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Ascension Parish Veterans

From the American Revolution to Present

with
MSG Tanya Whitney

NOV 9
6:00pm
Galvez



In observance of Veterans Day, honor the dedication and sacrifice of the men and women from our community who defended their country. On Monday, November 9 at 6:00pm in Galvez, Master Sergeant Tanya Whitney shares accounts of veterans from Ascension Parish whose service spans from the American Revolution to the present day, including Silver Star recipients, KIAs, POWs, and even one soldier who returned home from World War I after being reported killed in action. Light refreshments will be served.

Tanya Whitney retired from the Army in 2010 after many years on active duty and with the Louisiana National Guard. During her military career, she worked on Army fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. She is also an accomplished poet.



NOV 10
6:00pm
Galvez

Take a trip back to colonial Boston on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00pm in Galvez. Members of the Canary Islands Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will bring to life the stories of five women who played important roles in the Revolutionary War—from organizing economic boycotts to supporting soldiers and helping negotiate peace—often taking great risks along the way. Abigail Adams, seated at a tea table, is visited by four heroic women who stop by to share their wartime experiences. After the skit, stick around for tea, snacks, and a Q&A with the presenters. Registration required. . . *continued on page 2*



Catch A Show With Your Library Card!



Looking for some fun nearby? We've got you covered! Through a partnership with the state library's Check Out Louisiana program, you can borrow passes to catch a performance by the Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre and the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra.

Cardholders may reserve passes to each of these organizations up to two times per year. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Let your library card take you somewhere new! Scan the QR code to see all the places you can explore!

Fitness Classes From Home



Need to get in more steps during the day? Looking for a way to move more without leaving home? APL now offers live and on-demand online fitness classes through Anywhere Active. You can find a workout that fits your schedule, your interests, and your comfort level. Course offerings include, but

are not limited to, Pilates, yoga, cardio, HIIT, strengthening workouts, and Tai Chi. There's no app or login required. Just search for live classes or look through pre-recorded classes and watch anytime. Stay active no matter where you are!

To get started, visit our website at myAPL.org, hover over the Events tab, and click on Virtual Fitness Classes.

Remembering the Ladies *continued from cover...*

Founded in April 2021, the Canary Islands Chapter of the Louisiana State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (LSDAR) embraces the theme "Strength through Diversity," honoring the Spanish, French, Native American, and African American patriots who helped destroy British occupation of Baton Rouge and eliminate access to the Mississippi River during the American Revolution.

Look What's New!



We've added some new tools to our makerspaces, thanks to donations from community members! A Yamaha BB Series 4-string bass guitar joins the instruments in St. Amant's recording studio (pictured top left) and an embroidery machine is now at the library in Donaldsonville (pictured bottom left).



APL cardholders can now receive one to three packets of native wildflower seeds

from our Seed Library in Donaldsonville to plant at home and support local pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) selected the library's Donaldsonville location as a partner to offer native seeds such as lemon mint, bergamot, and purple coneflower (pictured below). BTNEP works to preserve, restore, and protect the 4.2-million-acre estuarine complex between the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers. Native plants provide habitat and food sources for pollinators and help support healthy ecosystems. These seeds are the perfect complement to the other herbs, vegetables, and fruits available in APL's Seed Library.



Andiamo A Fare La Pasta!

Let's make pasta! Enjoy learning to make homemade pasta without buying your own equipment. APL cardholders can borrow a pasta maker from our Library of Things. Check it out and bring a taste of Italy to your kitchen. Buon appetito!



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Light up your fall with a Diwali celebration. Diwali is an annual cultural festival celebrated in autumn, known for illuminating homes and public spaces with diyas (small clay oil lamps), fireworks, and beautiful decorations. Families clean and decorate their homes, create colorful rangoli designs from sand or powder, wear new clothes, share sweets, and exchange gifts over five days. Bring your family to the library in Gonzales on Saturday, November 14 at 2:00pm to enjoy a taste of traditional Indian sweets, create rangoli, and decorate a diya to take home.

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



Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30pm at the library in Gonzales. During this special bilingual storytime, we will read *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom in English and Spanish, sing songs in both languages, and create our own dreamcatcher.

Celebre el Mes de la Herencia de los Pueblos Indígenas el jueves 19 de noviembre a las 6:30pm en la biblioteca en Gonzales. Durante esta hora de cuentos bilingüe especial, leeremos *Somos guardianes del agua*, de Carole Lindstrom, en inglés y español, cantaremos canciones en ambos idiomas y crearemos nuestro propio atrap sueños.



Experience the energy, rhythm, and tradition of mariachi music presented by Mariachi Espartanos! Listen as brass and string instruments come together in a lively performance that brings the rich sounds of traditional Mexican folk music to life on Tuesday, November 17 at 4:00pm in Gonzales. A reception will follow the performance.

Mariachi Espartanos, East Ascension High School's unique mariachi ensemble, was founded in 2021 by EA's Band Director Charles J. Lee III. Mariachi Espartanos made history as Louisiana's first-ever high school mariachi band.



Discover what's in the night sky in a whole new way! Take a closer look at planets, stars, and other celestial wonders visible in November. With help from Don Weinell of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS) and other experienced astronomy enthusiasts, learn to use a large-scale telescope to explore what's above. You might even catch a glimpse of Jupiter, Saturn, star clusters, or a distant galaxy, weather permitting.

Bring the whole family and meet in the library's parking lot on S. Irma Blvd. in Gonzales on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00pm.





