed in school, or become a more confident reader? For an adult who struggles with reading, writing, or English language skills, everyday tasks can bring challenges. Filling out a job application. Understanding a note from a child's teacher. Communicating with a doctor or a coworker. Reading a story to a grandchild.

APL's Adult Learner program helps adults overcome barriers and build the skills they need to participate more at work, at home, and in the community. But we need more tutors to make that possible.

Tutors work one-on-one with an adult learner for a minimum of three hours each week. Together, they work toward goals that are meaningful to the learner—whether it's improving their employment opportunities, becoming more confident in communicating in English, helping a child with homework, or reading independently.

A tutor doesn't have to be a teacher or an expert. Tutors receive training, and library staff assess learners and match them with tutors based on their individual needs and goals. One tutor described the experience this way:

"We learn more about each other's culture, perspectives, and lives in a way that goes beyond textbooks. Everyday things like expressions, slang, and ways of thinking can really only be understood through conversations with another person. So, it's been very meaningful because we aren't just helping each other learn words and grammar, we're building a friendship as well."

Tutors must:

- Be 21 years of age or older and have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Read, write, and speak English fluently.
- Be patient, sensitive, and understanding of the learner's situation, goals, and needs.
- Commit to tutoring for six months and meet with a learner for at least three hours each week.
- Successfully complete the library's tutor orientation.

Think you can help? Complete the interest form at myAPL.org > [Services](#) > [Adult Literacy & English Classes](#) > [Become a Tutor](#).



Learning goes both ways. After an English tutoring session, language skills are put into practice by teaching Korean.



A Library Card Can Grow More Than You Think

Since the beginning of 2026 through the summer, we have welcomed **3,593** new library cardholders—and we love seeing the many ways you are putting your library cards to use!

A local mom recently shared with us some photos of her family excited to grow vegetables from seeds they received through our Seed Library. What started with a trip to the library turned into a hands-on learning experience.

Hearing stories like Taylor's reminds us that a library card is about much more than checking out a book. Your card connects you to resources, inspires new hobbies, supports learning, and creates memories.

If you don't have a library card yet, now is the perfect time to get one! And if you already have one, help us spread the word! You never know who might discover something new with a library card.



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"Oh, bother... it's time to celebrate!" You are invited to a very special birthday party honoring 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh! Step into the Hundred Acre Wood on Saturday, October 3 at 1:00pm in Gonzales and explore hands-on activities, games, crafts, and treats inspired by A.A. Milne's beloved characters. Wander from station to station, collecting memories as you visit Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit, Owl, Kanga & Roo, Christopher Robin, and the Hundred Acre Wood. Each stop offers a unique activity celebrating friendship, imagination, kindness, and adventure.



Celebrate Día de los Muertos with us at Amigos Time on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30pm in Gonzales. This bilingual event in English and Spanish will feature a reading of *El Cucuy Is Scared, Too!* by Donna Barba Higuera, along with songs and interactive activities. Then, create a Día de los Muertos-inspired craft and visit our ofrenda display to learn about this meaningful tradition.

Celebra el Día de los Muertos con nosotros en Amigos Time el jueves 15 de octubre a las 6:30pm en Gonzales. Este evento bilingüe, en inglés y español, incluirá la lectura de *El Cucuy Is Scared, Too!* de Donna Barba Higuera, además de canciones y actividades interactivas. Después, crea una manualidad inspirada en el Día de los Muertos y visita nuestra ofrenda para aprender sobre esta importante tradición.



Boos and ghouls, it's a mourning of spooks and goblins at our haunted library! Enter the library in Dutchtown, if you dare, on Saturday, October 31 at 10:00am for a spine-tingling adventure! There will be a slime walk—just like a cake walk, but with a container of slime instead of a cake—along with other frightfully fun activities and games, including "guess the body part" sensory cauldrons, trick-or-treat bag decorating, and photo opportunities. Trick-or-treat stations will be set up around the library. Costumes are encouraged, and you can also take part in our costume contest. Four winners will be chosen, one in each age category: Babies & Toddlers, Kids, Tweens & Teens, and Adults. It will be a ghoulishly good time!



Look up and see the night sky in a whole new way! Spot bright stars, identify constellations, and discover what planets are visible in October. Don Weinell of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS) and fellow amateur astronomers will bring large-scale telescopes for you to use as you explore what's above and be available to help.

Bring the whole family and meet in the library's parking lot located on S. Irma Blvd. in Gonzales on Monday, October 19 at 6:00pm.





Sharpen your detective skills by seeing what you can spy within this room-sized scavenger hunt at the library in Gonzales from Thursday, October 8 through Saturday, October 10, during regular library hours. Search for hidden objects, make exciting discoveries, and enjoy an immersive, fun family experience that continues the celebration of America 250. There will be three levels of difficulty, designed for different ages and observation skills.



