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## CLOUD LIBRARY NEWSSTAND

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## HEY!

Would you like to receive Cattails, the library's bimonthly newsletter, in your inbox or mailbox? Email [hneeley@oplib.org](mailto:hneeley@oplib.org) to be added to the list.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

The book sale is cash only. All book sale proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who support Library programming. The book sale is the last Friday and Saturday of each month except November and December.

February Booksale: Fri., Feb. 21st & Sat., Feb. 22nd from 9-3 p.m.

March Booksale: Fri., March 21st & Sat., March 22nd from 9-3 p.m.

## FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!



Our Bookworm, Billie, is hidden six times throughout these pages. See if you can find all six!

# CLOUD LIBRARY NEWSSTAND

Great news for digital readers! The cloudLibrary app now offers unlimited, on-demand access to digital magazines and comics.



A new service, cloudLibrary NewsStand, is available for library patrons who enjoy reading magazines and newspapers. Over 7,500 magazine and newspaper titles are included in the digital collection that provides unlimited access for simultaneous users. The collection can be accessed at [cloudlibrary.magzter.com/library/1/1](http://cloudlibrary.magzter.com/library/1/1) or through the app which can be downloaded to a tablet or smart phone. Current and back issues are available. Searching can be done by title or browsing the forty plus categories available in cloudLibrary NewsStand.

There are popular magazines, news and finance titles, journals, academic titles and grammar workbooks. The Animals and Pets category includes magazines on birds and chickens, cats and dogs, horses, reptiles and wildlife. From Car and Driver to Vanity Fair, there is something for everyone! Well-known titles include Country Living, Food Network Magazine, Kiplinger Personal Finance, Newsweek, Prevention and Reader's Digest.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I access cloudLibrary NewsStand?

You can access cloudLibrary NewsStand via a web browser or by downloading the iOS or Android app.

### What is my account number and what is my pin number?

To access the Library's cloudLibrary NewsStand, you will need to enter both your Library card number (found on the back of your Library card) and your PIN. Your PIN is the last four digits of your phone number, unless otherwise noted. If you need help accessing your account, call your local branch or 318-327-1490 or email for assistance at [help@oplib.org](mailto:help@oplib.org).

### How long is the check-out period?

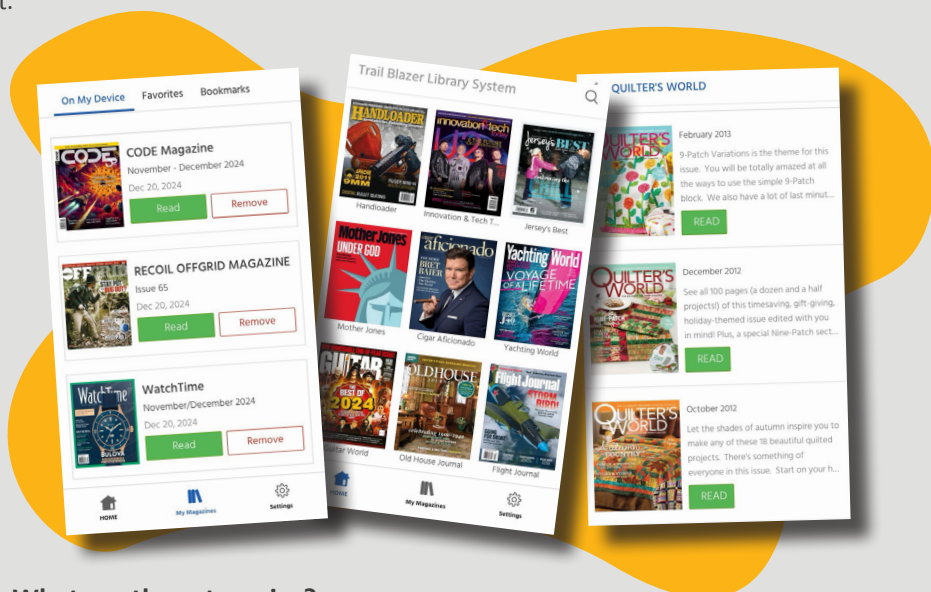
You can keep magazines and newspapers for as long as you want. They will stay in your personal reading account until you are ready to delete them.

### How many titles can I check out at a time?

You can check out as many titles as you want.

### What devices can be used to access cloudLibrary NewsStand?

Devices that are compatible with cloudLibrary NewsStand include iPads, iPhones, Android devices, Nook, Kindle Fire, PC and Mac OS.



### What are the categories?

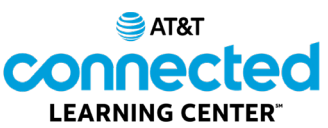
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| Academic          | Culture           | Home           | Politics              |
| Pets & Animals    | Education         | Investment     | Puzzle & Gaming       |
| Architecture      | Entertainment     | Journals       | Religious & Spiritual |
| Art               | Fashion           | LGBTQ +        | Science               |
| Automotive        | Fiction           | Lifestyle      | Sports                |
| Boating & Sailing | Fishing & Hunting | Men's Interest | Technology            |
| Business          | Flying & Aviation | Music          | Travel                |
| Celebrity         | Food & Beverage   | News           | Women's Interest      |
| Children          | Gardening         | Newspaper      | Young Adult           |
| Comics            | Health            | Parenting      |                       |
| Computer & Mobile | Hobbies & Craft   | Photography    |                       |



# CLOSING THE GAP IN DIGITAL LITERACY



With our partners, the Ouachita Parish Public Library is helping to close the gap in digital literacy in our community.



The Ouachita Parish Public Library will host free digital literacy workshops for the community to help close the digital divide as part a national collaboration supported by Public Library Association and AT&T. Using resources from Digitallearn.org and available through AT&T ScreenReady, workshops will help community members build skills and confidence using technology. Topics include practical computer skills, cybersecurity basics and smartphone literacy. The Library plans to host more free digital literacy workshops throughout 2025.