Piece together some fun! If you're looking for a new thousand-piece challenge or just something quick and clever, you'll find it at the library in Galvez on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm. Bring your gently used puzzles to swap or join a group puzzle to connect and collab with other puzzlers. We will have tables available for group puzzling, plus a special selection of puzzles for you to peruse and take home for your next brain-teasing adventure.



The holidays are here, and music and merriment are everywhere! Get into the holiday spirit on Saturday, November 21, as you listen to talented musicians perform a holiday strings concert at the library in Galvez at 10:00am. Dr. Will Martin will play the viola; Ian Johnson, Audrey Freeland, and Amelia Overton will play the violin; and Harper Escamilla will play the cello. Dr. Will Martin is a concert violinist who performs with the Baton Rouge Symphony, Opera Louisiane, the Louisiana Philharmonic, and others. He is the Orchestra Director at Ascension Christian High School and the owner of Martin Method Violin LLC. Ian Johnson, Audrey Freeland, Amelia Overton, and Harper Escamilla perform with the Louisiana Youth Orchestra. Ian Johnson also performs with the Louisiana Junior Youth Orchestra, where he serves as Concertmaster.



Put down the screens and bring the family to the library in Donaldsonville for a night of good old-fashioned fun! On Tuesday, November 24 at 5:30pm, choose from a variety of board games ready to play, including classics like Candyland and Clue, favorites like Bluey Shadowlands, and plenty more. Grab a snack, pick a game, and settle in for a relaxed night of fun for everyone—no planning or cleanup required!



Want to continue the game-night fun at home? Check out our Library of Things, where you can find board games like Chicken!, Jeopardy, E.T. Light Years From Home, Crime No Crime, Discombobulation, and so much more!

Bots, Brains, & Breakthroughs

SAT, DEC 5, 10:00am, Donaldsonville

Explore AI and robotics through hands-on activities. Learn how AI differs from robots, train an AI system with Code.org's AI for Oceans, experiment with machine learning using Google's Teachable Machine, and complete interactive coding challenges with Ozobots. Registration required. Call 225-473-8052.

Bells Jubilate

SAT, DEC 5, 1:00pm, Galvez

Hear a variety of holiday favorites, including familiar carols performed by Bells Jubilate. Using handbells and hand chimes to create beautiful harmonies and rhythms, Bells Jubilate carries on a tradition dating back to the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Get into the holiday spirit with this ecumenical bell choir conducted by Kay Hawthorne and sponsored by University Baptist Church.



Holiday Help: Turkey & Brining

A holiday turkey should be remembered for its flavor, not for being dry! One way to help ensure a moist,

flavorful bird is brining. This technique involves soaking meat in a saltwater solution, sometimes with added herbs and aromatics. Brining helps the turkey retain moisture, but proper thawing and cooking are just as important to achieving a delicious holiday meal.

Step 1: Thaw Your Turkey Safely

Never leave a frozen turkey on the countertop overnight! Allow at least two days for it to fully defrost in the refrigerator, which is the safest method. Keep the turkey in its original wrapper and place it on a tray on the bottom shelf of your fridge (set to 40°F or below). Here's the suggested thawing timeline, depending on the size of your turkey.

- 4–12 pounds: 1–3 days
- 12–16 pounds: 3–4 days
- 16–20 pounds: 4–5 days
- 20–25 pounds: 5–6 days

A safely thawed turkey can stay in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 extra days before cooking.

Step 2: Prepare the Brine

Check the label of your turkey; some brands are pre-brined. A simple recipe is:

- 1 gallon of water
- 1 cup kosher salt (avoid table salt, which can make the turkey too salty)
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- Aromatics like garlic cloves, bay leaves, peppercorns, and fresh herbs such as rosemary or thyme

Combine 4 cups of water, kosher salt, and brown sugar in a pot over medium heat. Stir until the sugar and salt dissolve. Add your herbs, garlic, and spices. Remove from the heat. Dilute the warm concentrate with the remaining cold water (12 cups) and ice. Never put a turkey in a warm brine! Be sure your water solution is cold; a warm solution will promote bacterial growth.

Step 3: Brine Your Bird

Place the turkey, with the neck and giblets removed, breast side down, in a brine bag or a large enough container to fully cover it with liquid. Cover and refrigerate at 40°F or lower for 12 to 24 hours. Do not exceed 24 hours, as the meat will become mushy and salty. Remove the turkey from the brine and throw away the liquid. It is too salty to be used. Rinse the bird slightly and pat dry. Cook for the recommended time based on the turkey's weight.

A little prep work, and you can serve a juicy Thanksgiving turkey!

in the kitchen



Mexican Recipes Demonstration

TUE, NOV 17, 3:00pm, St. Amant

Celebrate the flavors of Mexico—no passport required! Learn how to make light, soft, handmade flour tortillas, tasty guacamole, and seasoned chicken. This demonstration class is reserved for adults 18+. Spots are limited. Scan the QR code to sign up.