From jazz standards to hip-hop beats, music has long reflected the story of America. Join us at the library in Gonzales on Tuesday, October 6 and October 13 at 6:00pm for guided listening and engaging discussion, led by Andrew Fath, that explores how American music has shaped—and been shaped by—the nation's history, culture, and identity. Examine different eras in American history through the sounds that defined them.

This project is a recipient of the 2026 Parish America 250 Mini Grant. Funding for the 2026 Parish America 250 Mini Grant has been provided by the State of Louisiana and administered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the Louisiana Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the America 250 Louisiana State Commission.



Mix, stir, and steep—it's time to make your own blend of tea! Through centuries of agricultural improvement, economic and political influence, and cultural fusion, tea has become the most consumed beverage globally after water. With so many varieties of loose-leaf tea and ingredients widely available, it's never been easier to create a flavorful or functional blend. On Saturday, October 17 at 10:00am in Dutchtown, learn the basics of making tea blends to suit a variety of needs and flavor palates and how to craft your own. Then, we'll taste them together.

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Can you name the sisters from oldest to youngest? Do you know the seven High Fae courts? Prepare yourself for a magical challenge as we see who knows the most about ACOTAR and the intrigue of the faerie world on Tuesday, October 20 at the library in St. Amant. At this trivia night, dressing for the theme is highly encouraged and a prize will be awarded to the best-dressed. Rewards will be made of ash wood so they can be used in the event of a faerie attack, and refreshments will be chosen to emulate the favorites of the fae courts. The questioning will begin at 6:00pm.



with *Chef Meaux*

The Incredible Edible Egg

Ever wonder about the Incredible Edible Egg? It is one of the most widely eaten items across the globe.

I want to share a few fun facts about eggs, like grades of eggs and what they stand for. Ever wonder how to check an egg's freshness? I hope to answer those burning questions and many more in the article.

First, let's start with the grades of eggs. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) sets and determines egg grades. They fall into three very distinct categories: AA, A, and B.

Grade AA

Grade AA is the highest grade. The shell must be clean, unbroken, and in normal shape. The white part must be thick, firm, and stand up tall when broken. The yolk needs to stand high, round, and free from defects. The best use for Grade AA eggs is frying and poaching, where presentation is very important.

Grade A

Grade A is the medium grade. The shell should be clean and unbroken, like that of a Grade AA egg. The white is reasonably firm but spreads more than the white of a Grade AA egg. Moving along to the yolk, it basically needs to be round and stand high. Grade A eggs are best used for baking and general cooking. Most of the time, this is the type of egg you will find at your local grocery store.

Grade B

Grade B is the lowest grade for eggs. The shell on this egg may be slightly stained, have ridges, or be misshapen. The white portion of this egg is very thin. Every egg has a thick white and a thin white portion, but in a Grade B egg, it is very difficult to tell the difference between the two parts. The yolk does not stand up at all but is flatter and larger. Grade B eggs are best for liquid products, commercial baking, or mixed uses, where the appearance of the egg is not important, such as scrambled eggs, quiches, or omelets.

In addition to grades, eggs come in various sizes: jumbo, extra-large, large, medium, small, and peewee.

To check for freshness, drop an egg into a tall glass of water. If it floats, it is not as fresh. The air cell expands as the egg gets older.

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Taste of the MEDITERRANEAN

Hands-on—OCT 9 10:00am & 3:00pm
OCT 13 1:00pm & 5:00pm
Demo—OCT 22 5:00pm
St Amant

Let's travel the world through food! Enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean when you step in the Kitchen in St. Amant. Chef Meaux will teach you how to make the creamiest hummus and the fluffiest garlic naan.



Supplies will be provided; just bring your appetite for learning. Hands-on classes will be held on Friday, October 9 at 10:00am and 3:00pm and on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Each class will last about 2 hours. A demonstration featuring a whole meal—hummus, garlic naan, chicken shawarma, and herbed rice—will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 5:00pm.

These classes are for adults 18+. Spots are limited. Registration for all sessions opens September 25 at 8:30am.

MEXICAN RECIPES

Hands-on—NOV 3 5:30pm
NOV 13 10:30am
NOV 14 9:30am
Demo—NOV 17 3:00pm
St Amant

Celebrate the flavors of Mexico—no passport required! Learn how to make light, soft, handmade flour tortillas and tasty guacamole. Hands-on classes will be held in the Kitchen in St. Amant on



Tuesday, November 3 at 5:30pm; Friday, November 13 at 10:30am; and Saturday, November 14 at 9:30am. Each class will last about 2 hours. A demonstration class will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 3:00pm.

These classes are for adults 18+. Spots are limited. Registration for all sessions opens October 20 at 8:30am.



Welcome autumn! Capture the beauty of the changing seasons on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00am at the library in Galvez by painting your own fall floral artwork. Bekah Duplechin, owner of Art Academy in

Prairieville, will guide you through each step of creating your own unique canvas. All supplies will be provided at this beginner-friendly class.