For more information about workshops and a calendar of related public programs at the Ouachita Parish Public Library, visit [oplib.org/calendar](http://oplib.org/calendar), call 327-1490, or email [help@oplib.org](mailto:help@oplib.org).

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# DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS



**OLLIE H. BURNS** ○ \_ ×

**COMPUTER BASICS**  
Mon., Feb. 3 at 10-11 a.m.  
Learn computer basics like how to use a mouse, save and re-open a file, and create a folder.

**CYBER SECURITY BASICS**  
Mon., Mar. 3 at 10-11 a.m.  
Come learn about the internet and all of its wonder, even the dangers. Safety is always a priority when surfing the web!



**ANNA MEYER** ○ \_ ×

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**COMPUTER BASICS**  
Every Mon. & Wed. at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Learn computer basics and hone your skills to operate a computer.

**PRACTICAL COMPUTER SKILLS**  
Every Tues. at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Build on basic skills to learn practical and useful computer skills

**SMARTPHONE LITERACY**  
Every Thurs. at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Learn more about smartphones, including how to operate, navigate and utilize them in effective ways.



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**MICROSOFT WORD**  
Thurs., Feb. 6 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Learn how to format and edit documents in Microsoft Word.

**COMPUTER BASICS**  
Thurs., Mar. 6 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Learn computer basics like how to use a mouse, save and re-open a file, and create a folder.



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**GETTING STARTED WITH CLOUDLIBRARY NEWSSTAND**  
Tues., Feb. 11 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wed., Mar. 26 at 5:30-6:15 p.m.  
Discover the library's new app for exploring a world of magazines and newspapers! Bring your smart device and library card, and we'll guide you through setting up and using cloudLibrary NewsStand.

# KIDS PROGRAMS



FAMILY SATURDAY FUN TIME	Sat., Feb. 1 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY   Enjoy a fun game of bingo with sweet edible game pieces and a chance to win a cool prize.
BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA	Mon., Feb. 3 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY   Test your knowledge about who invented some items we use everyday!
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Feb. 3 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12   Come join us for a fun Valentine's Day stem challenge.
BLACK HISTORY QUIZ BOWL	Tues., Feb. 4 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12   Name that Tune featuring songs written or performed by African American artists.
SWEET VALENTINE CRAFT	Tues., Feb. 4 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12   Come make adorable paper heart mice to give to your special people!
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Feb. 4 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12   Make a paper plate heart wreath to celebrate Black History Month!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Feb. 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12   Join us as we make your parent or other favorite adult a Valentine's Day card.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 6 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12   Yarn Wrapped Letter. Repurpose cardboard and design a one of kind craft to decorate your room.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Feb. 8 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY   Join us for a movie and a snack at the library! We will show <i>Mars Needs Moms</i> (PG). Bring a friend!
"MOMMY & ME" AFFIRMATIONS SOCIAL	Sat., Feb. 8 2-4 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY   Join us for a heartwarming social where mothers & daughters can explore the power of positive affirmations together! Featuring children's author Yolonda Gayden, who will share insights from her popular children's book <i>Aisha's Brown Sugar Wishes</i> and her adult affirmation coloring book <i>It's My Time to Shine</i> .
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Feb. 8 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Main	FAMILY   Share a morning of fun with Valentine Day's themed stories, crafts, and enjoy a lovely breakfast with Main Children's librarians.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Feb. 8 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY   Marbled Valentine Mug Craft. Design a ceramic mug with festive Valentine's Day colors to give to your special someone.
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Feb. 8 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY   Join us for a screening of Disney's <i>Turning Red</i> (PG).
FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Feb. 8 2-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY   Enjoy the movie <i>Turning Red</i> (PG). Refreshments will be provided.
MAKING CRAFTS MONDAY	Mon., Feb. 10 4-5 p.m.	Ollie Burns	FAMILY   Make something fun for the people in your life for Valentine's Day.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., Feb. 10 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12   Come paint with us! We will be doing a Valentine's Day painting.
LET'S MAKE A VALENTINE	Tues., Feb. 11 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12   Make something fun for the people in your life for Valentine's Day.
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Feb. 11 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12   Celebrate Valentine's Day by making a cute 3D heart card for your family and friends.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Feb. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12   Stem: Come and find out how to make a heart zoom.
CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON: LOVE BUG TERRA POTS	Thurs., Feb. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12   Express your creative side & design your very own Love Bug-themed terra pots. These critters are perfect for Valentine's Day!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 13 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12   Cotton Swab Canvas Heart Painting Craft
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY	Fri., Feb. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY   Celebrate Valentine's Day with games, music and snacks.
VALENTINE'S DAY POPPERS	Fri., Feb. 14 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY   Learn how to make fun Valentine's Day treats with this cool tutorial.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Feb. 15 2-4 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12   Brush up on your Black History knowledge for our Annual Black History Bowl. Monetary prizes will be given. Register for this event in the Children's Department at the Main Branch.
CREATE ARCTIC ANIMALS	Tues., Feb. 18 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	AGES 6-12   Come create Polar Bears and Penguins, oh my!
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Feb. 18 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12   Design your very own colorful Mardi Gras mask!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Feb. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12   Paint by Sticker. Limited to 10, please call 327-1365 to register or come by the West Monroe library.
MARDI GRAS BEAD PAINTING & CRAFTS	Thurs., Feb. 20 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY   Make Mardi Gras crafts and art. Laissez les bon temps rouler!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 20 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12   DIY Picture Frame
SLINGSHOT CAR	Fri., Feb. 21 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12   Make a DIY car with us using popsicle sticks and rubber bands!
STEMULATING MONDAY: MELTING SNOWMAN EXPERIMENT	Mon., Feb. 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12   Get ready for laughs and giggles with this fun science experiment. Will you have enough time to duck for cover before the snowman explodes?
CRAFTY TUESDAY	Tues., Feb. 25 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12   Join us as we make a 3D turtle craft.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Feb. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12   Come and make a faux stained-glass heart.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Feb. 27 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12   Movie and Popcorn
MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., Mar. 1 2-3 p.m.	Main	FAMILY   Feature Film: <i>Inside Out 2</i> (PG)

Please contact Mrs. Angela at 327-1490 or email [agreer@oplib.org](mailto:agreer@oplib.org) for more details.