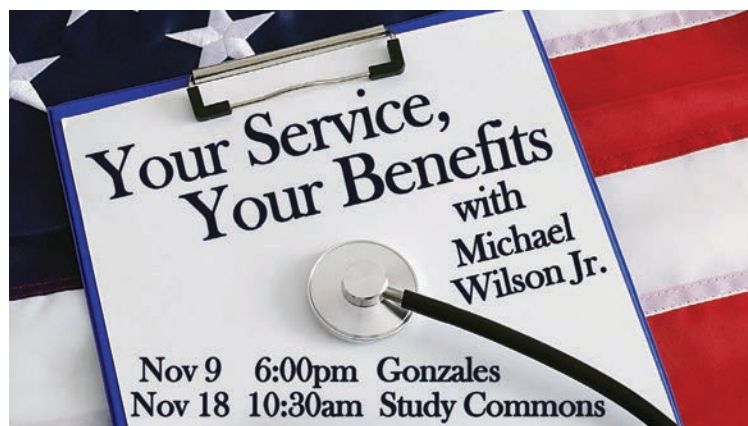
Besides your hands, the knife is the single most important tool in the kitchen. In this beginner-friendly, hands-on class, learn how to choose the correct knife, how to properly hold it, and how to keep a sharp edge. A few fundamental cuts will be covered as you learn to make a holiday stuffing. Each session will cover the same skills, so choose the day and time that best fits your schedule: Tuesday, November 24 at 10:30am; Wednesday, December 2 at 2:00pm; Friday, December 11 at 10:30am; or Thursday, December 17 at 5:30pm. Each class will meet in the Kitchen in St. Amant and last about 2 hours.



These classes are reserved for adults 18+. Spots are limited. Scan the QR code to sign up. Registration for all sessions opens Tuesday, November 10 at 8:30am.

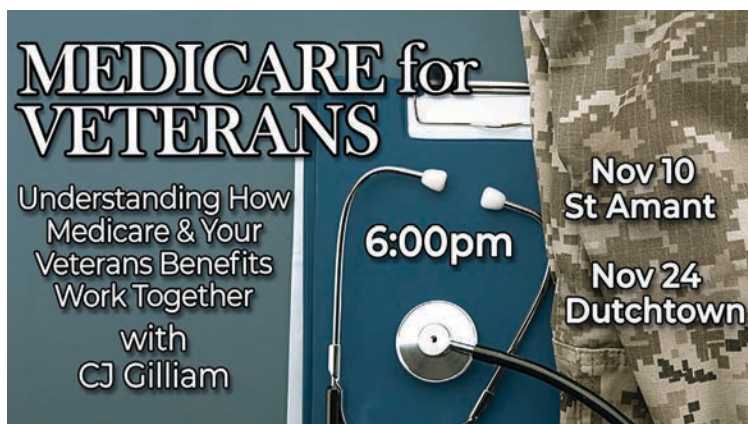


Pictured above: Taste of the Mediterranean hands-on class in the kitchen at St. Amant.



Your military service may qualify you and your family for more than you realize. Learn about VA disability claims, increasing your disability rating, and education benefits available to eligible dependents through programs like Title 29 and Chapter 35. On Monday, November 9 at 6:00pm in Gonzales or on Wednesday, November 18 at 10:30am at the Study Commons in Donaldsonville, Veterans Service Officer Michael Wilson, Jr. will explain what benefits may be available and how to get help.

Louisiana native Michael Wilson, Jr. retired from the military in 2021 after a 16-year career and seven deployments supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve, including a deployment to Guantanamo Bay. Today, he continues his commitment to fellow veterans by helping them navigate the claims process and access the benefits they earned through their service.



Are you approaching eligibility, helping a loved one navigate options, or looking to make changes to your existing coverage? CJ Gilliam will walk you through Medicare basics, explain coverage plan differences, and discuss how Medicare works alongside VA health care benefits on Tuesday, November 10 in St. Amant and on Tuesday, November 24 in Dutchtown. Both sessions begin at 6:00pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



Join fellow adventurers for a game of Dungeons & Dragons on Thursday, November 12 at 5:30pm at the library in St. Amant. Play through a series of quests as you uncover the secrets of the Candlekeep

Library. All game supplies and pre-made characters will be provided, along with light refreshments. This beginner-friendly event is perfect for new players.

This session is for adults ages 18+. Registration required. Space is limited. Scan the QR code to sign up.

One-on-One Beginner Computer Help

WED, NOV 4, 5:00pm–7:45pm, Gonzales
MON, NOV 9, 2:00pm–4:45pm, Gonzales
THU, NOV 19, 9:00am–11:45am, Gonzales
TUE, NOV 24, 2:00pm–4:45pm, Gonzales

Improve your computer skills with one-on-one help. Sign up for a 45-minute session to get a basic overview of computer usage. 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. Call 225-647-3955 to make an appointment.



Cookie Swap Social

THU, DEC 3, 6:00pm, Donaldsonville

Celebrate the season with community, cookies, and crafting. It's time for our

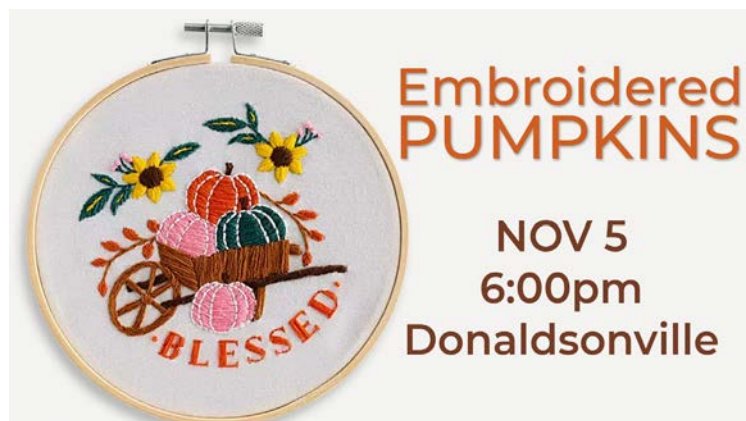
annual Cookie Swap featuring sweet treats and recipe sharing. Bring at least a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to the library to swap with others. You'll leave with a delicious assortment and maybe a few stories about the traditions that make them special. You will also get to decorate your own mini Christmas tree for the perfect keepsake or something to share with a friend. Registration required. Space is limited. Scan the QR code to sign up.



