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FRIENDS OF
THE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE

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 expect November and December. January's Friends of the Library Book Sale is on Friday, January 26th and Saturday, January 27th from 9-3 p.m. at West Ouachita Branch Library.

FIND BILLIE

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

CHRISTMAS Fri., Dec. 22 through Thurs., Dec. 26

NEW YEAR Sat., Dec. 30 through Thurs., Jan. 2

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Mon., Jan. 15

STORY TIMES



MAIN

0-24 mo. Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.
18-36 mo. ... Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 yrs. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 yrs. Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
9-12 yrs. Thursdays at 4 p.m.
Family Second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

ANNA MEYER

0-5 yrs. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

CARVER-MCDONALD

0-5 yrs. Mondays at 4 p.m. **6-12 yrs.** Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

0-5 yrs. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OLLIE BURNS

0-5 yrs. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY

0-36 mo. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. **3-5 yrs.**...... Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

SEARCY MEMORIAL

0-5 yrs. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

0-5 yrs. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Thursdays at 4 p.m. (STEM Storytime)

WEST MONROE

0-24 mo. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. **3-5 yrs.** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

WEST OUACHITA

18-36 mo. ... Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. **3-5 yrs.** Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. **6-12 yrs.** Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

TUMBLE BOOK & LIBRARY

Tumblebooks are a great way to get kids excited about reading. It teaches kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. Tumblebooks are animated talking picture books, plus read-alongs, ebooks, graphic novels, videos, nonfiction, and puzzles and games. Tumblebooks are easy to use and feature unlimited access from home. You can read as many books as you want, when you want, and on any device. There are no checkouts, holds, or downloads. Books are available instantly. To learn more about Tumblebooks, you can go to our website oplib.org, and look under E-books and Streaming.



COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

This year, our challenge encourages readers celebrate the ways that reading can both comfort us and get us out of our comfort zone. From January 1st through January 31st, earn badges on a virtual bingo card!



Like our popular Summer Reading Challenge, you can sign up and track your progress through the Library's website (oplib.org/winter) or on your mobile device with the Beanstack Tracker app. Log the pages you read, complete activities from the comfort of your own home, and get five badges in a row to be entered for a cozy prize drawing!

TOP 10 BOOKS OF

These are the Top Ten most circulated adult books in the Library system. Many readers love these books! If you're looking for a book to read, jump on the bandwagon and check one of these titles out.









Embrace the cold weather and join us for our second annual Winter Reading Challenge!

Sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge

Sounds like fun!! How do I sign up?

Get started at **oplib.org/winter** OR download the Beanstack Tracker app on your smartphone.

Make your account in the Beanstack online reading portal.

Log your reading and activities in Beanstack on the web or on the app.

If you have a question or need assistance, reach out to your Library by visiting in-person, by calling any branch, or by sending an email to help@oplib.org.

What can I win?

Preschool (Ages 0-5): Have a cozy game night with *Outfoxed!* detective game, and snuggle with a weighted, warmable fox plush!

Kids (Ages 6-12): Have a cozy game night with the exciting Throw Throw Burrito game and wrap yourself up like a burrito with a tortilla throw blanket!

Teens (Ages 13-18): Have a cozy game night with the hilarious Poetry for Neanderthals game, and enjoy fresh, warm popcorn with an electric popcorn maker!

Adults (Ages 19+): Have a cozy game night with a special edition of Scrabble that will look great on your bookshelf and enjoy that new book smell anytime with a scented soy candle!



CRAFT ACTIVITY

KIDS PROGRAMS







HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY **EXPRESS**

Mondays at 10:30-12:30 | Main Branch

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

Dec. 4 | Christmas Party & Service Project to DCFS

Dec. 11 | Christmas Movie & Popcorn

Dec. 18 | Field Trip

Jan. 8 | Winter S.T.E.A.M. /S.T.E.M.