Registration required. Spots are limited. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Step into fall with a cozy movie and craft night on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00pm at the library in Gonzales as we screen *Practical Magic* (1998, 1h 44m, PG-13) and create floral sachets. This movie blends romance, humor, family, and magic! Raised by their eccentric aunts in a quaint Massachusetts town, sisters Sally and Gillian Owens come from a long line of witches. When a generations-old family curse threatens their chance at finding love, the sisters must lean on one another and embrace a little magic to break the spell.

During the movie, put together your own floral sachet by mixing dried flowers with essential oils in a take-home bag. All craft supplies and movie snacks will be provided.



Training Classes Available

Bring your ideas to life. Located in Donaldsonville and St. Amant, these hands-on spaces are a place for inventors, artists, and hobbyists to collaborate, create, explore, and build with cutting-edge tools. To use Makerspace equipment, you must be an APL cardholder, complete a training class for the equipment you wish to use, and schedule a time to pass a task-based activity to earn a badge that allows you to use the equipment on your own. Cardholders ages 12-14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Scan the QR code to sign up online for training classes in St. Amant. For Donaldsonville, call 225-473-8052.



Recording Studio St. Amant

FRI, OCT 2, 3:00pm-4:30pm; WED, OCT 14, 3:00pm-4:30pm; FRI, OCT 23, 3:00pm-4:30pm; THU, OCT 29, 10:00am-11:30pm

ComMarker Omni X UV Laser St. Amant

MON, OCT 5, 10:00am-11:30am; WED, OCT 7, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Brother Scan-N-Cut & Cricut Heat Press St. Amant
TUE, OCT 6, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Brother HC 1850 Sewing Machine St. Amant

MON, OCT 12, 2:00pm-3:30pm; MON, OCT 26, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Makera Carvera CNC St. Amant

FRI, OCT 16, 10:00am-11:30am; WED, OCT 21 3:00pm-4:30pm

Bambu P2S 3D Printer St. Amant

MON, OCT 19, 10:00am-11:30am



2 Sentence Horror Stories

THU, OCT 1 – SAT, OCT 31, Gonzales

Can you send chills down someone's spine in just two sentences? Put your creativity to the test in our two-sentence horror story contest! Visit Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales anytime during the month of October and pick up an entry form. Write an original horror story using only two sentences, then submit it for a chance to win a prize so good, it's scary! Whether your story is eerie, suspenseful, or just terrifying, we want to read it. Submissions must be turned in by Saturday, October 31 to be eligible to win.



These workshops are part of APL's gardening and landscaping series, presented in partnership with the Ascension Master Gardeners Association and the LSU AgCenter. Registration is required for each session.



Culinary Herb Gardening with Janis Poche
OCT 6, 6:30pm, Dutchtown

If you are new to gardening, growing herbs is a great place to start! Cool-season herbs are ideal to grow from late autumn through early spring. Janis Poche, a seasoned gardener and member of the Gonzales Garden Club and Ascension Master Gardeners, will lead this beginner-friendly workshop. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Gardening Q&A and Plant Swap with Ascension Master Gardeners **OCT 27, 6:00pm, Gonzales**

Got gardening questions? Ask an expert! A panel of Ascension Master Gardeners is ready to answer all of your gardening questions. Plus, bring your labeled plants, cuttings, bulbs, or seeds to exchange with other local gardeners. You will leave with a lot of information and maybe a few new plants to add to your garden. Scan the QR code to sign up.



packet pickup

Mummy Surprise Balls
MON, OCT 5, All locations

Unwrap spooky fun! In homage to 1950s New Orleans Tutti Frutti

Surprise Balls, "the toy you have to destroy to enjoy," learn how to make this Halloween-themed version. Use crepe paper to wrap small trinkets and messages into a ball, then add eyes and fabric to finish off your mummy. You can tailor the trinkets to suit adults or children. Packets will include everything to make your surprise ball, except for the trinkets. Pick up a packet from Ascension Parish Library location beginning Monday, October 5, while supplies last.

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Curious about the growing popularity of Mahjong? Join instructor Aimee Klimczak at the library in Gonzales on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30pm for a beginner-friendly class covering everything you need to know to get started—from identifying tiles to learning the rules and flow of the game. By the end of the session, you will be able to put your new skills into practice by playing a guided game of Mahjong.

Registration required. Space is limited. Scan the QR code to save your spot. Additional classes that cover the same material will be held in November and December.



Improve your computer skills with one-on-one help tailored to meet your needs. Sign up for a 45-minute session at the library in Gonzales to get a basic overview of computer usage on Thursday, October 8 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; Tuesday, October 13 from 9:00am to 11:45am; Monday, October 19 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; or Wednesday, October 28 from 5:00pm to 7:45pm. Assistance is available for beginner computer skills, Microsoft Office products such as Word and Excel, 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 and let us know how we can assist you.



Drawing from her experiences growing up in a home affected by domestic violence, local author Sharon Dunbar shares her journey of survival, healing, and finding her voice through writing. Join us at the library in Dutchtown on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00pm for a personal conversation as Sharon shares her memoir, *Buried on My Birthday: Breaking Free from a Lifetime of Domestic Violence*. Representatives from the IRIS Domestic Violence Center will be on-site to provide information and resources for survivors and those supporting someone experiencing domestic violence. Attendees are welcome to connect with IRIS privately and learn about available support services.