ECO-FRIENDLY GIFT WRAPPING

NOV 3
6:00pm
Gonzales

Avoid the holiday rush and last-minute trips to the store for wrapping paper and bows! On Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00pm in Gonzales, learn beautiful wrapping ideas that are kinder to the planet, plus tips to help you stay prepared, save money, and reduce waste. We will provide everything you need for creative, eco-friendly gift-wrapping techniques using simple, reusable materials.



Embroidered PUMPKINS

NOV 5
6:00pm
Donaldsonville

Bring the warmth and beauty of autumn to life with this beginner-friendly embroidery project featuring a rustic wagon filled with cheerful pumpkins. Meet us at the library in Donaldsonville on Thursday, November 5 at 6:00pm to create this charming seasonal addition to your fall décor. From first-time stitchers to experienced embroiderers, everyone can enjoy this relaxing and creative way to celebrate the season.

Registration required. Space is limited. Scan the QR code to reserve your seat and supplies.



creativebug

Stream thousands of fine art and hand-crafting classes for free through the library. Visit myAPL.org/online-learning.



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 or call 225-473-8052 for Donaldsonville.



Embroidery Machine St. Amant
MON, NOV 2, 10:00am-11:30am
TUE, DEC 15, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Recording Studio St. Amant
WED, NOV 4, 3:00pm-4:30pm

ComMarker Omni X UV Laser St. Amant
MON, NOV 9, 10:00am-11:30am

Makera Carvera CNC St. Amant
MON, NOV 16, 10:00am-11:30am
TUE, DEC 1, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Brother Scan-N-Cut & Cricut Heat Press St. Amant
WED, NOV 18, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Bambu P2S 3D Printer St. Amant
THU, NOV 19, 5:30pm-7:00pm
THU, DEC 3, 5:30pm-7:00pm



Pictured above: Fall Guided Painting for adults in Galvez.



The Kickoff to Better Health Community Health Fair brings together local health and wellness professionals to help you discover practical ways to build healthier habits and stay well throughout the year. Take advantage of health screenings, nutrition tips, fitness challenges, wellness resources, healthy snacks, raffles, and giveaways—all in one fun, interactive event on Friday, November 6 from 8:30am to 12:00pm in Gonzales. Bring your team spirit, too! Wear your favorite team gear for a chance to win the Best Dressed Fan Contest. This health fair is presented in partnership with Excel Rehabilitation Services, Cardiovascular Institute of the South, At Homecare of LA, Francois Bend, Southern Grace Hospice, Holly Court, and 101 Mobility. So, get informed, get moving, and get inspired to make your health a priority.



Distractions are everywhere, and they're not limited to the holidays. From notifications and interruptions to competing priorities and mental clutter, it's easy to lose focus on what matters most. Explore simple techniques to help you accomplish more with less stress and greater intention on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm in Dutchtown.

This is the second of a three-part series, designed and led by Kayla Fuselier Cloutre. Kayla is the founder of Minutia, a professional organizer, productivity consultant, and event planner.



Mindful Chair Yoga for Cancer Survivors & Caregivers

THU, NOV 5 – NOV 19, 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.

Prepare to Care with AARP LA

THU, NOV 12, 11:00am, Gonzales

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be overwhelming. This workshop is designed for caregivers or anyone expecting to become one to receive guidance on how to start conversations with family members about their needs and wishes. It covers how to create a basic caregiving plan, identify community resources, and manage common challenges. Discover tips for balancing caregiving with work, family life, and your personal well-being.

Medicare 101: Coffee, Conversation, & Coverage

WED, DEC 2, 6:00pm, Gonzales

THU, DEC 3, 6:00pm, Galvez

Are you approaching Medicare eligibility, helping a loved one navigate their options, or looking to make informed changes to your existing Medicare coverage? CJ Gilliam, a licensed insurance agent serving the New Orleans region, will walk you through the basics of Medicare, explain the differences among coverage plan options, and help you feel confident about your choices. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

TUE, DEC 8 & 15, 12:00pm, Galvez

THU, DEC 10 & 17, 12:00pm, Galvez

Tai Chi is easy to learn, gentle on the body, and can be adapted for people with arthritis. This gentle, evidence-based exercise program, in partnership with the Capital Area Agency on Aging, is designed to help adults 60 and older improve strength, balance, flexibility, and coordination while reducing the risk of falls. Athleticism or previous exercise experience is not needed to participate. Class size is limited. Scan the QR code to sign up. Registration begins November 24 at 8:30am.



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.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Asha Frost
TUE, NOV 3, 1:00pm



K-12

Secrets, Lies, & Unforgettable Twists: A Conversation with E. Lockhart
THU, NOV 5, 6:00pm



VARIETY & LIFESTYLE

A City on Mars: The Science & Absurdities of Space Settlement with Kelly & Zach Weinersmith
TUE, NOV 10, 1:00pm



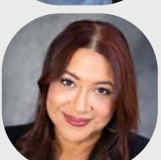
NONFICTION

How Money Became God: Rethinking Wealth & Greed in Modern Society with Paul Vigna
WED, NOV 11, 1:00pm



COOKING

Fire, Passion, & Heritage: Native American & Mexican Cooking with Pyet DeSpain
THU, NOV 12, 1:00pm



FICTION

Epic Worlds & Celestial Prophecies: The *Between Earth & Sky* Trilogy with Rebecca Roanhorse
THU, NOV 19, 6:00pm

... Coming next month ...

