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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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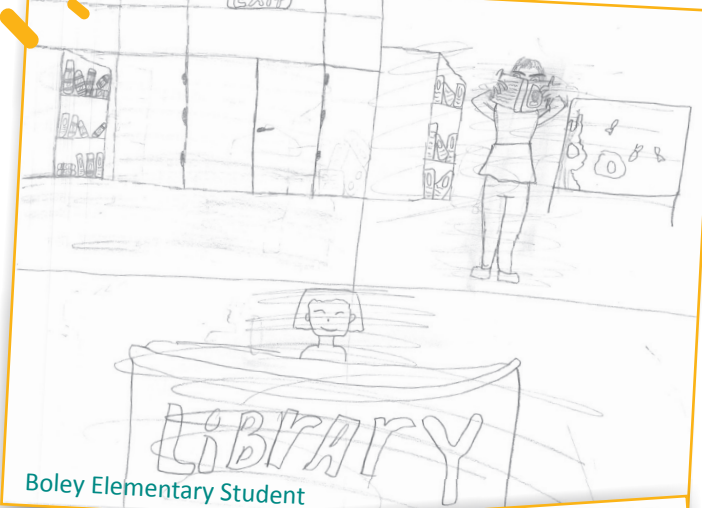
BOOKFLIX, SCIENCEFLIX, AND TRUEFLIX

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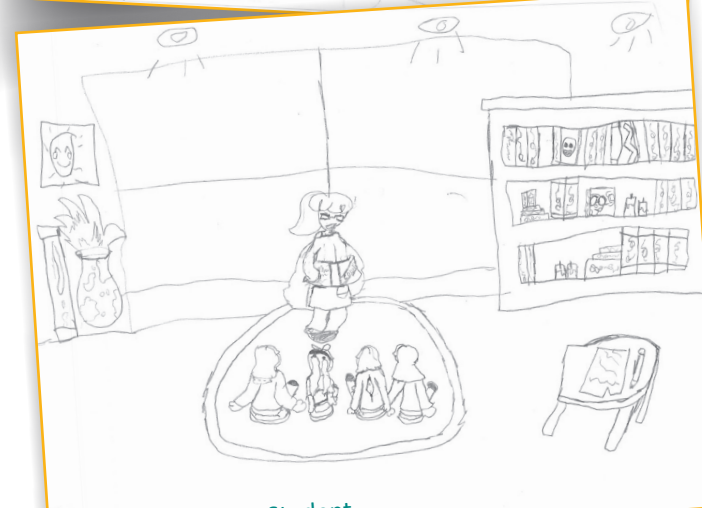
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FIND BILLIE THE BOOKWORM!



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

HEY!

Would you like to receive **Cattails**, the library's bimonthly newsletter, in your inbox or mailbox? Email 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.

April Booksale: Fri., Apr. 25th & Sat., Apr. 26th from 9-3 p.m.

May Booksale: Fri., May 30th & Sat., May 31st from 9-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Library branches close at 5 p.m. the day before a holiday closure.

EASTER HOLIDAY - Friday, April 18th - Saturday, April 19th

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - Monday, May 26th

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Drawn to the Library

National Library Week April 6-12, 2025

ALA American Library Association
Library Champions Investing in America's Libraries
SCHOLASTIC

What draws Ouachita Parish citizens to their libraries every week? Everything.

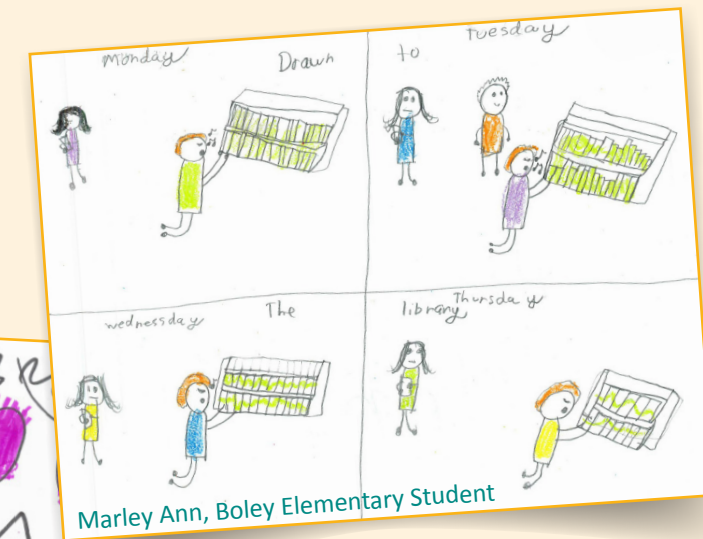
From young families building with LEGO and enjoying storytime to teens sketching their next big idea and seniors exploring new tech, libraries connect us to knowledge, creativity and each other. Whether you're diving into a new book, joining a club, or asking a librarian for your next great read, the library is where every journey begins.

Make your mark—join the Friends of the Library, share what draws you in and celebrate National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025. No matter what inspires you, the library has something for everyone!