Please note: This program discusses domestic violence and may contain difficult subject matter.



Wonder how to maximize your Social Security benefits? When to file and how much you will receive? Or how your choices affect your spouse and family? Sarah Sotile, a registered Social Security analyst and life and health insurance agent, will walk you through these questions and more on Wednesday, October 7 in Gonzales and Thursday, October 8 in Donaldsonville. Both sessions begin at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Prepare to Care with AARP LA THU, OCT 1, 10:00am, Donaldsonville

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be overwhelming without a plan in place. This workshop is designed for anyone who is currently a caregiver or expects to become one. On Thursday, October 1 at 10:00am in Donaldsonville, receive guidance on how to start meaningful conversations with family members about their needs, wishes, and expectations. This workshop also covers how to create a basic caregiving plan, identify available community resources, and manage common caregiving challenges. Additionally, discover tips for balancing caregiving with work, family life, and your personal well-being.



Cancer Conversations WED, OCT 14, 11:30am, Gonzales

Connect with others living with, recovering from, or caring for someone with a cancer diagnosis on Wednesday, October 14 at 11:30am in Gonzales. Create an open dialogue in a supportive atmosphere and explore topics about your diagnosis or that of someone you know. This support group, provided by Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Services, is open to everyone whose life has been impacted by a cancer diagnosis, whether presently going through treatment or recovered. Lunch will be provided. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Mindful Chair Yoga for Cancer Survivors & Caregivers THU, OCT 1 – OCT 29, 11:30am, Gonzales

In partnership with Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, chair yoga sessions for cancer survivors and caregivers are offered each Thursday of the month at 11:30am in Gonzales. Mindful chair yoga is designed to improve strength and balance while reducing cancer-related fatigue, sleeplessness, and stress. These one-hour sessions are led by certified yoga instructor Jada Kerek. Bringing your own yoga mat is welcomed. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



First Saturdays Gentle Chair Yoga SAT, OCT 3, 10:00am, Galvez

Learn low-impact seated yoga techniques from certified yoga instructor Jada Kerek that are easy enough for seniors. Class will meet at 10:00am in Galvez on Saturday, October 3. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Are you a job seeker struggling to find employment or in need of a second chance to find a good job? Then here is your opportunity. Ascension Parish Library and Ascension Parish Reentry Coalition present the Second Chance Job Fair. This event brings more direct hiring chances for those needing employment. Second-chance candidates include anyone facing hiring barriers, including individuals with a criminal record. On Tuesday, October 6 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the library in Gonzales, attendees will be able to interact and network directly with employers to discuss available positions and application processes. Participating businesses include Turner Industries, Brown & Root, Goodwill Industries, Louisiana Works, LRS Employment Department, and more.

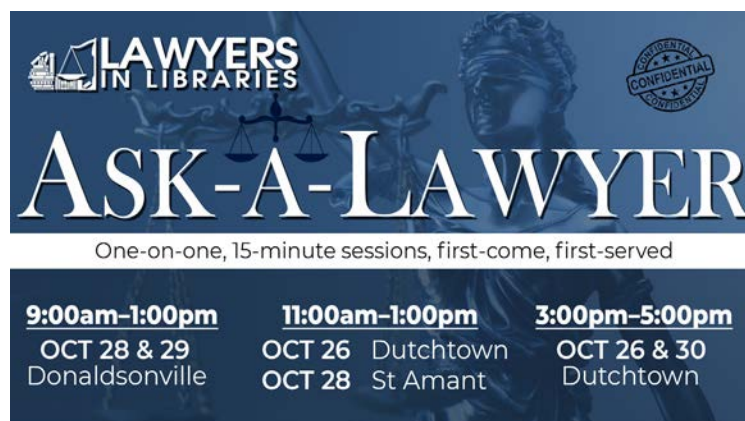


Learn about funding your small business with tips from the Louisiana Small Business Development Center on Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00am in Dutchtown. Discover what lenders and funders look for, how to become capital-ready, and how to position your business for loans, grants, and other financing opportunities. Ada Womack-Bell, director of the LSBDC at Southern University, will lead this training to help small businesses understand funding options and prepare to secure capital for growth. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



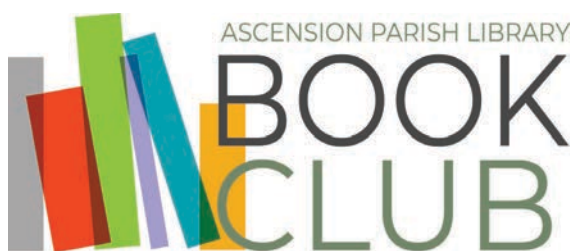
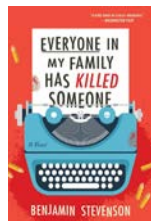
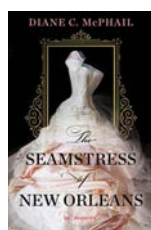
Whether you're preparing for a busy season, navigating a major life transition, or simply feeling overwhelmed by competing priorities, learn to pause, evaluate where your time and energy are being spent, and intentionally reset your approach. This first session of a three-part series led by Kayla Fuselier Cloutre on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00pm in St. Amant will teach you practical exercises and simple strategies to live and work with greater intention. You will leave with more clarity, a stronger sense of purpose, and a personalized plan for moving forward.