**Feb. 3** | Homechoolers will learn how professional dog trainers train dogs with Delta Canine.

**Feb. 10** | Valentine's Day Letters & Cards. Homeschoolers will practice writing skills and write letters and make cards for their Valentine.

**Feb. 24** | Soul Food Tasting

**Mar. 3** | In celebration of Mardi Gras, homeschoolers will visit Krewe of Janus and learn about the history of Mardi Gras and tour the float warehouse.

**Mar. 10** | Skilled craft with Alethea Shannon

**Mar. 17** | Homeschoolers will learn about the history of St. Patrick's Day and enjoy going green.

**Mar. 24** | Celebrate National Women's Month. Women have a powerful existence in our society. Join us to celebrate National Women's Month.

 <b>STEMULATING MONDAY</b>	Mon., Mar. 3 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Join us for a fun stem challenge making basketball shooters.
 <b>READ ACROSS AMERICA</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday with <i>The Cat and the Hat</i> (PG).
 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	<b>FAMILY</b>   Come make a wee leprechaun name wreath.
 <b>CRAFTY TUESDAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Make a cute spring butterfly paper wind chime craft.
 <b>KIDS WORLD</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Come and design your own Mardi Gras mask.
 <b>CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON: CEREAL ART</b>	Thurs., Mar. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Join the fun this National Cereal Week and get creative by making awesome art with your favorite cereals!
 <b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 6 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b>   DIY Sharpie Mug. Make a marbled design on ceramic mug with colored sharpie markers.
 <b>CHILDREN'S CINEMA</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	<b>FAMILY</b>   Join us for a movie and a snack at the library! We will show <i>Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank</i> (PG). Bring a friend!
 <b>FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b>   Green is the theme. Dr. Seuss is on the loose with <i>Green Eggs &amp; Ham</i> . Join us for crafts and a "very green" breakfast.
 <b>YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 2-4 p.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b>   DIY Terrarium Craft
 <b>MYSTERY MOVIE</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 3-4:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   One special child gets to pick the movie.
 <b>POPCORN AND A MOVIE</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 2-3:30p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>FAMILY</b>   Join us for a screening of Disney's <i>Wish</i> (PG).
 <b>FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Sat., Mar. 8 2-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>FAMILY</b>   Enjoy the movie <i>Shrek the Third</i> (PG). Refreshments will be provided.
 <b>PAINTING WITH A POP</b>	Mon., Mar. 10 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Come join us and paint a fun spring painting.
 <b>SLIME TIME</b>	Tues., Mar. 11 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Join us for a sticky fun time making St. Patrick's Day themed slime.
 <b>CRAFTY TUESDAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 11 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Use your own fingerprints to make flower artwork!
 <b>TWEENS CLUB</b>	Tues., Mar. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 9-12</b>   National Johnny Appleseed Day-create a stained glass apple.
 <b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   DIY Cupcake Liner Canvas Craft
 <b>SEA TURTLE PAINTING TUTORIAL</b>	Fri., Mar. 14 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Come paint with us! We will be following a step-by-step tutorial on how to make our own sea turtle painting.
 <b>SUPER SIZZLIN</b>	Sat., Mar. 15 2-3 p.m.	Main	<b>AGES 9-12</b>   DIY St. Patrick's Day Craft
 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT</b>	Mon., Mar. 17 3:30-4:15 p.m.	Ollie Burns	<b>AGES 3-5</b>   Come and make your own St. Patrick's Day craft.
 <b>STEMULATING MONDAY</b>	Mon., Mar. 17 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Come join us for a St. Patrick's Day stem challenge.
 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY STEM ACTIVITIES</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   STEM activity with green solution.
 <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY CRAFT</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 3:45-4:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	<b>FAMILY</b>   Hooray for the USA!! Come create President's Day crafts.
 <b>CRAFTY TUESDAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Come make a cute tissue paper rainbow craft.
 <b>KIDS WORLD</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   National Poultry Day - make a chicken and an edible nest.
 <b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 20 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b>   DIY Birdhouse Craft.
 <b>CREATIVE CRAFTERNOON: SUPERHERO CAPES</b>	Mon., Mar. 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Do you have a favorite Superhero that you admire? You can join in the fun in making your very own super hero cape and matching mask.
 <b>FAMILY GAME NIGHT</b>	Mon., Mar. 24 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	<b>FAMILY</b>   Join us for family game night! We will be playing classic board games.
 <b>CRAFTY TUESDAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 25 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Design and decorate your very own bookmarks!
 <b>TWEENS CLUB</b>	Tues., Mar. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	<b>AGES 9-12</b>   Make a hoop glider and have a race to find out who will win.
 <b>ALL THINGS TWEEN</b>	Thurs., Mar. 27 4-5 p.m.	Main	<b>FAMILY</b>   Game Day. End the month with fun games and refreshments.
 <b>DIY LIGHT-UP HELICOPTER</b>	Fri., Mar. 28 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	<b>AGES 6-12</b>   Let's learn about electricity and conductivity with this fun experiment. We will be making a paper helicopter and attaching LED lights.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS 