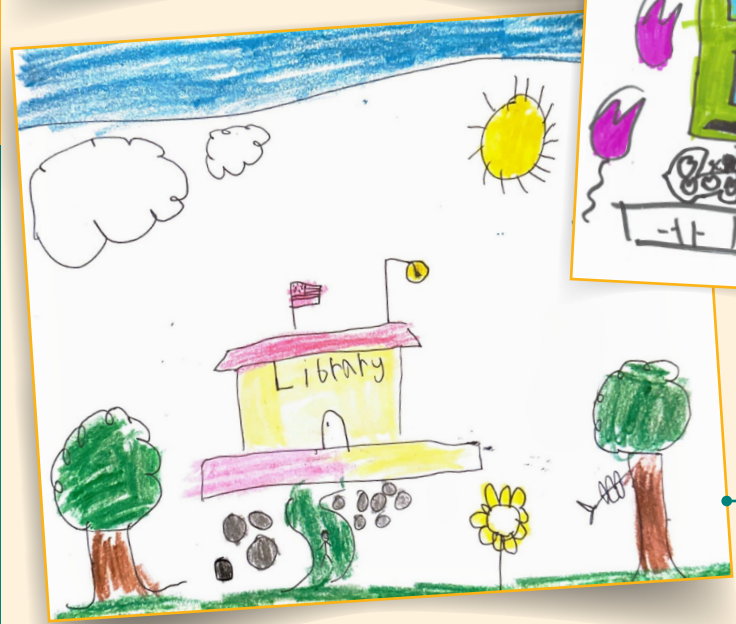


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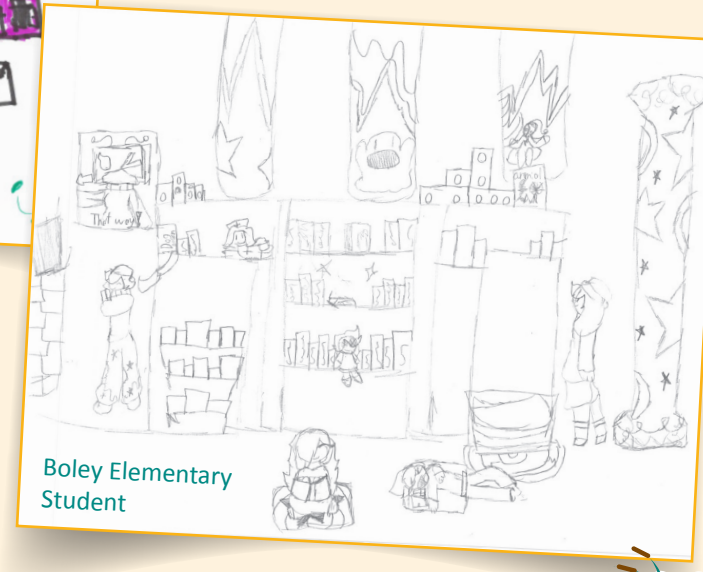
Emmy, Age 6



Marley Ann, Boley Elementary Student



Danny, Age 9



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Crossword Answers: 1. bookmark 2 ← book 2 ↑ billie 3. library 4. shelf 5. reading 6. games 7. writing

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES!

The library now offers three new online resources from Scholastic. You can use them anytime, anywhere, on any device with internet access.

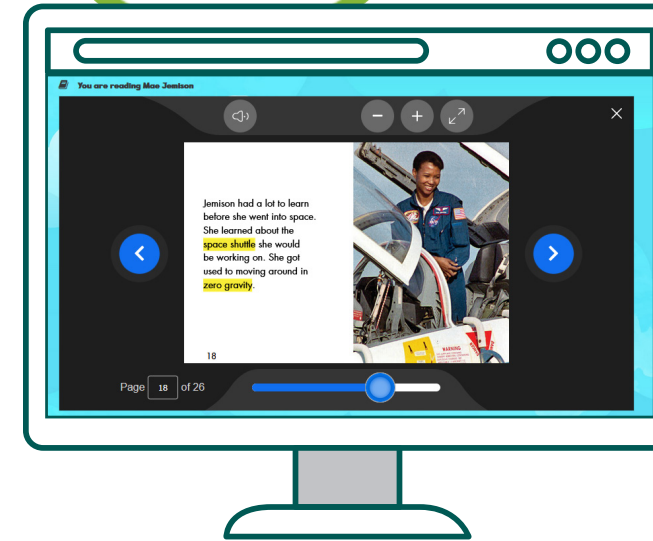
Visit oplib.org/databases to check them out.



BookFlix

Literary & Reading Resource Ideal for Pre-K to 3rd graders

BookFlix is an online resource that lets your child listen to stories while building key reading skills and discovering new ideas.



BookFlix features:

- Classic animated stories paired with related nonfiction eBooks.
- Read-aloud features for narration, keyword definitions, and activity instructions.
- Educational puzzles to test learning.
- Safe, age-appropriate web links chosen by Scholastic editors for further exploration.
- “Meet the Creator” section to learn about each fiction book’s author.
- Titles available in English and Spanish.



TrueFlix

Social Studies & Science Resource Ideal for Grades 3-6



TrueFlix offers over 220 science and social studies topics. It includes videos, nonfiction books and interactive content to make learning fun and engaging.

With TrueFlix, your child can:

- Learn about science and social studies through videos, books and other media.
- Explore topics in depth using different types of content.
- Research tips and project ideas for classwork or homework.
- Take quizzes and play word games to check understanding.

ScienceFlix

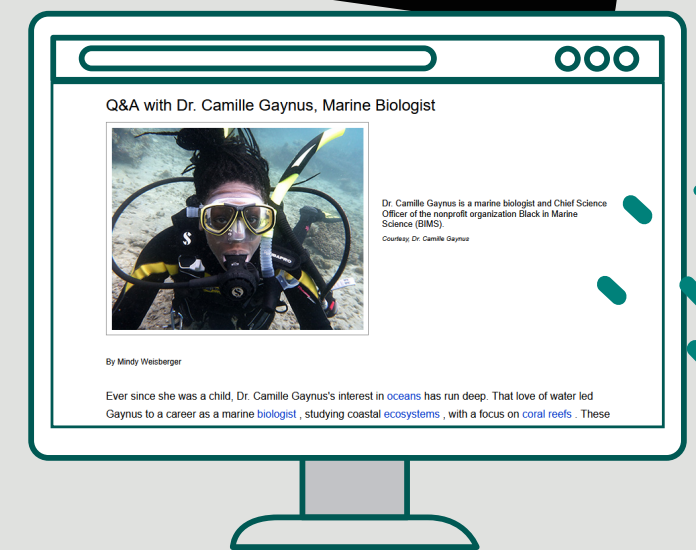
Science Resource Ideal for Grades 4-10



ScienceFlix helps your child improve reading skills while learning about science, technology and engineering. They can watch videos, read news, explore careers, try experiments and do projects.