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Navigating Loss on Your Own Terms with Shelby Forsythia
TUE, DEC 1, 1:00pm

FICTION

Sparks, Shadows, & Epic Romantasy with Helen Scheuerer
THU, DEC 3, 6:00pm

NONFICTION

Exile, Memory, & the Meaning of Home with Ana Hebra Flaster
TUE, DEC 8, 1:00pm

COOKING

Comic Strips & Kimchi: Cooking Korean Food Made Easy with Robin Ha
THU, DEC 10, 1:00pm

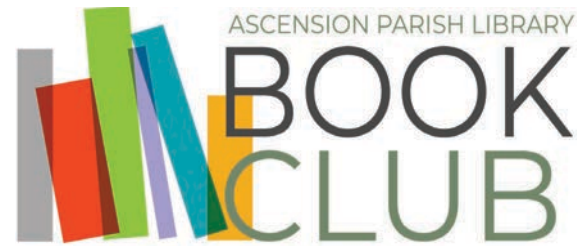
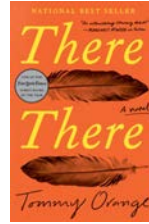
VARIETY & LIFESTYLE

Myths, Maps, & Matter: A History of the Moon with Matthew Shindell
TUE, DEC 15, 1:00pm

K-12

Laugh-Out-Loud Nostalgia: Bringing Junie B. Jones to Life with Colleen AF Venable
WED, DEC 16, 6:00pm

book clubs



NOV 5

1:30pm Donaldsonville
A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

6:30pm Gonzales
There There by Tommy Orange

6:30pm Dutchtown
Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey

6:30pm Galvez
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah

6:30pm St. Amant
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

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.



Check Out These Thanksgiving-themed Mysteries:

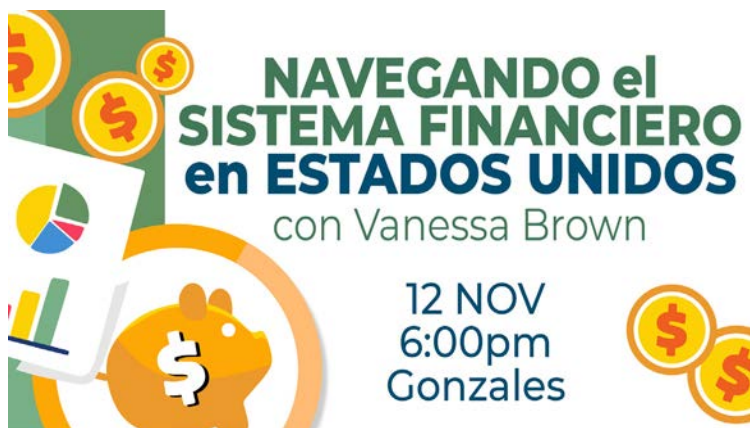
In the Blink of a Pie by Catherine Bruns, Adult Fiction, Large Print BRU

Southern Magic Thanksgiving by Amy Boyles, Adult Fiction, BOY

Natural Barn Killer by Amanda Flower, Paperback, PBK FLO

Death of a Tom Turkey by Lee Hollis, Paperback, PBK HOL

A Fatal Feast: A Murder, She Wrote Mystery by Donald Bain, Adult Fiction, BAI



¿Le gustaría entender mejor cómo funciona el sistema financiero en Estados Unidos y aprender a construir un futuro financiero más sólido? Acompáñenos en la biblioteca en Gonzales el jueves 12 de noviembre a las 6:00 p. m. para una clase informativa y práctica sobre educación financiera, impartida en español por Vanessa Brown, Coordinadora Bilingüe del Programa de Alcance a la Comunidad Hispana de La Capitol Federal Credit Union. Aprenda a desenvolverse en el sistema financiero de los EE. UU. y a gestionar su dinero con mayor confianza. Los temas incluyen:

- El sistema financiero y las instituciones clave
- Diferencias entre bancos y cooperativas de crédito (*credit unions*)
- Tipos de cuentas
- Cómo construir crédito en los EE. UU.
- Factores que afectan su puntaje crediticio
- Opciones para comenzar a construir crédito
- Cómo funciona una tarjeta de crédito garantizada (*secured credit card*)
- Cómo proteger y monitorear su puntaje crediticio
- Protección de su dinero
- Conocimiento de sus derechos como consumidor
- Recursos comunitarios útiles

Ya sea que usted sea nuevo en el sistema financiero de los EE. UU., esté comenzando a establecer crédito o simplemente desee mejorar sus conocimientos financieros, esta clase le brindará información práctica, recursos y estrategias que podrá aplicar en su vida cotidiana. También abordará temas de especial importancia para los inmigrantes, como la construcción de crédito sin número de Seguro Social y la comprensión de las opciones financieras disponibles.

Visite myAPL.org/espanol para encontrar recursos de la biblioteca para hispanohablantes. Consejo: Para explorar nuestro sitio web en español, haga clic en Seleccionar idioma en la parte superior de la página.

Manga for Young Readers

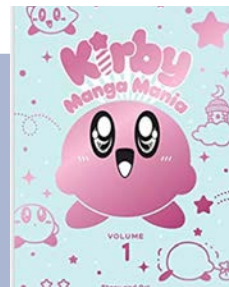


These graphic novels have colorful artwork, exciting adventures, funny characters, and page-turning tales. So, grab a book, read from right to left, and jump into a whole new world of stories!