BOOKISH & EDUCATION 

VIDEO GAMES 




















MOVIES & EVENTS 

GAMES 

COMMUNITY SERVICE 

 <b>D&amp;D SET UP</b>	Mon., Feb. 3 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons? Come meet with other players as we discuss how the game is played!
 <b>ROCK PAINTING</b>	Tues., Feb. 4 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Serve your community by painting inspirational rocks and setting them out for people to find.
 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS -COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Tues., Feb. 4 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	We will be making Valentine's Day cards to send to a local nursing home.
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Thurs., Feb. 6 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Honor Black History Month with a showing of <i>Black Panther</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
 <b>VALENTINE CRAFT</b>	Thurs., Feb. 6 4-5 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Come join us as we make yarn art hearts.
 <b>NO-SEW HEART PILLOWS</b>	Tues., Feb. 11 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Show your love by making a small, huggable heart pillow for someone.
 <b>GAME NIGHT</b>	Tues., Feb. 11 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come join us for game night! We will be playing classic board games.
 <b>FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS</b>	Tues., Feb. 11 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Make friendship bracelets for you and your valentine.
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Wed., Feb. 12 3:45-5:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Come enjoy a showing of <i>A Cinderella Story</i> (PG). Refreshments will be served.
 <b>GAMING GUILD</b>	Wed., Feb. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join the Gaming Guild for a session of Dungeons & Dragons!
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Thurs., Feb. 13 4-6 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Come enjoy a showing of <i>Valentine's Day</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
 <b>ACT PRACTICE TEST - COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Sat., Feb. 15 1-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Prep for the ACT with a Princeton Review practice test. Space is limited, so call 327-1235 to register.
 <b>GAME ON</b>	Tues., Feb. 18 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Gaming is fun, but gaming with friends is even better!
 <b>TRINKET DISH</b>	Tues., Feb. 18 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Create a customized trinket dish using air-dry clay.
 <b>JOURNAL</b>	Thurs., Feb. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Customize your journal, exchange stickers, follow writing prompts or free write.
 <b>VIDEO GAME &amp; VIBE</b>	Thurs., Feb. 20 4-5 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends!
 <b>D&amp;D ONE SHOT</b>	Sat., Feb. 22 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join the adventure!
 <b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH WRITING CONTEST AWARDS DAY</b>	Sat., Feb. 22 1-2 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Join us at the Awards Presentation for the winners of our Black History Month YA Writing Contest.
 <b>MARDI GRAS MASKS</b>	Tues., Feb. 25 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Paint and decorate your own Mardi Gras mask.
 <b>COSPLAY CLUB</b>	Tues., Feb. 25 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come join us for Cosplay Club. We will have basic sewing lessons.
 <b>DIY STICKERS</b>	Tues., Feb. 25 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Design your own stickers using paper, markers and tape!
 <b>BLACK HISTORY ESSAY WRITING</b>	Wed., Feb. 26 4-5 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Teens will write a 300-word essay about an event in Black History or about a famous African American. Essays must be submitted by Fri., Feb. 21st by 5 p.m. to the Children's Department, Main Branch. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Direct all questions to Angelica Green at 327-1490, ext. 3041. This program is supported by Ouachita Parish Public Library and funded by Friends of the Library.
 <b>MARDI GRAS BEAD ART</b>	Thurs., Feb. 27 3:30-4:45 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Create fluid art with Mardi Gras beads.
 <b>BINGO NIGHT</b>	Thurs., Feb. 27 4-5 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Join us as we play Bingo with refreshments and neat prizes for the winners!
 <b>BOOKED FOR THE WEEKEND BOOK CLUB</b>	Fri., Feb. 28 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Looking to join a book club? Join us as we discuss <i>Love &amp; Gelato</i> by Jenna Evans Welch.
 <b>CD ART</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Create CD art to decorate your room or even the YA room at the library.
 <b>PAINTING WITH A POP</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come paint with us!
 <b>EMBELLISHED PICTURE FRAME</b>	Tues., Mar. 4 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Make an embellished picture frame using beads, trinkets and more!
 <b>EVENING KARAOKE</b>	Wed., Mar. 5 4:45-5:45 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Enjoy a fun afternoon of karaoke! Refreshments will be served.



 <b>GAMING</b>	Thurs., Mar. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends!
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Thurs., Mar. 6 4-6 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	We will have a wee little celebration watching the movie <i>Leap Year</i> (PG). Lucky Charms cereal will be served.
 <b>MARIO KART TOURNAMENT</b>	Tues., Mar. 11 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join your fellow patrons and see who will be the Mario Kart champion!
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Wed., Mar. 12 3:45-5:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Enjoy a showing of <i>The Incredible Hulk</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
 <b>GAMING GUILD</b>	Wed., Mar. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join the Gaming Guild for a session of Dungeons & Dragons!
 <b>D&amp;D ONE SHOT</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13 3:30-4:45 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Enjoy a beginner friendly D&D one shot. Party space is limited, so call 327-1235 to register.
 <b>POPCORN PARTY!</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13 4-5 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	It's National Popcorn Lover's Day! Come enjoy eating from our Popcorn bar and make a unique craft using popcorn, beads and sequins.
 <b>ORIGAMI</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Fold crazy shapes and learn the art of origami.
 <b>D&amp;D ONE SHOT</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come join us for a one shot adventure! Bring your own character or choose a pre-made one.
 <b>DIY PAPER PLANT</b>	Tues., Mar. 18 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Make a paper plant that anyone can take care of.
 <b>AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB</b>	Thurs., Mar. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	We will be discussing <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon.
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Thurs., Mar. 20 4-6 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	In honor of Alien Abduction Day, come watch the movie, <i>Men in Black</i> (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.
 <b>D&amp;D ONE SHOT</b>	Sat., Mar. 22 2-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Choose a pre-made character or create your own and join the adventure!
 <b>GAMES GALORE</b>	Tues., Mar. 25 3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Board games don't always have to be boring.
 <b>COSPLAY CLUB</b>	Tues., Mar. 25 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come learn how to build foam armor and props.
 <b>TOLKIEN READING DAY</b>	Tues., Mar. 25 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join fellow readers for National Tolkien Reading Day. We will have a variety of books to choose from as well as a Hobbit-inspired craft.
 <b>TEENS, SOCIAL MEDIA, &amp; THE LAW - COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Thurs., Mar. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Join us for a lecture from the Children's Advocacy Center of NELA and a detective on social media safety and the law for teens.
 <b>CALM DOWN WITH COLORING</b>	Thurs., Mar. 27 4-5 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Come and create a masterpiece using crayons, markers and/or colored pencils.
 <b>BOOKED FOR THE WEEKEND BOOK CLUB</b>	Fri., Mar. 28 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Looking for a book club? Join us as we discuss <i>Flowerheart</i> by Catherine Bakewell.