Kayla is a professional organizer, productivity consultant, event planner, and the founder of Minutia. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Have legal questions? Individual 15-minute consultations with a volunteer attorney are available on a first-come, first-served basis from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29 in Donaldsonville; 11:00am to 1:00pm on Monday, October 26 in Dutchtown and Wednesday, October 28 in St. Amant; and 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Monday, October 26 and Friday, October 30 in Dutchtown. Advice is for non-criminal matters only. Ask-a-Lawyer individual consultations are provided by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

book clubs



OCT 1

1:30pm Donaldsonville
Seamstress of New Orleans by Diane McPhail

6:30pm Gonzales
Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson

6:30pm Dutchtown
Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

6:30pm Galvez
The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George

6:30pm St. Amant
From Here to the Great Unknown by Lisa Marie Presley

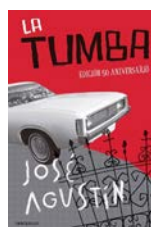
Broaden your literary horizons. Hear new perspectives, share your thoughts, and connect with fellow readers. APL Book Clubs meet on the first Thursday of the month at their respective locations from February through December. Registration required. Are you ready to join? If so, call your local library location.

CLUB DE LECTURA

OCT 29

6:30pm Gonzales
La tumba de José Agustín

Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca de Gonzales el 29 de octubre a las 6:30pm para el Club de Lectura en Español, un espacio para explorar, compartir y disfrutar de la literatura. Este mes, hablaremos sobre *La tumba*, de José Agustín. Lea el libro en inglés o en español; sin embargo, las conversaciones serán en español. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo el último jueves de cada mes. Para obtener más información o inscribirse, llame a Paloma al 225-647-3955.



Stream virtual talks from authors from around the world on your favorite device. Scan the QR code for access to all of our available Author Talks.



FICTION
 Courage, Choice, & What Comes Next with Veronica Roth
 THU, OCT 1, 6:00pm, Virtual



COOKING
 Pasta with a Twist: A Fresh Take on Italian Classics with Joe Sasto
 TUE, OCT 6, 1:00pm, Virtual



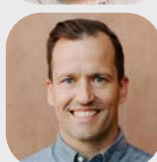
NONFICTION
 Art in Flight: Reinventing Postmodernism with Carolyn Russo
 THU, OCT 8, 1:00pm, Virtual



VARIETY & LIFESTYLE
 The Power of Limits: How Constraints Drive Genius with David Epstein
 TUE, OCT 13, 1:00pm, Virtual



K-12
 Ghosts, Grief, & Growing Up: YA Storytelling with Cherie Dimaline
 THU, OCT 22, 6:00pm, Virtual



HEALTH & WELLNESS
 Liberated Love: Rewiring Your Heart for Authentic Connection with Mark Groves
 TUE, OCT 27, 1:00pm, Virtual

... Coming next month ...

HEALTH & WELLNESS
 Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom with Asha Frost TUE, NOV 3, 1:00pm, Virtual

K-12
 Secrets, Lies, & Unforgettable Twists with E. Lockhart THU, NOV 5, 6:00pm, Virtual

VARIETY & LIFESTYLE
 A City on Mars with Kelly and Zach Weinersmith TUE, NOV 10, 1:00pm, Virtual

NONFICTION
 How Money Became God with Paul Vigna WED, NOV 11, 1:00pm, Virtual

COOKING
 Fire, Passion, & Heritage with Pyet DeSpain THU, NOV 12, 1:00pm, Virtual

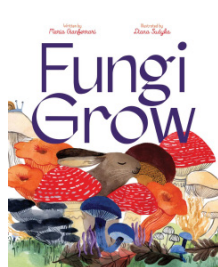
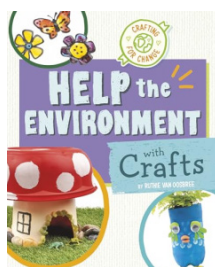
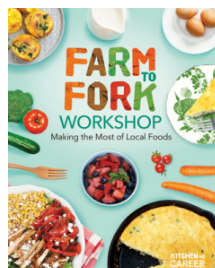
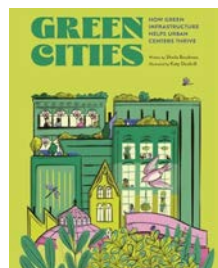
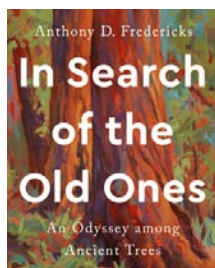
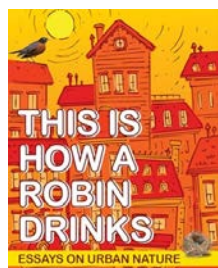
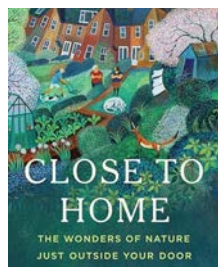
FICTION
 Epic Worlds & Celestial Prophecies with Rebecca Roanhorse THU, NOV 19, 6:00pm, Virtual