Jan. 22 | Soup Swap

Jan. 29 | Field Trip

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STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Dec. 4 6-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun holiday STEM challenge activity!
JEWELRY WITH JANET	Tues., Dec. 5 4-5 p.m.	Carver McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun jewelry-making session. It's the perfect stocking stuffer for your loved ones! To reserve your supplies, please call Mrs. Janet Davis at 327-1477.
(F) KIDS WORLD	Tues., Dec. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 6-12 Create a Poinsettia Dust Brush Christmas Wreath.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., Dec. 7 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Christmas Frames
HOLIDAY PAJAMA PARTY	Fri., Dec. 8 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Get into the holiday spirit in your best PJs and join us for a Christmas-themed Movie Night! We'll have snacks, popcorn, and we're showing the movie Elf.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Sat., Dec. 9 12-2 p.m.	Anna Meyer	FAMILY Join us for a delightful movie night with your family and friends! Our feature presentation: <i>Arthur Christmas</i> . Enjoy the film and complimentary popcorn.
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH	Sat., Dec. 9 10:30-11:15 a.m.	Main	FAMILY Join us for a festive Christmas storytime featuring crafts and a surprise special guest!
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT	Sat., Dec. 9 2-4 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join in the family fun with a Gingerbread House craft!
₩ KIDS' MERRY MOVIE MARATHON	Sat., Dec. 9 10 a.m4 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY Watch delightful movies suitable for all ages. You can also create a cheerful Christmas stocking ornament to adorn your tree or gift to someone special.
POPCORN AND A MOVIE	Sat., Dec. 9 2-4 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Wear your favorite pajamas and watch the movie <i>The Polar Express</i> ! Enjoy popcorn and delicious hot chocolate!
FAMILY MOVIE TIME	Mon., Dec. 11 4-6 p.m.	West Ouachita	FAMILY Join us for popcorn and a movie night! We'll be watching <i>Prancer</i> .
HOT CHOCOLATE MAKES THE STORY SWEETER	Tues., Dec. 12 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	AGES 6-12 Join us for a cozy afternoon of hot chocolate and storytime. All children are warmly invited!
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Tues., Dec. 12 4-5:30 p.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 6-12 Join us for a screening of <i>Penguins of Madagascar</i> with juice and snacks provided. The movie is rated PG.
CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUN	Tues., Dec. 12 4-6 p.m.	Main	FAMILY Join Chef Greer for a delightful evening of cookie decorating! Registration is required by November 30, 2023, at 5:00 pm, please call 327-1490 to register. Limited to 25 participants.
TWEENS CLUB	Tues., Dec. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	AGES 9-12 Make a gingerbread house.
CHILDREN'S CINEMA	Wed., Dec. 13 10-11:30 a.m.	Louise Williams	AGES 0-5 Join us for a screening of <i>Happy Feet</i> with snacks and juice provided. Rated PG.
TWEEN THINGZ	Thurs., Dec. 14 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 Christmas Card Craft
GRINCHMAS ACTIVITIES	Thurs., Dec. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	AGES 6-12 Join us and indulge in Grinch-themed edible crafts and other festive activities!
CANDY CANE PARTY OPEN HOUSE	Thurs., Dec. 14 3-5 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Holiday Open House: Drop by any time between 3-5 PM for Candy Cane Crafts and treats.
GUMDROP TREES	Fri., Dec. 15 4-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	AGES 6-12 Get into the holiday spirit and make an edible gumdrop tree!
MAKE YOUR OWN ORNAMENT	Fri., Dec. 15 4-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	FAMILY Let's get ready for Christmas! Get crafty with us as we design our own Holiday Ornaments!
CHRISTMAS FUN	Sat., Dec. 16 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	FAMILY Join us for Gingerbread House making, bonding over Christmas memories, and festive music. Reserve your supplies with Mrs. Janet Davis at 327-1477.
PENGUIN PARTY	Sat., Dec. 16 1-3 p.m.	Louise Williams	FAMILY Waddle over to the library for our penguin party! There will be penguin- themed activities, crafts, games, and snacks! The more, the merrier!
SUPER SIZZLIN	Sat., Dec. 16 2-3 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Christmas Crafts
HOLIDAY FAMILY MOVIE	Mon., Dec. 18 4-6 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	FAMILY All aboard!! Join us for a magical movie experience and watch <i>The Polar Express</i> . Enjoy cookies and cocoa with us!
STEMULATING MONDAY	Mon., Dec. 18 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	AGES 6-12 Join us for a fun holiday STEM challenge activity!
FAMILY MOVIE TIME	Tues., Dec. 19 3:30-5 p.m.	West Monroe	FAMILY Join us for a screening of <i>The Polar Express</i> , with light refreshments served.
P ORNAMENT CRAFT	Wed., Dec. 20 2-3 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	FAMILY Come out and create a cool ornament for your tree!
TWEEN THINGZ	Sat., Dec. 21 4-5 p.m.	Main	AGES 9-12 DIY Christmas Ornaments
BOUNTIFUL BRANCHES	Thurs., Dec. 21 3:45-4:30 p.m.	Searcy Memorial	AGES 6-12 Create a four-tiered fluted Christmas tree with various materials, such as sequins, glitter, paper shapes, stickers, and Bingo marker paint pens for festive flair!