ScienceFlix helps students:

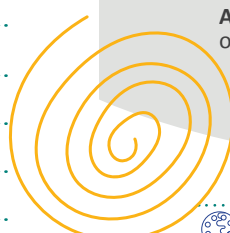
- Learn science with 80 study units that include articles, videos and other media.
- Explore topics like Earth Science, Space, Life Science, Health, Physical Science and STEM.
- Think like scientists with hands-on projects, experiments and deeper topic exploration.



KIDS PROGRAMS



CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 1 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a ladybug popsicle stick craft.
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Apr. 1 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Join us and see if you can make a flapping butterfly.
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Tues., Apr. 1 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Cluck-Cluck!! It's chicken crafts time! Come make some hens, eggs and chicken coops.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Apr. 3 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Game Day. Play assorted games with some of your favorite librarians.
YOGA WITH KATIE	Fri., Apr. 4 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Katie Parker will lead a yoga class of basic skills and yoga games. Bring a beach towel or yoga mat. Space is limited, register in person or call 327-1382.
FIRST SATURDAY FUN	Sat., Apr. 5 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Movie Matinee: <i>The Super Mario Bros. Movie</i> (PG). Join us for a great movie with delightful snacks.
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Apr. 7 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for the egg drop challenge.
LEGO CLUB	Mon., Apr. 7 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Come join us for our new monthly Lego Club! Kids will be able to free build or follow a tutorial.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION	Mon., Apr. 7 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY National Library Week: Drawn to the Library. Stop by for some fun activities and a calendar of daily activities to celebrate National Library Week.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 8 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Use colorful buttons to make your very own flower artwork!
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Apr. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Try your hand at making an edible bird's nest.
SPRING CRAFT- APRIL SHOWERS	Tues., Apr. 8 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 We will be making rainsticks and cloud crafts.
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION	Wed., Apr. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY National Library Week: Drawn to the Library. Create your own comic book. We have the supplies. All we need is you!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Apr. 10 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Cupcake Workshop. Work with the Sweet Southern Belle Bakery and create a one of a kind cupcake.
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	Fri., Apr. 11 4-6 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Join us for a Family Movie Night featuring the popular film <i>Inside Out 2</i> (PG). Snacks and drinks provided.
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Apr. 12 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us for snacks and watch an Easter movie- <i>Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway</i> (PG).
FAMILY MOVIE	Sat., Apr. 12 2-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Join us for snacks and the movie: <i>Hop</i> (PG).
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Apr. 12 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Watch an action-packed movie day with <i>Kung Fu Panda 4</i> (PG)! Bring your friends and enjoy the adventure of Po and the gang. Snacks are on us!
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Apr. 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Main	FAMILY DIY Easter Egg Craft & Centerpiece. Families will work together and create a one of a kind festive Easter centerpiece.
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Apr. 12 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY In celebration of National Library Week: Drawn to the Library, join us for this personalized fabric garden pot workshop. Space is limited, register in person or call 318-327-1490 by April 9.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., Apr. 14 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 We will be making bunny paintings.
CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS	Mon., Apr. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun and creative crafting session! Kids can make charming spring door signs just in time for Easter.
RAINBOW TREE PAINTING TUTORIAL	Mon., Apr. 14 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Follow a step-by-step tutorial to make our own Rainbow Tree painting. Space is limited, so please call 327-1382 or visit in person to register.
MAKE IT MONDAY	Mon., Apr. 14 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Mess-Free Easter Peeps Craft. Create something cute and colorful for Easter without making a mess! Also, enjoy a sweet treat afterwards.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 15 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come make a cute cotton ball bunny craft.
KIDS WORLD	Tues., Apr. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Easter Egg Hunt. See how many eggs you can find.
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Tues., Apr. 15 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Design and make your own adorable paper Easter eggs.
MONEY SMART WEEK	Wed., Apr. 16 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Money Smart Week. Learn how to earn and save money, open a savings account and more with Sprout and his friends from Centric Credit Union.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Apr. 17 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 Join us for a Bingo game!
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Apr. 19 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 3D Flower Craft. Make a bright, bold flower bouquet.
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Apr. 21 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come join us for a bubble stem activity.
TWEEN CRAFT: PAPER MACHE EGGS	Mon., Apr. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 9-12 Hey tweens! Come hang out, design, paint and create your own awesome paper mache' egg masterpiece to take home.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 22 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a cute Earth Day craft.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Apr. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Make a bird feeder.
CELEBRATING EARTH DAY	Tues., Apr. 22 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Learn how you can take part in caring for the Earth with this activity and craft.



HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS Mondays 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Family | Main Branch

Please contact Mrs. Angela at 327-1490 or email agreer@oplib.org for more details.

Apr. 7 | Sunflower Seed Garden Planting. Details will be given at March 31 session.

Apr. 12 | Money Smart Week. Learn how to earn and save money with Sprout and his friends from Centric Credit Union. Families will receive information on how opening a savings account and so much more.

Apr. 21 | Show & Tell. Homeschoolers will share something special and/or talk about their most memorable experience.

Apr. 28 | Join us with local author Yolanda Gayden and hear her story of how she became an author. Details will be given at February 7 session.

May 5 | KNOE Tour, Cinco de Mayo and Macrons with Mothers. Homeschoolers will honor moms with macrons, games, etc.

May 12 | Donuts with Dad Father's Day Celebration. Homeschoolers will celebrate dads with donuts, games, etc.