Curated by Katie Rivers



Pokemon Scarlet & Violet by Hidenori Kusaka



Kirby Manga Mania by Hirokazu Hikawa



Animal Crossing: New Horizons by Kokonasu Rumba



Unico by Samuel Sattin



Hikaru in the Light! by Mai Matsuda



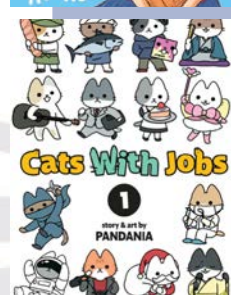
Minecraft: The Manga by Kazuyoshi Seto



Bounce Back by Misako Rokkusu



Yuzu the Pet Vet by Mingo Ito



Cats with Jobs by Pandania

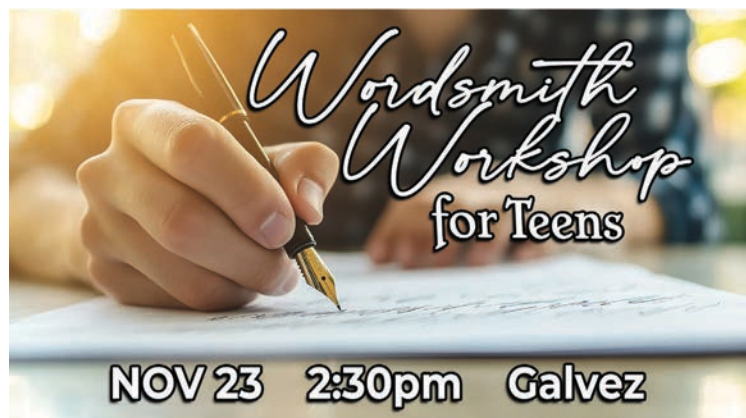


Splatoon by Sankichi Hinodeya



Join fellow adventurers for a session of the popular role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons on Thursday, November 12 at 5:30pm at the library in Dutchtown. Play through a series of quests, unlocking the secrets of the Candlekeep Library. All game supplies and pre-made characters will be provided, along with light refreshments. This beginner-friendly event is perfect for new players, so just bring your sense of adventure!

This session is for teens ages 12–18. Registration required. Space is limited. To sign up, call 225-673-8699.



Craft characters, conquer writer's block, and sharpen your storytelling at this writing workshop on Monday, November 23 at 2:30pm in Galvez. From fantasy to fan fiction, poetry to prose, every voice has a place. Tackle creative writing prompts, collaborate with fellow writers, swap ideas through group discussion, and get feedback to help your stories grow.



packet pickup

Fairy Garden
MON, NOV 2, All locations

Create your own fairy garden! Let your creativity bring a miniature garden to life. Available while supplies last.

ACT Test Prep Workshop

WED, NOV 4, 4:00pm, Dutchtown

THU, NOV 5, 4:00pm, Gonzales

Access free ACT online practice tests and tutorials and get homework help through the library's digital education tools. This workshop for college-bound students lasts 30 minutes. Bringing a laptop is welcome but not required. Setting up a Tutor.com account in advance is recommended. Registration required. Call the library to sign up.

ACT Practice Test

SUN, NOV 8, 9:00am, Gonzales

SAT, NOV 14, 1:00pm, Dutchtown

The library will administer a free, timed, computer-based ACT practice test utilizing Princeton Review resources available through our digital learning platforms. The test will last 3 hours and scores will be available immediately. Bringing a calculator to the test is recommended. Setting up a Tutor.com account in advance is recommended. Registration required. Call the library to sign up.

Teen Advisory Board

TUE, NOV 10, 6:00pm, Gonzales

Do you love 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.

Teen Book Club

SAT, NOV 14, 11:00am, Galvez

Teen Book Club is held on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00am in Galvez. Snacks are provided. To join, call 225-622-3339. 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 November is *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir—Ryland Grace wakes up alone on a spaceship with no memory of who he is, how he got there, or why everyone on Earth is counting on him. As his memories return, he discovers that he was sent on a mission to save humanity, and he may be the only one who can do it. Along the way, he encounters a discovery that changes everything.



Create three beautiful dried-flower crafts just in time for the holiday season! On Saturday, November 21 at 10:00am in Gonzales, make buttons or magnets with our button maker, personalize a bauble ornament with your initials, and design a clear acrylic bookmark—all decorated with dried flowers. Get creative and make something special to keep or give as a gift.

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



Make plans to be at the library in Dutchtown on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00pm to sip, snack, and celebrate the season! Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa from our deluxe cocoa bar, topped just the way you like it, then decorate sugar cookies with colorful icing and sample some of our favorite seasonal music and movies. It's the perfect way to slow down, get creative, and enjoy a little holiday cheer with friends.

Registration required. Call 225-673-8699 to sign up.



Pictured, l to r: Creepy Crayon Slime in Donaldsonville; Terrorariums in St. Amant.



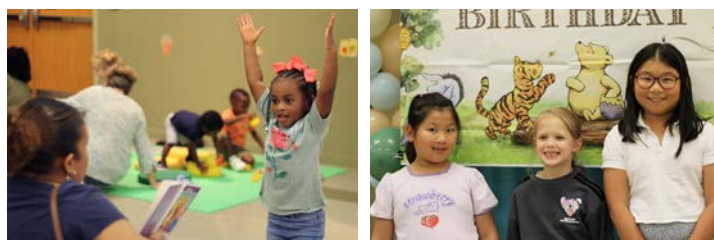
It's a sunny day at St. Amant! Visit the library on Saturday, November 7 at 10:00am, and explore themed stations designed to build early literacy, math, and other skills through imaginative and sensory play. Play with letters, test different weights, explore puzzles, match colors and shapes, and more. Plus, you'll get to make a paper-bag Elmo.