## JOIN US FOR THE OPPL MARDI GRAS BALL!

**Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2025 | **Time:** 7-10 p.m. | **Location:** Main Branch Library

This unforgettable evening features a live DJ, a photobooth, button-making fun and creative crafts like designing beaded sunglasses and decorating top hats. Enjoy delicious snacks—popcorn, nachos, cupcakes, pickles and punch. Formal wear encouraged, but not required. Plus, we'll crown our very own Mardi Gras King and Queen during the event!

Tickets are free and available at all Ouachita Parish Public Library branches while supplies last. A signed permission slip is required to secure your spot. Don't miss the biggest teen celebration of the season. See you at the ball and Laissez les bons temps rouler!

## TINY ART COMPETITION

### Art Creation Days:

**Date:** Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14

**Time:** 3-5 p.m. each day

**Location:** Sterlington Branch

### Art Viewing and Voting Days:

**Date:** Monday, March 17 to Sunday, March 23

**Location:** Facebook

Teens (ages 12-18), join us any day at the Sterlington Branch from **Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14, between 3-5 p.m.** each day, and create your own tiny masterpiece! We'll provide 2x2 canvases and paint pens for you to make mini artworks, and let your imagination go wild.

Then, from **Monday, March 17 to Sunday, March 23**, visit the library's Facebook page to vote for your favorite tiny art! Winners will be announced on Wednesday, March 26. The top three mini artworks with the most Facebook likes will win awesome prizes! Make sure to tell your friends and family to vote and see who will be crowned the Champion of Tiny Art!

# JOIN A BOOK CLUB

## LOST IN STACKS BOOK CLUB



### MAIN BRANCH

Spans genres with member selected titles, this is where books and friends meet.

**Tues., Feb. 11 at 5:30-7 p.m.**  
*Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips

**Tues., Mar. 11 at 5:30-7 p.m.**  
*Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett



## TALKATIVE TUESDAYS BOOK CLUB

### OLLIE H. BURNS

Come discuss different books, genres, or other literature with others to create an atmosphere of ideas for your next book choice!

**Tues., Mar. 18 at 5-6 p.m.**



## SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

### WEST MONROE

**Wed., Feb. 12 at 2-3 p.m.**  
*The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

**Wed., Mar. 12 at 2-3 p.m.**  
*The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen



## THRILLING THURSDAYS BOOK CLUB

### MAIN BRANCH

Thrilling Thursdays discusses books with twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat.

**Thurs., Feb. 20 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*The Marlow Murder Club* by Robert Thorogood

**Thurs., Mar. 20 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

*Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager



## JUST READ BOOK CLUB

### SEARCY MEMORIAL

**Thurs., Feb. 27 at 2-3 p.m.**

Join us as we discuss old and new books for those cold winter nights.

**Thurs., Mar. 27 at 2-3 p.m.**

Join us as we discuss some old and new books for the springtime.

## RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB



### MAIN BRANCH

Rainbow Reads is an 18+ book club that celebrates diversity with books by and about our LGBTQ+ community members. Please call or email Ellen at emasters@oplib.org or call 327-1490 for Circulation to find out this month's book.

**Mon., Feb. 24 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

**Mon., Mar. 31 at 5:30-7 p.m.**

## SCIFI FANTASY BOOK CLUB



### STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

We read and discuss great scifi and fantasy books with others that enjoy them too!

**Sat., Feb. 22 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Artemis* by Andy Weir

**Sat., Mar. 22 at 2-3 p.m.**

*Soon I Will Be Invincible* by Austin Grossman



## PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

### WEST OUACHITA

We discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books.

**Fri., Feb. 14 at 2-3 p.m.**

*The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

**Fri., Mar. 14 at 2-3 p.m.**

*A Rip Through Time* by Kelley Armstrong



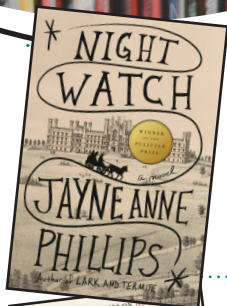
## ONLINE BOOK CLUB

### FACEBOOK

Check online to see what book we will be reading and discussing. Join us at facebook.com/groups/OuachitaParishPublicLibrary

# BOOKS OF THE BOOK CLUBS

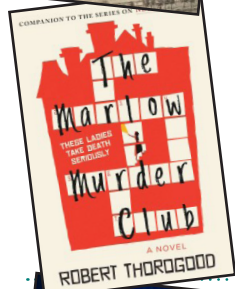
Preview the books of the book clubs to see what you'll be reading. If you're not in a book club yet, these titles will inspire you to join!