May 19 | Final Session Celebration. End your 2024-2025 session at Skatetown. Details will be given at May 5 session.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY	Tues., Apr. 22 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Come make an Earth Day themed craft and get some seeds to start your own garden at home.
MOVIE MATINEE	Wed., Apr. 23 4-5:45 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Join us for a viewing of <i>Hop</i> (PG) with refreshments!
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., Apr. 24 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 DIY Birdhouse Craft. Spring is almost here. Make a decorative spring accessory to spice up the spring.
EGG CRASH CAR	Fri., Apr. 25 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 What's better than the Egg Drop Challenge? Building an Egg Crash Car! Test your engineering skills and build a car to keep an egg safe in a collision.
MEET YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY	Mon., Apr. 28 5-6:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Discover what the library can do for you and your family. Apply for a library card, learn about digital services, upcoming events and much more!
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 29 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Join us as we make bottle cap bugs!
LEMONADE DAY	Fri., May 2 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Share a cup of lemonade with the children's librarians and learn how to start your very own lemonade stand.
SATURDAY FUN	Sat., May 3 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Game Day, Join us for games and fun! Cool prizes for the winners!
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., May 5 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come design and build your own treehouse.
LEGO CLUB	Mon., May 5 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Join us for a fun Lego STEM challenge!
MAKE IT MONDAY	Mon., May 5 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Come out and make that special someone a colorful keepsake for Mother's Day.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., May 6 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Let's make a very special craft to give mom for Mother's Day!
KIDS WORLD	Tues., May 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 STEM: Can you stack colored water without it mixing?
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Tues., May 6 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Make a craft for your mom/special person in your life!
GARDENING, MAY FLOWERS	Tues., May 6 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Come plant flowers and decorate flower pots.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., May 8 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 DIY Mother's Day Craft. Give mom a special craft made with love from you.
PNEUMATIC MACHINE	Fri., May 9 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	AGES 6-12 Explore the science of pneumatics as we build a powered lift.
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., May 10 2-3:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Join us for snacks and watch a movie- <i>The Garfield Movie</i> (PG).
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., May 10 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Bring the fam, grab some popcorn, and hang out at the library for a fun movie afternoon! We're showing <i>The Wild Robot</i> (PG). The popcorn is on us!
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., May 10 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us for a special storytime celebration in honor of Mother's Day. Space is limited, register in person or call 327-1490 by April 30 at 3:00 pm.
CELEBRATING MOTHERS	Sat., May 10 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Mother's Day Dance. Daughters bring your mothers to this celebratory dance and enjoy fun, games, and refreshments.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Mon., May 12 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Come paint with us.
CREATIVE CRAFTERNOONS	Mon., May 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Join us to make bubble art, mixing science with creativity! Watch bubbles pop and colors swirl while you make your own cool masterpiece.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., May 13 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Come make 3D art using colorful puffy paint!
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., May 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 STEM: Harness the power of chemistry to make a colorful explosion.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., May 15 4-5 p.m.	Main	FAMILY DIY Emoji Mason Jar Craft. What emoji describes you? Join us for an inspiring and "emoji-tional" workshop.
FAMILY MOVIE	Sat., May 17 2-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Come and see the movie: <i>Incredibles 2</i> (PG). Refreshments served.
SATURDAY STORY TIME	Sat., May 17 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Bring the family for a special Saturday Story Time and breakfast.
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., May 17 2-4 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Join us for a special craft with DIY String Bracelets.
STEMULATING MONDAY: GROWING RAINBOWS	Mon., May 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Come watch a rainbow come to life! Hang out with us for a super fun STEM project where you'll mix science and color to create something epic!

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BOARD GAME BONANZA	Mon., May 19 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Let's play some games! We will have several classic board games. Play with your family or make some new friends!
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., May 20 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Create a 3D bird using scrapbook paper.
KIDS WORLD	Tues., May 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 STEM: Mix up a batch of sand and see what you can create/build.
CRAFTING WITH MRS. AMY	Tues., May 20 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Celebrate World Bee Day by creating your own bee craft and learning about their importance.
MAKING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS	Tues., May 20 4-5 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us in making flower arrangements.
STUFFIE SLEEP OVER	Thurs., May 22 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Bring your favorite stuffie and blanket for a special story time with Ms. Nikita. After story time, your stuffies will spend the night in the library and will be picked up the next day with a photo album of what they did that night.
ALL THINGS TWEEN	Thurs., May 22 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 6-12 DIY Bookmark Craft. Make a personalized book mark to mark your place in your favorite book.
TULLE WREATH	Fri., May 23 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Create a bright, colorful wreath just in time for summer! Space is limited, so please call 327-1382 or visit in person to register.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., May 27 4-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	AGES 6-12 Make a fun jellyfish using a paper bowl and colorful crepe paper strips.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., May 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 STEM: Get ready for some fun with an Exploding Watermelon.

TEEN PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS
BOOKISH & EDUCATION
VIDEO GAMES
MOVIES & EVENTS
GAMES
COMMUNITY SERVICE

GIANT JENGA	Tues., Apr. 1 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	See how high you can balance our giant boxes before they topple over you.
LADIES LOVE YOURSELF!	Wed., Apr. 2 4-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us as Miss Pride of Monroe, Jalia Shepherd, speaks on how to love yourself and be the love of your life!
JOURNAL CRAFT	Thurs., Apr. 3 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make a Duct Tape Journal.
AFTERNOON CHILL: VIDEO GAMES	Mon., Apr. 7 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a chill afternoon playing games on the PS4.
CRAFTY TUESDAYS	Tues., Apr. 8 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create your very own flower using coffee filters and watercolors!
DIY LIP BALM KEYCHAIN	Tues., Apr. 8 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make your own lip balm using Kool-Aid and add it to a customized keychain.
WITS & WAGERS	Tues., Apr. 8 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	How well do you know your friends? Find out while playing Wits & Wagers.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., Apr. 8 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come paint with us.
GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., Apr. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild for a session of Dungeons and Dragons
MOVIE MATINEE: JACK AND JILL (PG)	Thurs., Apr. 10 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	In honor of National Siblings Day, come watch a showing of the movie, <i>Jack and Jill</i> (PG). Refreshments will be served.
EASTER JEOPARDY	Mon., Apr. 14 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Test your knowledge of Easter with a game of Jeopardy!
MOVIE MATINEE	Tues., Apr. 15 5-6:15 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Join us for a viewing of <i>Bambi</i> (G) with snacks.
TEEN LOUNGE	Tues., Apr. 15 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Enjoy some snacks as you hang out and work on your homework or play games. A limited number of laptops will be available for use.
VIKING VILLAGE: COMMUNITY SERVICE	Tues., Apr. 15 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Make a Viking Village in a shoe box and display it in our Youth section for all to see your art.
GAME NIGHT	Tues., Apr. 15 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join and play classic board games.
EASTER CRAFT	Thurs., Apr. 17 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make some rad hanging Easter crafts involving symmetry, coloring, and cutting.