This open-ended learning adventure is perfect for Sesame Street fans ages 3-5.



Settle in for a showing of *Mickey's Christmas Carol* (1983, 26m, G) on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00pm in Gonzales. Enjoy popcorn, hot cocoa, and Christmas cheer while watching this classic holiday tale, then get creative with a gingerbread-themed craft to take home. Wear your coziest pajamas, and make it an afternoon of holiday fun and creativity.

Designed for kids of all ages and their families. This movie is rated G for general audiences.



Pictured: Pooh Bear's 100th Birthday in Gonzales.

Fun Fall Crafts

SAT, NOV 7, 10:00am, Dutchtown

Breeze into the library for an hour of fall-themed fun and unbe-leaf-ably cute crafts! Celebrate the changing seasons by creating your own hanging autumn twirler, leaf crown, and fox bookmark that's perfect for cozying up with a good book. Library staff will be there to guide you through each activity, and seasonal refreshments will be provided.

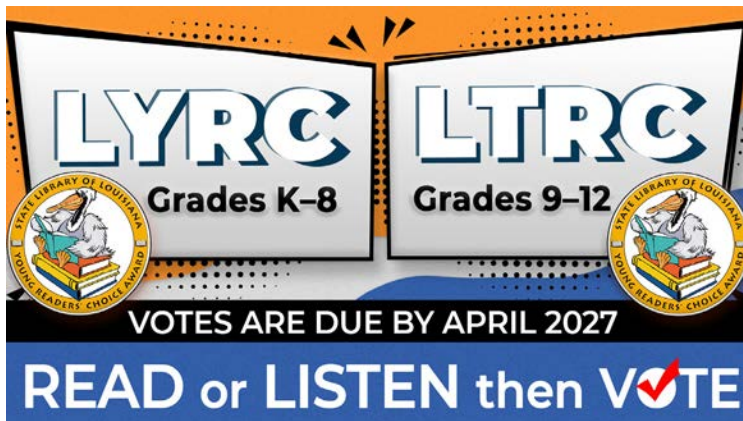
Play Dates

TUE, DEC 1 – 15, 10:00am, Galvez

WED, DEC 2 – 16, 10:00am, St. Amant

THU, DEC 3 – 17, 10:00am, Dutchtown

This informal gathering is designed for newborns through 2-year-olds to enjoy toys and books, get to know each other, learn through play, and bond with their caregivers. Each session lasts about one hour. Let your little one explore at their own pace while you connect with other families and share in the fun.



It's an important year to vote... for your favorite books! Kindergarteners through 8th graders, we need your help to select the 2026–2027 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award winners. The State Library of Louisiana established LYRC to find out which books you like best. Multiple titles have been nominated for early elementary through middle school students. Each list includes a variety of books and authors. Read or listen to 3 or more of the nominated titles for your grade level, then visit your local library to cast your vote.

High Schoolers, we need your help too, to pick the 2026–2027 Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award winner. Books by a variety of authors have been nominated for grades 9–12. Anyone wishing to vote must read or listen to 2 or more of the nominated titles and fill out a ballot at their local library location.

Voting boxes for all grade levels will be available through April 2027.

Babytime

TUE, NOV 3 – NOV 17, 10:00am, Gonzales

THU, NOV 5 – 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, NOV 4 – 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, NOV 4 – 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.

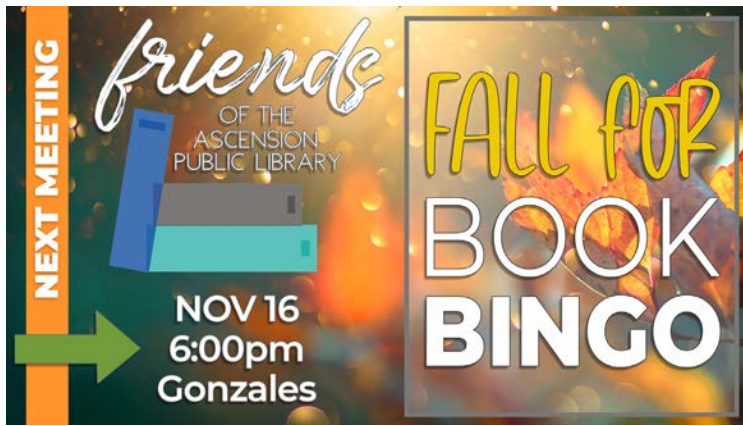
Pajama Storytime

TUE, NOV 10, 6:30pm, Donaldsonville & St. Amant

THU, NOV 12, 6:30pm, Gonzales & Galvez

THU, NOV 19, 6:30pm, Dutchtown

There is nothing cozier than a favorite blanket and a good bedtime story! This month's Pajama Storytime is all about blankets, bedtime, and sleepy-time adventures. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and settle in for an evening of stories, interactive songs, rhymes, and a game. After storytime, create an animal in a sleeping bag magnet to take home. Pajama Storytime is designed for kids ages 8 and under and their families. This storytime lasts about 30 minutes.