## LOST IN STACKS

***Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips**

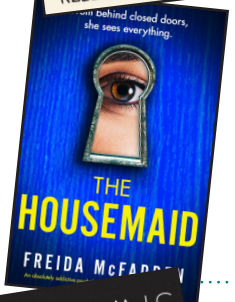
The novel follows ConaLee, a young girl in post-Civil War West Virginia, as she and her mother, Eliza, struggle to survive in the immediate aftermath of the conflict.



## THRILLING THURSDAYS

***The Marlow Murder Club* by Robert Thorogood**

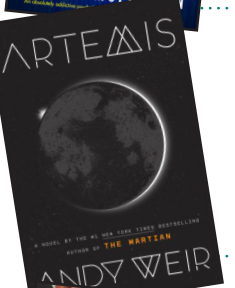
Retired archaeologist Judith Potts's peaceful evening in Marlow is shattered when she hears a gunshot coming from her neighbor's garden. Judith, Becks, and Suzie investigate, and follow a trail of clues left.



## PAGE TURNERS

***The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden**

Freida McFadden's *The Housemaid* is a psychological thriller that explores the dark and twisted lives of the wealthy Winchester family through the eyes of Millie Calloway, an ex-convict hired as their live-in housekeeper.



## SCIFI-FANTASY

***Artemis* by Andy Weir**

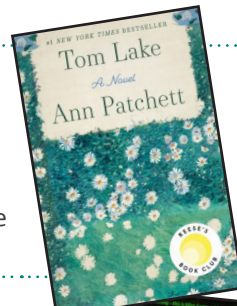
*Artemis* by Andy Weir is a 2017 science fiction novel about a smuggler named Jazz Bashara who gets caught up in a conspiracy to take over the first and only city on the moon.



## SECOND WEDNESDAY

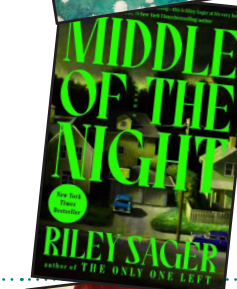
***The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman**

Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for soldiers, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.



***Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett**

A woman, her husband and their three grown daughters are living together during the pandemic on a farm in Michigan. The mother tells stories of her past, when she fell into acting and dated a movie star before he was one.



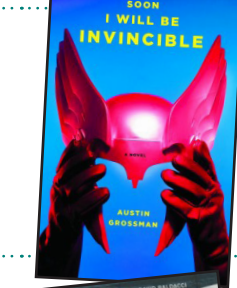
***Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager**

In the latest jaw-dropping thriller from New York Times bestselling author Riley Sager, a man must contend with the long-ago disappearance of his childhood best friend—and the dark secrets lurking just beyond the safe confines of his picture-perfect neighborhood.



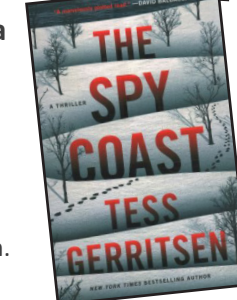
***A Rip Through Time* by Kelley Armstrong**

*A Rip Through Time* by Kelley Armstrong is a time-traveling thriller about a modern-day homicide detective who wakes up in the body of a Victorian housemaid.



***Soon I Will Be Invincible* by Austin Grossman**

Impossible, a supervillain possessing super-human strength and intellect who suffers from Malign Hypercognition Disorder ("evil genius" syndrome), attempts to take over the world after escaping from prison.



***The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen**

Retired CIA agent, Maggie Bird, has settled down in a small rural Maine town called Purity. Until a woman comes knocking with news that a former colleague (Diana) has disappeared from Paris. Maggie and Diana parted on less than ideal terms and Maggie has no desire to help out.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS 

BOOKISH & BOOK TALKS 

TALKS 

MOVIES & EVENTS 

GAMES 

HEALTH & WELLNESS 



“We want to thank our friends at Ouachita Parish Public Library for hosting a holiday food drive among their branches. Together, they collected over 750 pounds of food for our neighbors facing hunger!”

— Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana.

<b>SPREAD THE LOVE PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE</b>	Feb. & Mar.	During Branch Hours	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Spread the Love Peanut Butter Drive aims to benefit individuals served by the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana. Peanut butter is a highly sought-after item at food banks due to its protein-packed goodness, loved by both kids and adults alike. We kindly request donations of peanut butter or alternative nut butter options.
 <b>WRITER'S WORKSHOP</b>	Mon., Feb. 3	3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Hone your skills as a writer and learn the craft. Whether you have written before or are just starting out, this is the place for you!
 <b>MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Mon., Feb. 3	2-4 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join us for popcorn and a movie, <i>80 for Brady</i> (PG-13). Four friends are on a mission to go to the Superbowl and meet Tom Brady.
 <b>PINCH POT CRAFT</b>	Tues., Feb. 4	5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Join us as we create pinch pot pottery with air-dry clay! A fun and interactive craft using only your hands.
 <b>THE REPLICA GOLDEN HINDE</b>	Wed., Feb. 5	2-3 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Join us as Rocky Boudreaux takes us on a photographic tour of the Replica Golden Hinde, Sir Francis Drake's Famous Treasure Galleon.
 <b>CAT'S TAIL GUILD</b>	Thurs., Feb. 6	5-7 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Join us for D&D one-shots! For questions, contact Ellen at emasters@oplib.org or call 327-1490 for Circulation.
 <b>SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS</b>	Thurs., Feb. 6	10:30-11:15 a.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Join Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Agent, as she discusses healthier ways to prepare different foods.
 <b>ADULT DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS</b>	Mon., Feb. 10	3:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join our adult D&D campaign. Friendly to new players and experienced players alike!
 <b>MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Mon., Feb. 10	2-4 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Join us for popcorn and a movie. In honor of Black History Month, we will be featuring <i>Harriet</i> (PG-13).
 <b>WRITE CLUB</b>	Mon., Feb. 10	5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	If you're an expert or a novice, join Write Club and hone your craft! We meet in the upstairs board room.
 <b>LEAF-PRINT JEWELRY DISH CRAFT</b>	Tues., Feb. 11	5-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Create your very own jewelry dish using decorative leaves and air-dry clay!
 <b>HOOKS &amp; BOOKS</b>	Tues., Feb. 11	2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
 <b>PRESSING FORWARD IN HISTORY!</b>	Thurs., Feb. 13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	The theme for Black History in 2025, "African Americans and Labor." Author Dr. Press L. Robinson will have a book talk and signing of his new book, <i>Pressing Forward</i> .
 <b>AFTERNOON MOVIE</b>	Thurs., Feb. 13	2-4 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Join us as we feature the Burning Love crooner himself on this day before Valentine's Day! We will be watching <i>Elvis</i> (PG-13). Refreshments served.
 <b>HERB &amp; SPICE POP-UP WITH MARKAYE</b>	Thurs., Feb. 13	1-2 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent Markaye Russell uses a new herb or spice to reduce sodium intake.
 <b>GOLDEN HINDE REPLICA SLIDESHOW</b>	Sat., Feb. 15	1-2 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Come view what it was like to sail the world on the <i>Golden Hinde</i> in the 16th century under Sir Frances Drake.
 <b>LSU AGCENTER NUTRITION CLASS</b>	Tues., Feb. 18	3-4 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join us as Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter informs and educates us about nutrition.
 <b>MOVIE MATINEE</b>	Tues., Feb. 18	4:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie H. Burns</b>	Join us for a viewing of the movie, <i>Hidden Figures</i> (PG). Refreshments will be served.