DIY SUNCATCHER CRAFT	Tues., Apr. 22 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Come join the fun in creating your own suncatcher! Spots are limited, please call 327-1235.
STRESS BUDDIES	Tues., Apr. 22 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	You're almost out of school. Stress levels are high. Let's make a stress buddy for you to keep and make your own.
VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Thurs., Apr. 24 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends.
GAME TIME	Fri., Apr. 25 4-5 p.m.	Louise Williams	Get ready to have some friendly competition. Games, snacks & fun!
D&D ONE SHOT	Sat., Apr. 26 2:30-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Choose a pre-made character or make your own and join our adventure!
GLUE ART	Tues., Apr. 29 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Design a custom piece of artwork using glue and paint.
COZY GAMING	Tues., Apr. 29 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Chill out and play some cozy games on our Nintendo Switch.
COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., Apr. 29 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for Cosplay Club! We will be learning how to sew animal ears.
MAY DAY CRAFT	Thurs., May 1 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make a May Day flower crown.
BOOK TASTING	Sat., May 3 2-3 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Do you hunger for more book knowledge or perhaps you haven't had a taste of a different genre in a while? Join us as we "feast" on different books, all served directly to you! Spots are limited, please call 327-1235 to "reserve a table" today!
CUPCAKE WORKSHOP	Sat., May 3 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Main	Create a unique cupcake with Sweet Southern Belle Bakery.
STAR WARS TRIVIA	Mon., May 5 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Celebrate Star Wars Day with us as we play Star Wars Trivia! Bring your Star Wars knowledge, and may the Force be with you!
MOVIE MATINEE: NACHO LIBRE (PG)	Mon., May 5 3:45-5 p.m.	West Monroe	Join us for a showing of <i>Nacho Libre</i> (PG). Refreshments will be served.
PAINTING WITH A POP	Tues., May 6 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come paint with us.
POP-UP MOTHER'S DAY CARD	Tues., May 6 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Learn how to make a pop-up card for Mother's Day.
CALLIGRAPHY	Tues., May 6 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn calligraphy so you can tell your story in style.
VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Thurs., May 8 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Play games on the Nintendo Switch with friends.
AFTERNOON CHILL: BOARD GAMES	Mon., May 12 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Enjoy a chill afternoon playing board games!
DIY DRAWSTRING BAGS	Tues., May 13 5 AM-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Enjoy making your own felt drawstring pouch, a must have for adventurers!
DIY WOVEN BOWL	Tues., May 13 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make a woven bowl using a paper plate and yarn.
BUTTON MAKING	Tues., May 13 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Design your own buttons and start pinning your interests over you and your friends bags.
BOOK BINGO	Tues., May 13 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come play bingo with us.
GAMING GUILD: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Wed., May 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the Gaming Guild for a session of Dungeons and Dragons
BOARD GAME NIGHT	Thurs., May 15 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Discover the fun of playing classic board games.
TO TIE-DYE FOR	Thurs., May 15 4-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	Come join us for some crafty shirt making fun. Snacks, drinks and good vibes provided!
AFTERSCHOOL BOOK CLUB	Thurs., May 15 4-5 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	We will be discussing the book <i>Six Crimson Cranes</i> by Elizabeth Lim. It is available in print and as an ebook on cloudLibrary.
COMIC BOOK BOOKMARK	Mon., May 19 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as we create bookmarks from comic book pages!
MOVIE MATINEE	Tues., May 20 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Enjoy a showing of <i>Lilo and Stitch</i> (PG) with snacks.
FINGERPRINTING	Tues., May 20 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Fingerprint yourself and learn about how to differentiate between prints.
STAINED GLASS BOOKMARKS	Tues., May 20 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us and make your own stained glass bookmark.
MOVIE MATINEE: EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG-13)	Thurs., May 22 4-6 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	In honor of World Goth Day, we will be showing the movie, <i>Edward Scissorhands</i> (PG-13).
TEEN MOVIE MATINEE	Sat., May 24 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Enjoy a showing of <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> (PG) and make your own paper Toothless.
D&D ONE SHOT	Sat., May 24 2:30-3:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Choose a pre-made character or bring your own and join us for an adventure!
BUILD YOUR OWN BOARD GAME	Tues., May 27 3:15-4:45 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Build your own board game. Make the craziest rules and challenge your friends.
COSPLAY CLUB	Tues., May 27 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for Cosplay Club! We will be making fandom passports.
CALM DOWN WITH COLORING	Thurs., May 29 4-5 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Come create a masterpiece using crayons, markers and/or colored pencils.
BOOKED FOR THE WEEKEND BOOK CLUB	Fri., May 30 3:45-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Looking for a book club to join? Join us as we discuss <i>The Hazel Wood</i> by Melissa Albert.

JOIN A BOOK CLUB

JUST READ BOOK CLUB



SEARCY MEMORIAL
We will be discussing new and old books for the springtime. Bring your favorite springtime read to discuss while enjoying cookies and coffee.

Thurs., Apr. 24 at 2-3 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 29 at 2-3 p.m.



TALKATIVE TUESDAYS BOOK CLUB

OLLIE H. BURNS
Do you need an idea on what to read next? Join us as we discuss different books, genres, or literature over cookies and coffee.

Tues., May 6 at 4-5 p.m.



LOST IN STACKS BOOK CLUB

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

Tues., Apr. 8 at 5:30-7 p.m. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
Tues., May 13 at 5:30-7 p.m. We will be discussing a 2025 Summer Reading Challenge title to be announced



THRILLING THURSDAYS BOOK CLUB

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

Thurs., May 15 at 5:30-7 p.m.
Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simond



SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

WEST MONROE
Wed., May 14 at 2-3 p.m.
The Underground Library by Jennifer Ryan

SCIFI FANTASY BOOK CLUB

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

Sat., Apr. 26 at 2-3 p.m. *The Talisman* by Stephen King
Sat., May 24 at 2-3 p.m. *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel

RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB



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Rainbow Reads is an 18+ book club that celebrates diversity with books by and about our LGBTQ+ community members.