Connect With Nature



The land we live alongside nourishes us, and we should nourish it back. These titles provide ideas to connect with nature, as well as appreciate what we take for granted.

Curated by Tabor Millien



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Teen Book Club

SAT, OCT 10, 11:00am, Galvez

Want to join Teen Book Club? Space is available. Call 225-622-3339 to sign up.

Teen Book Club is held on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00am in Galvez. Snacks are provided. Books are reserved for pickup at the library in Galvez. Book picks are curated for teens, but parents are encouraged to review the suitability. The book pick for October is *How To Survive Your Murder* by Danielle Valentine—Alice knows what happened the night her sister was murdered because she was there. As Alice prepares to testify at her sister's murder trial, a bizarre encounter sends her back in time to the night Claire died. Now Alice has until midnight to figure out who the real killer is, save her sister, and survive the night herself.

"I heard somewhere that people say 'I can't imagine' only about things they can imagine perfectly and wish they couldn't."



Teen Advisory Board

TUE, OCT 13, 6:00pm, Gonzales

Do you live books, music, movies, and being creative? If so, here's your chance to make an impact. Library cardholders ages 13–18 are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Attend monthly meetings, meet other teens, brainstorm ideas, and help with library events. TAB meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in Gonzales. Each month, members are asked to volunteer for two hours or help with one library event. Get involved! Fill out a TAB application at any of our library locations.



Pictured, l to r: Geometric Mosaic Painting at Gonzales; Cake Decorating at St. Amant.

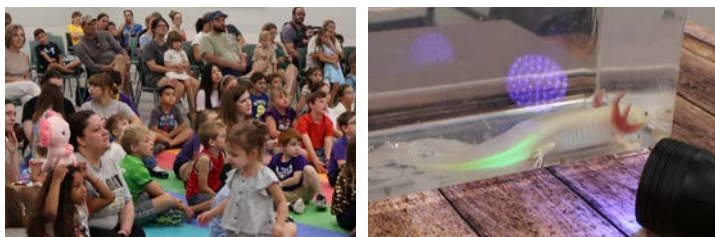


Explore the fascinating world of synthesizers on Thursday, October 29 at 5:30pm at the library in Gonzales. Discover the different ways synthesizers create sound, from monophonic and paraphonic to polyphonic instruments. Through live demonstrations and hands-on examples, learn what makes each type unique and how they are used in different styles of music. This event is perfect for beginners, musicians, and anyone curious about electronic music.



Cute duck or spooky ghost duck? You decide! Get into the Halloween spirit by spending the afternoon painting your own ceramic duck on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00pm in Gonzales. Enjoy snacks, music, and a chill hangout while you make your ceramic duck cute, creepy, weird, or totally unhinged. All supplies and refreshments will be provided.

Registration required. Call 225-647-3955 to sign up.



Pictured: Amazing Axolotls in St. Amant.

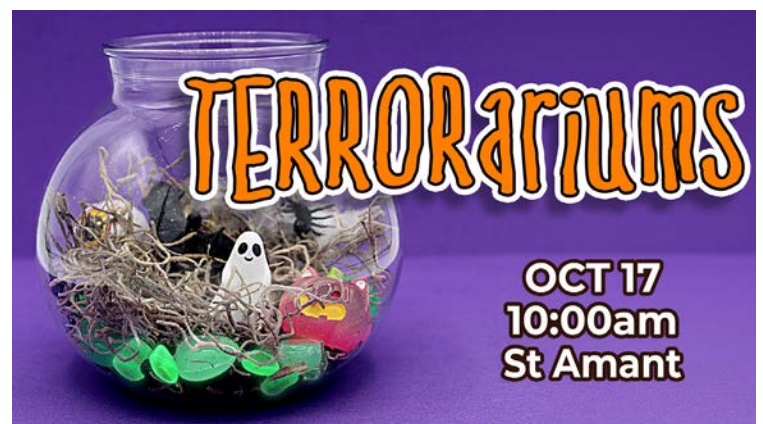


Become a #sittersuperstar on Saturday, October 10 at 9:00am in Dutchtown. Safe & In Charge is designed for students in grades 5–8 that covers basic life safety, childcare, business skills, basic CPR, first aid, and choking. Elizabeth Lea, an educator with more than 20 years of teaching experience will lead the instruction.