 <b>FAUX STAINED GLASS BOOKMARKS</b>	Wed., Feb. 19	2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Make your own faux stained glass bookmark.
 <b>THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB</b>	Thurs., Feb. 20	1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Get ready to glam up your space with a Mardi Gras painting! Space is limited. Register in person or call 327-5414. Wear your painting clothes!
 <b>BINGO BONANZA</b>	Mon., Feb. 24	3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Anna Meyer</b>	Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!
 <b>CHRONICLES OF YARNIA</b>	Tues., Feb. 25	5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
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 <b>MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON</b>	Thurs., Feb. 27	1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Join us for popcorn and Tim Burton's heartwarming movie, <i>Big Fish</i> (PG-13), starring Ewan McGregor. Fantasy drama film about a son who tries to separate fact from fiction in his father's life.
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 <b>THE EVOLUTION OF GLOBAL TERRORISM</b>	Wed., Mar. 5	2-3 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dumas, Assistant Professor of Political Science at ULM, will be here to discuss the evolution of global terrorism.
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 <b>QUIET READING</b>	Thurs., Mar. 6	5:30-7 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Bring Your Own Book and join us for some quiet reading time.
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 <b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Regional Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, Christine Oliveaux, will discuss raising awareness against domestic violence by providing information and resources.
 <b>DIAMOND ART BOOKMARKS</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13	2-3 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	We will be making beautiful Diamond Art Bookmarks. Limited to the first 12 patrons, so register in person or by calling 327-1240.
 <b>STEPS TO SAFETY</b>	Thurs., Mar. 13	1-2 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Come join us as Ouachita Parish Fire Department's Dusty Harris shares information on how to be safe in our homes.
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 <b>SPRING CANDLE PAINTING</b>	Wed., Mar. 19	2-3:30 p.m.	<b>Sterlington Memorial</b>	Use colored wax to paint a pair of tapers candles.
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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

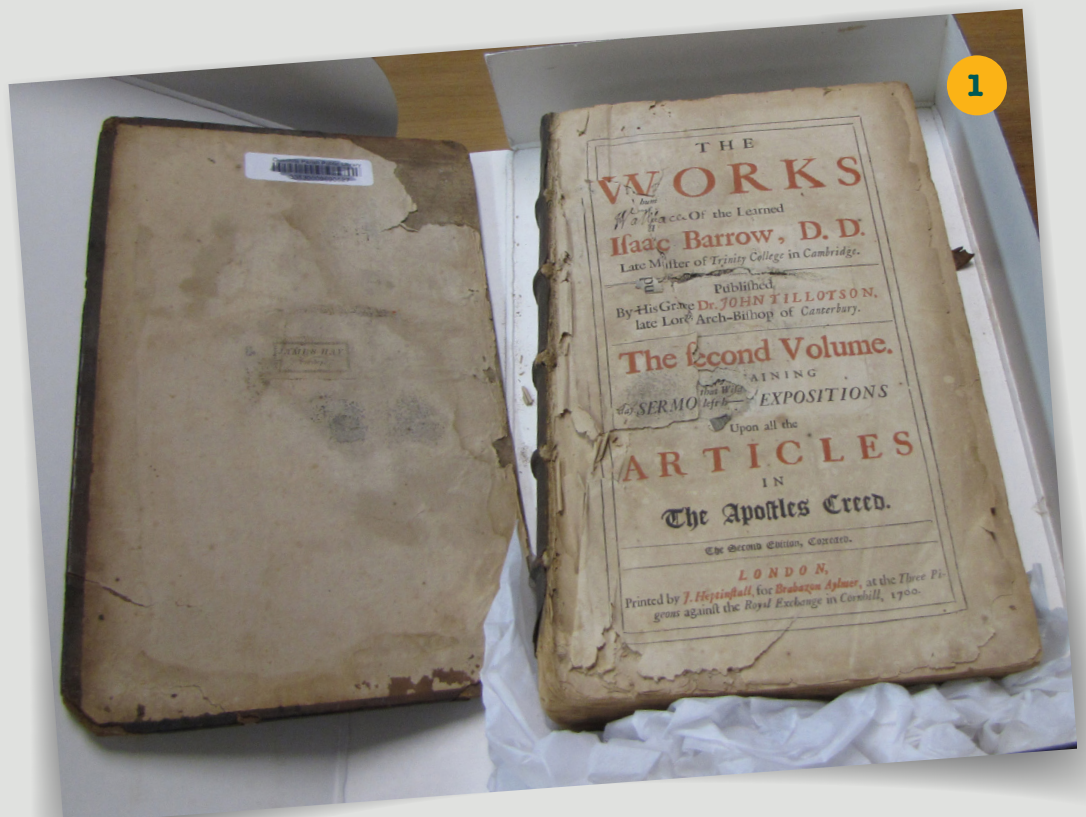
The Library's Genealogy and Special Collections Department helps patrons research local and family history. Learn more about how to explore your own family history at [oplib.org/family-local-history](http://oplib.org/family-local-history).