Mon., Apr. 28 at 5:30-7 p.m. *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao
Mon., May 19 at 5:30-7 p.m. *Pageboy* by Elliot Page



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

WEST OUACHITA
We discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books.

Fri., Apr. 11 at 2-3 p.m. *This Girl's a Killer* by Emma C. Wells
Fri., May 9 at 2-3 p.m. *A Death in Door County* by Annelise Ryan



ONLINE BOOK CLUB

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

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‡ COMPUTER BASICS CLASS
Every Monday* & Wednesday at 10:30am-12:30pm
Learn computer basics and hone your skills to operate a computer.
*Will not meet Monday, May 26

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

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To participate, you'll need a Zoom account and an email address. If you need help setting up either, contact Janet at least two days before the class. Call or email to register.

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‡ COMPUTER BASIC VIA ZOOM
Mon., Apr. 7 at 10-11 a.m. | Mon., May 19 at 10-11 a.m.
Learn computer basics from the comfort of your own home!

E-SERVICES BASICS VIA ZOOM
Mon., Apr. 21 at 10-11 a.m. | Mon., May 12 at 10-11 a.m.
Learn how to use the Library's E-services from the comfort of your own home!



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MAIN BRANCH

‡ EMAIL BASICS
Thurs., Apr. 10 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to set up and use a Gmail email account.

‡ CYBERSECURITY BASICS
Thurs., May 22 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to be safe online and avoid scams.

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WEST OUACHITA

‡ BEGINNING COMPUTERS PART I
Thurs., Apr. 3 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of using a laptop with Windows 10 operating system.

‡ BEGINNING COMPUTERS PART II
Fri., Apr. 4 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Further basics of using a laptop with Windows 10 operating system.

‡ BEGINNING WORD PART I
Thurs., May 8 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of using Word.

‡ BEGINNING WORD PART II
Fri., May 9 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Continue to learn the basics of using Word.

ADULT PROGRAMS



- ARTS & CRAFTS
- BOOKISH & BOOK TALKS
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- GARDENING & PLANTS
- TALKS
- GAMES
- MOVIES

AFTERNOON FILM	Wed., Apr. 2 2-4 p.m.	West Monroe	<i>Sabrina</i> (PG) is a remake of a 1954 film which in turn was based on the 1953 play, <i>Sabrina Fair</i> .
CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., Apr. 3 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join the adventure with D&D one-shots!
SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS	Thurs., Apr. 3 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Ollie Burns	Join Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Agent, as she discusses nutritional and healthier ways to prepare foods.
WRITER'S WORKSHOP	Mon., Apr. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Hone your skills as a writer and learn the craft, whether you have written before or are just starting out.
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., Apr. 7 2-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for popcorn and a movie. We will be showing <i>Wicked</i> (PG).
HOOKS & BOOKS	Tues., Apr. 8 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
WEBINAR WITH US	Wed., Apr. 9 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join us for Law Talks: Child Custody & Grandparents' Rights, a webinar presented by Louisiana Lawyers in Libraries, where attorneys with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services will discuss what you need to know about filing for child custody and/or visitation and your rights as a grandparent. After the presentation, you can ask questions.
BEEHIVE DECOR CRAFT	Wed., Apr. 9 5-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Bring in the springtime with this cute beehive craft!
MEET THE AUTHOR	Wed., Apr. 9 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Local outdoor writer and author Glynn Harris shares his newest book, <i>Fathers, Sons & Old Guns: Stories under the Hickories</i> .
THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., Apr. 10 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be painting a spring duckling. Space is limited, register by calling 327-5414. Please wear your paint clothes!
WELCOME SPRING EASTER CRAFT	Thurs., Apr. 10 2-3:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Create a Spring and Easter themed craft to decorate your home. Limited to the first 12 patrons, register in person or call 327-1240.
HERBS & SPICES POP UP	Thurs., Apr. 10 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, uses a new herb or spice to reduce sodium intake.
FRAUD TARGETING COLLEGE STUDENTS	Thurs., Apr. 10 3-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Regions Bank representative, Patsy J. Meche will discuss fraud targeting college students.
ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., Apr. 14 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join our adult D&D campaign. Friendly to new players and experienced players alike!
SMOOTHIES-NUTRITIOUS & CONVENIENT!	Mon., Apr. 14 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, talks everything Smoothies! Samples provided. Call 327-5422 to register.
UNDERSTANDING HOME EQUITY	Mon., Apr. 14 2-3 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Regions Bank representative, Patsy J. Meche will discuss understanding home equity.
SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS	Tues., Apr. 15 1-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter informs and educates us about nutrition!
EASTER WATERCOLOR WITH ALEX OGLE	Wed., Apr. 16 2-4 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join local artist, Alex Ogle, for an Easter watercolor workshop. Space is limited, call 327-1490 or email croane@oplib.org to register.
CLOTHESPIN DRAGONFLIES	Wed., Apr. 16 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Join us as we create dragonflies with a few simple supplies and clothespins.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., Apr. 17 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	In honor of this year's 151st Kentucky Derby, we will be watching <i>Seabiscuit</i> (PG-13) starring Tobey Maguire.
NATIONAL POETRY MONTH, ODES TO BLACK WOMEN	Thurs., Apr. 17 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	Celebrating National Poetry Month with a book talk and signing with Jamie Mayes, author of <i>Odes To Black Women</i> .
BINGO BONANZA	Mon., Apr. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us for some rousing rounds of bingo!
CHRONICLES OF YARNIA	Tues., Apr. 22 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
LSU AGCENTER NUTRITION CLASS	Wed., Apr. 23 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Come learn about nutrition and healthy habits with Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Agent.
SPRING PLANT SWAP	Thurs., Apr. 24 1-3 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us for our Annual Spring Plant Swap! Bring plants, seeds, pots or anything plant-related that you'd like to share with others. Take something new for yourself!
CAT'S TAIL GUILD	Thurs., May 1 5-7 p.m.	Main	Join the adventure with D&D one-shots!
SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS	Thurs., May 1 10:30-11:00 a.m.	Ollie Burns	Join Tara Garlington, LSU AgCenter Agent, as she discusses nutritional and healthier ways to prepare foods.
WRITER'S WORKSHOP	Mon., May 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Hone your skills as a writer and learn the craft whether you have written before or are just starting out.
LIVING IN THE BLUE ZONE: HOW TO LIVE PAST 80	Wed., May 7 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Live longer, feel better! Join LaTanya Smith to discover the secrets of Blue Zones—where people thrive beyond 80 with health and happiness. Learn simple lifestyle changes for a longer, healthier life!
FROSTED LEMONADE PAPER CRAFT	Wed., May 7 5-6 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Kickstart the summer with a fun craft!
CUPCAKE LINER FLOWERS ARTWORK CRAFT	Thurs., May 8 2-3:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	Make beautiful May flowers out of cupcake liners. We will be arranging them on a canvas to make a colorful display. Limited to the first 12 patrons, so register in person or call 327-1240.
LEARNING LAB	Fri., May 9 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	LSU AgCenter agents share their expertise with cooking tips and kitchen hacks. Space is limited. Call 327-5422 to register.
ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mon., May 12 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join our adult D&D campaign. Friendly to new players and experienced players alike!
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE	Mon., May 12 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us for popcorn and a movie. We will be showing <i>Mufasa</i> (PG).
HOOKS & BOOKS	Tues., May 13 2-3:30 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
POPSICLE BIRD FEEDER	Wed., May 14 5-6:30 p.m.	Ollie Burns	Be creative and make a cute bird feeder.
THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB	Thurs., May 15 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	We will be painting a busy bee painting. Space is limited, register by calling 327-5414. Please wear your paint clothes!
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!	Thurs., May 15 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Carver-McDonald	The Theme for Mental Health Awareness Month is "Turn Awareness into Action." Dr. Kerry Scott will discuss the importance of mental health and wellness in supporting individuals and communities.
BOOK SWAP PARTY	Sat., May 17 1-2 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	You are invited to attend a Book Exchange Party! You must register in advance. Call 327-1470 or register in person.
BINGO BONANZA	Mon., May 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us for some rousing rounds of bingo!
SNAP-ED NUTRITION CLASS	Tues., May 20 1-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join us as Tara Garlington from LSU AgCenter informs and educates us about nutrition!
SCISSOR COZIES CRAFT	Wed., May 21 2-3 p.m.	West Monroe	Never lose your scissors again with this fun craft!
MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON	Thurs., May 22 1:30-3:30 p.m.	West Ouachita	<i>Unsung Hero</i> (PG) is based on the true story of Smallbone's family move from Australia to the USA and the challenges they faced.
HERBS & SPICES POP UP	Thurs., May 22 1-2 p.m.	Louise Williams	Join us as LSU AgCenter Agent, Markaye Russell, uses a new herb or spice to reduce sodium intake.
CHRONICLES OF YARNIA	Tues., May 27 5:30-7 p.m.	Main	Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration and creativity.
KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP	Wed., May 28 2-3:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Join Willetta, local houseplant maven, teaches us about creating and caring for a Kokedama or moss ball. The first 10 to register will be able to participate in the workshop. Others are welcome to come observe and learn. Call Clair at 327-1382 or email croane@oplib.org to register.
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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.