Attendance rules:

- Parents/guardians must accompany students into the classroom to sign them in and out.
- Only instructors and students are allowed inside the classroom once the course starts, including during lunchtime.
- Some sections of the course require kneeling, so wear appropriate comfortable clothing.
- Class is scheduled to end at 3:00pm with a graduation ceremony to take place directly after.

This event is in partnership with the Louisiana Firefighters Foundation and sponsored by HealthyBlue. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up. Questions? Call 225-673-8699.



Love all things spooky, cozy, and tiny? Create a miniature home for a little creature on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00am in St. Amant. Use pebbles, moss, and other natural materials to build a tiny, cozy terrarium with plenty of personality.

Registration required. Call 225-647-6008 to sign up.



Get ready for a delightfully gooey storytime! On Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm at the library in Donaldsonville, we will read *Creepy Crayon!* by Aaron Reynolds. The book is a playful tale about a young artist and a trouble-making crayon. After the story, get creative by learning to make your own creepy crayon slime to take home. This sensory storytelling experience is perfect for little book lovers, crafty kids, and anyone who enjoys a little bit of creepy fun!

Designed for kids ages 6–8.



scavenger hunt

Not So Spooky, OCT 1 – OCT 31

Celebrate Halloween the fun and not-so-scary way! Visit any Ascension Parish Library location in October and pick up a scavenger sheet to search for friendly ghosts, smiling pumpkins, and other not-so-spooky surprises hidden around our children's area. Once you have found them all, return your sheet to the Check Out desk to receive a stamp or sticker prize.



Pictured, clockwise: Ramen & Anime in St. Amant; LEGO at the Library in Galvez; Pete the Cat's Groovy Gathering in Gonzales.



Pajama Storytime

THU, OCT 8, 6:30pm, Gonzales & Galvez

TUE, OCT 13, 6:30pm, Donaldsonville & St. Amant

THU, OCT 15, 6:30pm, Dutchtown

When the lights go out, every creak, rustle, and bump can sound like a mystery! At this month's Pajama Storytime, we are celebrating the fun side of nighttime surprises because bedtime can be full of imagination instead of fright. So, come dressed in your comfiest pajamas and settle in for an evening of engaging stories, interactive songs, and flannel board activities. After storytime, create a cute squirrel magnet to take home. Pajama Storytime is designed for kids ages 8 and under and their families. This storytime lasts about 30 minutes.

Babytime

TUE, OCT 6 – NOV 17, 10:00am, Gonzales

THU, OCT 1 – NOV 19, 10:00am, Dutchtown

This gentle, interactive storytime features board books and a variety of songs, rhymes, and movement activities. It helps early language development and is an excellent opportunity for babies and their caregivers to bond, learn activities and verses to share at home, and connect with other families. Babytime is designed for babies ages 0–18 months and their caregivers. Each session lasts 15–20 minutes.

Toddler Storytime

WED, OCT 7 – NOV 18, 10:00am,

All locations except Study Commons

This lively, engaging storytime features interactive picture books, songs, rhymes, and lots of movement activities. It supports language development, listening, memory skills, and play. Toddler Storytime is designed for active toddlers ages 15 months to 2 years and their families. Each session lasts about 25 minutes.

Preschool Storytime

WED, OCT 7 – NOV 18, 11:00am,

Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez

This fun, interactive storytime features picture books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities to keep bodies busy and minds engaged. It supports school readiness, encourages a love of books, and strengthens comprehension and attention span through play-based learning. Preschool Storytime is designed for kids ages 3–5 and their families. Each session lasts about 25 minutes.

bookmobile & pop-up



Bring your creativity and spend an evening making something of your own! Join the Friends of the Ascension Public Library at the library in Gonzales on Monday, October 12 at 5:30pm for a night of DIY crafting exclusively for Friends members. Not a member? You can scan the QR code to join online or sign up at the door!

Make a canvas tote bag with the provided designs and materials, available while supplies last, or bring your own item or craft project from home to personalize or work on in the company of fellow makers. All ages are welcome.

Friends of the Ascension Public Library is a charitable organization formed for the purpose of promoting Ascension Parish libraries through advocacy efforts and volunteer services.

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Pictured, l to r: In the Kitchen in St. Amant; Participants made handmade pasta in The Kitchen; The bookmobile visited the Ascension Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.