## OLD, NEW, SMALL OR TALL

What's special about Genealogy and Special Collections?

The Genealogy/Special Collections Department consists of the Joseph Bennett McGuire Genealogy Room and the India King Stubbs Special Collections and Rare Book Room. The department is home to old, new, short, tall, unique and rare books that relate to genealogy and local history. Preview some of the "special" items here.

**1** *The Works of the Learned Isaac Barrow, D.D.* Volume 2 is the oldest book in the library. Isaac Barrow was a Doctor of Divinity and a Cambridge professor of Greek, Geometry and Optics who in 1669 devoted himself to the study of theology. The 3-volume set was printed in London in 1700 and is available on the Internet Archive ([archive.org](http://archive.org)).



**2** Part 3 P-Z of Dr. E. Russ William's *Encyclopedia of Individuals and Founding Families of the Ouachita River Valley of Louisiana from 1785 to 1850* has just been made available. Work on this volume was in progress at the time of Dr. William's death in 2015. His heirs gave his papers to the Louisiana State Archives. Lora Peppers, Ouachita Parish Public Library Genealogy Librarian was able to copy his notes and with them and the original title page from 1998, she completed the third volume making it one of the newest in Genealogy.



**3** *Dew Drops*, published in the 1850s by the American Tract Society is 2.125 x 1.5 inches small. The book was a gift to Minerva McCain from her teacher, Helen Monk, at Monticello, Louisiana in February 1863.



**4** *The Holy Bible* published by A.J. Homan belonged to Colonial Francis Peter "Frank" Stubbs is one of several large Bibles in the collection. This one has a leather cover embossed with "Stubbs 1875" and a brass buckle and weighs over 15 pounds.



**5** *Webster's New International Dictionary* from 1930 has nearly 3,000 pages and is over 6 inches in height when laying on its cover. This book is both heavy and tall.

**6** *The Papers of James Madison* published in 1841 has written on the inside cover "This book was on the Buckeye when she was sunk." Isaiah Garret, his wife Narcissa, and their child were on the steamship Buckeye when she collided with the De Sota on the Mississippi River March 1, 1844. They survived but approximately 80 people perished in the disaster. The book belonged to Isaiah Garret and is part of the Garret Collection in the Special Collections at the Ouachita Parish Public Library.

**7** *The Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God* by J. D. Bryant M.D., Boston 1855 has written on the inside cover "St. Francis Sanitarium Monroe, Louisiana L. Gergaud pretre." This book belonged to Father Louis Gergaud, a Catholic priest from France who was the founding pastor of St. Matthew Church in Monroe, Louisiana. He went to Shreveport to minister to victims of the yellow fever epidemic and died October 1, 1873.



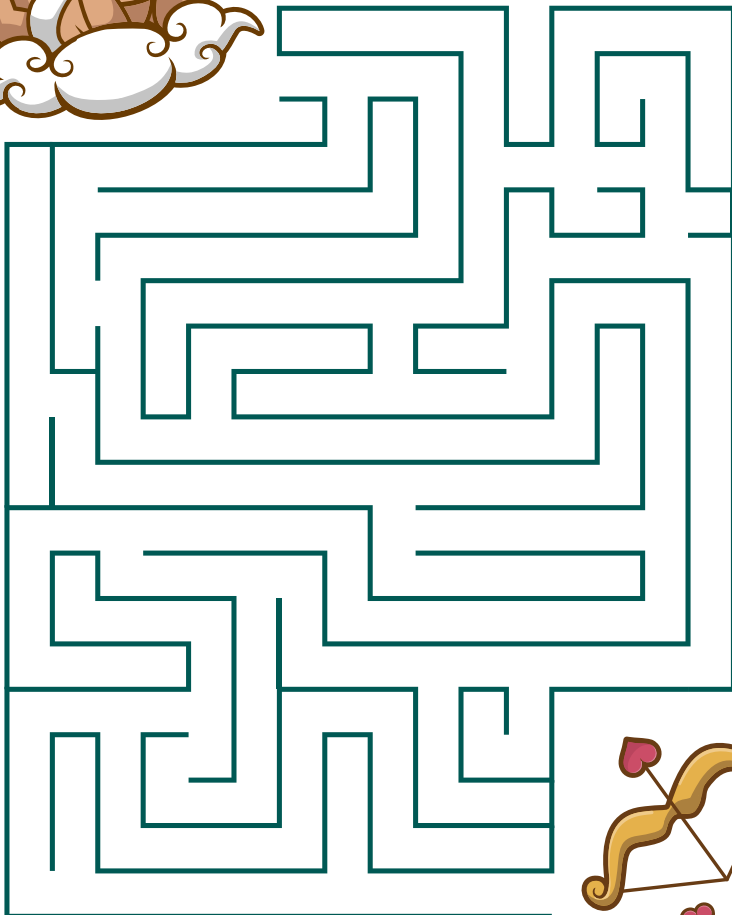


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