Looking for a little friendly competition this fall? Join the Friends of the Ascension Public Library at the library in Gonzales on Monday, November 16 at 6:00pm for an evening of seasonal book bingo, exclusively for Friends members. Not a member? Scan the QR code to join online or sign up at the door!

Test your luck, spend time with fellow book lovers, and find inspiration for your holiday cooking with cookbooks available to win or purchase. Other books will also be for sale, with something for every reader. 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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NOV 1	12:00pm–4:00pm	3rd Annual City of Gonzales Fall Festival
NOV 3	10:00am–11:00am	Francois Bend, Gonzales
NOV 5	10:00am–11:00am	Donaldsonville Senior Center
NOV 5	3:30pm–4:30pm	Oak Grove Community Center, Prairieville
NOV 6	2:00pm–3:00pm	Darrow Community Center
NOV 7	11:00am–4:00pm	East Ascension Ministers' Alliance Fall Fest & Car Show, Gonzales
NOV 8	2:00pm–3:30pm	Veteran's Parade, Gonzales
NOV 10	9:00am–10:00am	Sorrento Community Center
NOV 10	3:30pm–4:30pm	Keystone of Galvez Park, Prairieville
NOV 13	1:30pm–2:30pm	Donaldsonville Senior Apartments
NOV 17	8:30am–11:30am	28th Annual SALT Fall Health Expo, Gonzales
NOV 18	3:00pm–4:00pm	The Church, Donaldsonville
NOV 19	3:30pm–4:30pm	Oak Grove Community Center, Prairieville
NOV 20	2:00pm–3:00pm	Darrow Community Center
NOV 24	9:00am–10:00am	Sorrento Community Center
NOV 24	3:30pm–4:30pm	Keystone of Galvez Park, Prairieville

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.

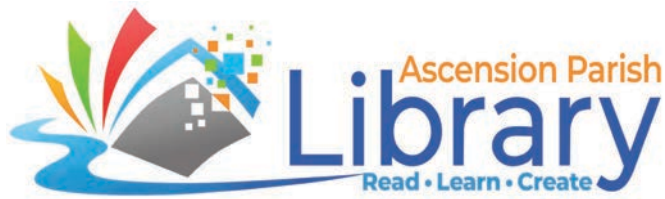


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Pictured, top to bottom, l to r: First Saturdays Chair Yoga in Galvez; 1776: A Day in Revolutionary America in Gonzales; Sip, Stamp, and Sunflowers in Dutchtown.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Civic Bingo continues LYRC & LTRC begins Fairy Garden Packet Pickup All locations 📅 Makerspace Training: Embroidery Machine 10:00am St. Amant	3 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales Author Talks with Asha Frost 1:00pm Virtual 📅 In the Kitchen: Mexican Recipes hands-on 5:30pm St. Amant Eco-friendly Gift Wrapping 6:00pm Gonzales	4 Toddler Storytime 10:00am All locations except Study Commons Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez 📅 Makerspace Training: Recording Studio 3:00pm St. Amant 📅 ACT Test Prep Workshop 4:00pm Dutchtown 📅 Beginner Computer Help 5:00pm Gonzales	5 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 📅 ACT Test Prep Workshop 4:00pm Gonzales 📅 Embroidered Pumpkins 6:00pm Donaldsonville Author Talks with E. Lockhart 6:00pm Virtual	6 Kickoff to Better Health Community Health Fair 8:30am Gonzales	7 Fun Fall Crafts 10:00am Dutchtown Sesame Street: Learn & Play 10:00am St. Amant
8 📅 ACT Practice Test 9:00am Gonzales	9 📅 Makerspace Training: UV Laser 10:00am St. Amant 📅 Beginner Computer Help 2:00pm Gonzales Your Service, Your Benefits with Michael Wilson Jr. 6:00pm Gonzales Ascension Parish Veterans with Tanya Whitney 6:00pm Galvez	10 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales Author Talks with Kelly & Zach Weinersmith 1:00pm Virtual TAB 6:00pm Gonzales 📅 Remembering the Ladies with Canary Islands Chapter, LSDAR 6:00pm Galvez Medicare for Veterans with CJ Gilliam 6:00pm St. Amant Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Donaldsonville & St. Amant	11 Toddler Storytime 10:00am All locations except Study Commons Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Author Talks with Paul Vigna 1:00pm Virtual	12 Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown Prepare to Care with AARP LA 11:00am Gonzales 📅 Mindful Chair Yoga for Cancer Survivors 11:30am Gonzales Author Talks with Pyet DeSpain 1:00pm Virtual 📅 Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:30pm Dutchtown 📅 Dungeons & Dragons 5:30pm St. Amant Navegando el Sistema Financiero en Estados Unidos con Vanessa Brown 6:00pm Gonzales Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez	13 📅 In the Kitchen: Mexican Recipes hands-on 10:30am St. Amant	14 📅 In the Kitchen: Mexican Recipes hands-on 9:30am St. Amant 📅 Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez 📅 ACT Practice Test 1:00pm Dutchtown 📅 Diwali Customs & Crafts 2:00pm Gonzales
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22	23 Wordsmith Workshop for Teens 2:30pm Galvez	24 📅 In the Kitchen: Holiday Stuffing hands-on 10:30am St. Amant 📅 Beginner Computer Help 2:00pm Gonzales Family Game Night 5:30pm Donaldsonville Medicare for Veterans with CJ Gilliam 6:00pm Dutchtown	25	26 LIBRARY CLOSED 	27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28
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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
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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
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SAT 8:30am – 12:30pm
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St. Amant

12341 Highway 431
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225-647-6008

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