OCT 1	10:00am–11:00am	Donaldsonville Senior Center
OCT 1 & 15	3:30pm–4:30pm	Oak Grove Community Center, Prairieville
OCT 2 & 16	2:00pm–3:00pm	Darrow Community Center
OCT 3	10:00am–1:00pm	Fall in Love with Learning, Gonzales
OCT 6	10:00am–11:00am	Francois Bend, Gonzales
OCT 9 & 23	1:30pm–2:30pm	Donaldsonville Senior Apartments
OCT 13 & 27	9:00am–10:00am	Sorrento Community Center
OCT 13 & 27	3:30pm–4:30pm	Keystone of Galvez Park, Prairieville
OCT 13	5:30pm–8:00pm	The Arc EA Trunk or Treat, Gonzales
OCT 16	4:00pm–8:00pm	Boucherie & Balloon Festival, Sorrento
OCT 17	12:00pm–8:00pm	Boucherie & Balloon Festival, Sorrento
OCT 18	12:00pm–6:00pm	Boucherie & Balloon Festival, Sorrento
OCT 28	3:00pm–4:00pm	The Church, Donaldsonville
OCT 29	8:30am–12:30pm	CAAA Health Fair, Lamar Dixon
OCT 31	9:00am–4:00pm	Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge
OCT 31	6:00pm–8:00pm	BOO with the Badge, Donaldsonville



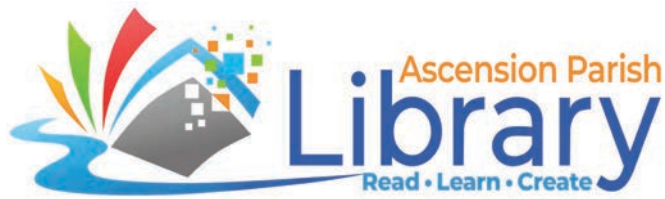
For a full bookmobile schedule, including storytimes, along with details about homebound delivery or inviting the library to an upcoming event, scan the QR code.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEP 27	SEP 28	SEP 29	SEP 30	1	2	3
		Babytime 10:00am Gonzales 🏠 Making Memory Bears 4:00pm St. Amant Soundtrack of a Nation with Andrew Fath 6:00pm Gonzales Line Dancing at the Library 6:00pm Donaldsonville	Read America 250 Beanstack challenge, & Let's Get Sporty scavenger hunt ends Toddler Storytime 10:00am All locations except Study Commons Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Library Board Meeting 4:00pm Gonzales	Not So Spooky scavenger hunt & 2 Sentence Horror Stories begins Prepare to Care Workshop with AARP LA 10:00am Donaldsonville Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown 🏠 Mindful Chair Yoga for Cancer Survivors 11:30am Gonzales 🏠 APL Book Clubs 1:30pm Donaldsonville; 6:30pm Gonzales, Dutchtown, Galvez, & St. Amant Creepy Crayon Slime 5:00pm Donaldsonville Author Talks with Veronica Roth 6:00pm Virtual	🏠 Makerspace Training: Recording Studio 3:00pm St. Amant	🏠 First Saturdays with Gentle Chair Yoga 10:00am Galvez Pooh Bear's 100th Birthday Party 1:00pm Gonzales
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	Mummy Surprise Balls Packet Pickup All locations 🏠 Makerspace Training: UV Laser 10:00am St. Amant	Babytime 10:00am Gonzales Ascension Parish 2nd Chance Job Fair 10:00am Gonzales Author Talks with Joe Sasto 1:00pm Virtual 🏠 Makerspace Training: Vinyl Cutter & Heat Press 5:30pm St. Amant Soundtrack of a Nation with Andrew Fath 6:00pm Gonzales 🏠 Culinary Herb Gardening with Janis Poche 6:30pm Dutchtown	Toddler Storytime 10:00am All locations except Study Commons Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez 🏠 Makerspace Training: UV Laser 3:00pm St. Amant 🏠 All About Social Security with Sarah Sotile 6:00pm Gonzales	Life-Size I Spy: Americana 8:30am-8:00pm Gonzales Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown 🏠 Mindful Chair Yoga for Cancer Survivors 11:30am Gonzales Author Talks with Carolyn Russo 1:00pm Virtual 🏠 Beginner Computer Help 2:00pm Gonzales 🏠 All About Social Security with Sarah Sotile 6:00pm Donaldsonville 🏠 Reset Your Priorities with Kayla Fuselier Clouatre 6:00pm St. Amant Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez	Life-Size I Spy: Americana 8:30am-5:30pm Gonzales 🏠 In the Kitchen: Taste of the Mediterranean hands-on 10:00am & 3:00pm St. Amant	Life-Size I Spy: Americana 8:30am-5:30pm Gonzales 🏠 Safe & In Charge: Sitter Superstars 9:00am Dutchtown 1776: A Day in Revolutionary America 10:00am Gonzales 🏠 Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez
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SUN 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Donaldsonville

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

MON, WED, FRI 8:30am – 5:30pm
TUE & THU 8:30am – 8:00pm
SAT 8:30am – 12:30pm
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Dutchtown

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

MON, WED, FRI 8:30am – 5:30pm
TUE & THU 8:30am – 8:00pm
SAT 8:30am – 12:30pm
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Galvez

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

MON, WED, FRI 8:30am – 5:30pm
TUE & THU 8:30am – 8:00pm
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St. Amant

12341 Highway 431
St. Amant, LA 70774
225-647-6008

MON, WED, FRI 8:30am – 5:30pm
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Study Commons at the Wag Center

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

MON – FRI 8:30am – 5:30pm
SAT 10:00am – 2:00pm
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