ARCHITECTURE WEEK-WALTER BURLEY GRIFFIN

Architecture Week, April 13-19, 2025, celebrates the profession of architecture. Walter Burley Griffin is known as one of America's greatest architects. Griffin helped develop America's first original architecture style, the Prairie School. The Cooley House, located at 1400 South Grand Street, Monroe, Louisiana, is one of the few remaining examples of Prairie School design in the South.

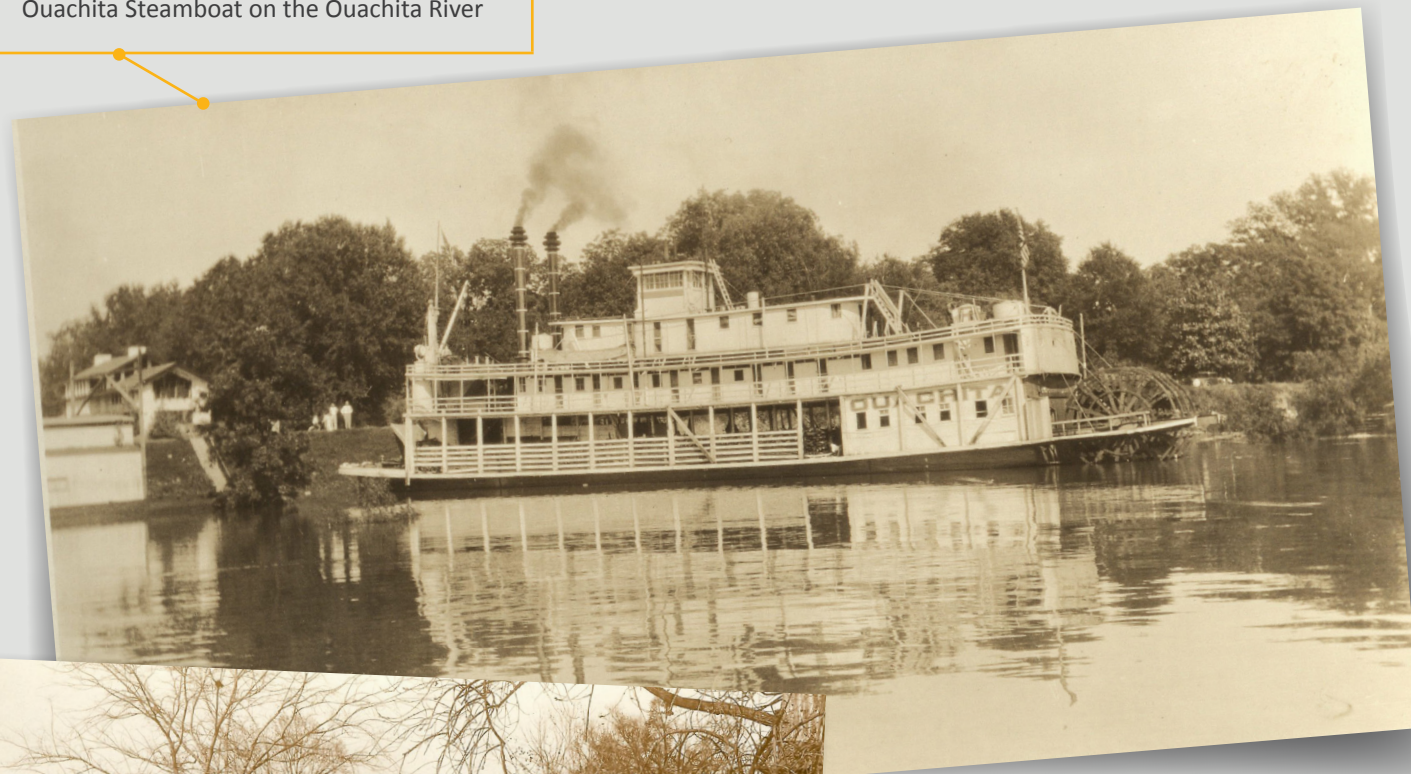
Cooley House was built for Gilbert Brian "G.B." Cooley and was known as the "steamboat house." Cooley's family were early flatboat and steamboat owner/operators from Illinois. His father was Stoughton Cooley and his brother was L.V. Cooley, owner of the Ouachita and the America steamboats. G.B., a businessman and philanthropist, also loved the river, but his career was with the Monroe Steam Laundry. He founded the Tuberculosis Sanatorium and served as

president of the Ouachita Tuberculosis Public Health Association.

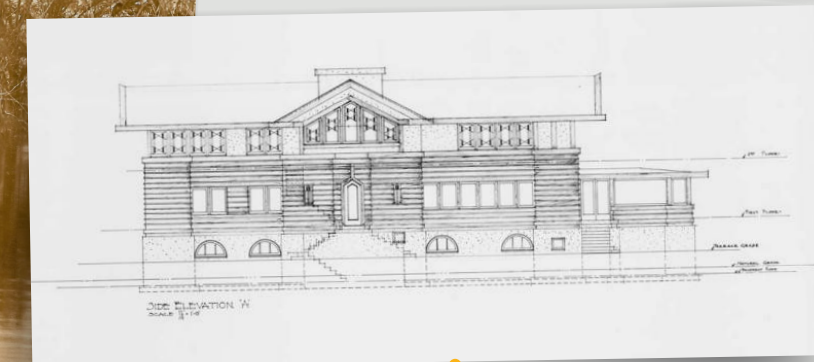
Walter Burley Griffin (1876 – 1937) graduated from the University of Illinois and worked with Frank Lloyd Wright before establishing his own practice in 1906. G.B. hired Griffin, also an Illinois native, to design his home on the Ouachita River. Construction on the Cooley house did not begin until 1925 and by that time, Griffin and his wife, Marion Mahoney, were living and working in Australia having won the commission to design its capital city, Canberra. Cooley House was completed in 1926.

Another Walter Burley Griffin design was for the 1913 Riverside Country Club Clubhouse. Drawings were included in the Burnham Library University of Illinois project to microfilm architectural documentation

Ouachita Steamboat on the Ouachita River



Zeigan Residence During the Flood of 1932



Riverside Country Club, Clubhouse

records. They were made available electronically through the Ryerson and Burham Art and Architecture Archive of the Art Institute of Chicago. Both Cooley House drawings and drawings for the Riverside Country Club Clubhouse are available.

By 1932, the Riverside Country Club belonged to the Zeigan family. Images of the Zeigan home during the 1932 flood show the hipped roof and overhanging eaves that are characteristic of the Prairie School architecture. Notes included in the electronic image of the clubhouse state that it was demolished in the 1930's. Damage from the 1932 flood and the subsequent building of the Ouachita River Levee possibly led to the end of the Griffin designed structure. Thankfully, efforts continue to preserve the Cooley house.



Riverside Country Club Clubhouse <https://artic.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/mqc/id/53217/rec/13>

Image of the Ouachita steamboat on the Ouachita River near Cooley house from Tulane University, Louisiana Research Collection, Cooley family papers



Louisiana Digital Library image of the Zeigan residence taken by M. W. Jared during the 1932 Flood <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/oplib-pho%3A364>

Louisiana Digital Library image of the Zeigan residence taken by J.E. Griffin during the 1932 flood <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/ulm-p120701coll10%3A310>





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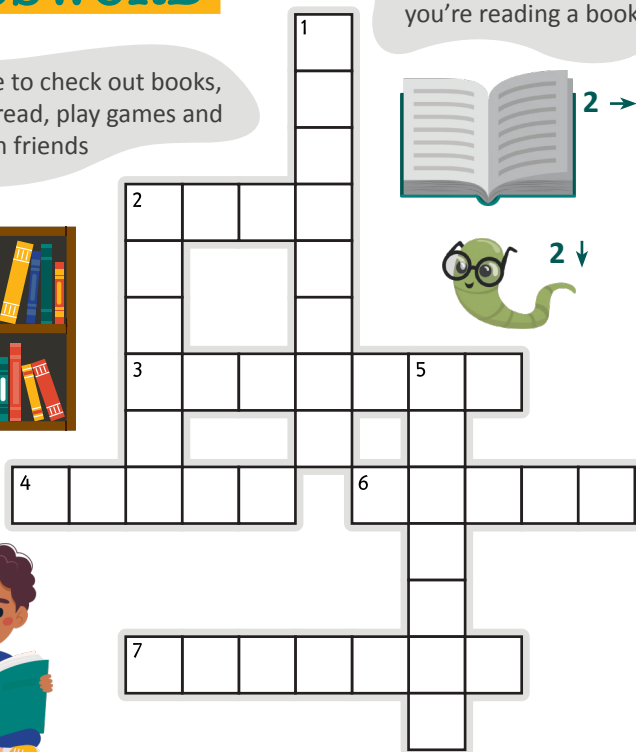
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