AGES 9-12 | Game Day

TWEEN THINGZ

Thurs., Dec. 28

4-5 p.m.

Main















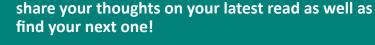


PERLER BEAD ORNAMENT	Mon., Dec. 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Create a fun winter or Christmas ornament from Perler beads. What will you create?
WORD GAMES	Tues., Dec. 5 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Tease your mind and boggle your brain with word teasers.
HAND-PAINTED ORNAMENTS	Tues., Dec. 5 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Make a custom ornament you can use or gift. Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 to register.
PERLER BEAD ORNAMENT	Tues., Dec. 5 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us and create a cute ornament with Perler beads.
MERRY MACRAME	Tues., Dec. 5 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Make a festive macrame tree to decorate for the holidays!
STARBUCKS-STYLE COFFEE ORNAMENT	Wed., Dec. 6 3:30-4:15p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create a fun and unique ornament for your holiday tree or for decoration.
JEWELRY-MAKING FOR CHRISTMAS	Wed., Dec. 6 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	Let's share some time together making jewelry. It could be just the thing to stuff in a stocking for family members. Reserve your supplies by calling Mrs. Janet at 327-1477.
ORNAMENT CRAFT	Wed., Dec. 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Teens are welcome to come paint their very own custom Christmas ornaments!
TABLETOP STRING CHRISTMAS TREE	Mon., Dec. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Embrace your inner craftiness with this easy DIY craft for the holiday season. It will fill you with the Christmas spirit.
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PAINTING	Tues., Dec. 12 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Throw paint and glitter into a clear ornament to create a colorful ornament.
CHRISTMAS COOKIE CELEBRATION	Tues., Dec. 12 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us as we decorate Christmas cookies and celebrate the last full week of school! Registration is required. Please call 327-1470 to register.
DIY CHRISTMAS CANDY	Tues., Dec. 12 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come make candy and treats with us!
VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Dec. 12 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Come decompress after school with some chill video games.
SNOWSTORM IN A JAR	Wed., Dec. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Learn how a snowstorm works in a jar.
HOT CHOCOLATE MAKES THE STORY SWEETER	Wed., Dec. 13 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	All teens are invited to enjoy an evening book discussion while sipping hot chocolate.
GAMING GUILD: D&D	Wed., Dec. 13 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the gaming guild! We will be playing Dungeons and Dragons. Come create a character and join the adventure!
CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH WORKSHOP	Wed., Dec. 13 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	Join us and make your own Christmas door wreath. Registration required by November 30 at 5:00 pm. To register call 327-1490 or talk to Angelica.
CHRISTMAS JINGLE JEOPARDY	Mon., Dec. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Test your holiday song know-how and compete for prizes against others. How well do you know the classic jingles and rhymes?
THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS	Tues., Dec. 19 3-5 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Learn the meaning of Christmas with your favorite scary friends. Rated PG.
HOLIDAY MOVIE HANGOUT	Tues., Dec. 19 5:15-6:45 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	We will be making holiday crafts, drinking hot chocolate, and watching <i>Elf</i> .

GAME NIGHT	Tues., Dec. 19 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for games and snacks!
BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Tues., Dec. 19 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for December is A Winter's Promise by Christelle Dabos.
GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING	Wed., Dec. 27 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the gaming guild! We will be playing Magic the Gathering. Whether you are a beginner or veteran player, join us for a fun session of Magic.
2024 GOALS TIME CAPSULE	Thurs., Jan. 4 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Come create a time capsule for your 2024 personal and academic goals! We will also have Omikuji-style fortunes for multicultural fun.
ACT REGISTRATION	Fri., Jan. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	Staff will assist with ACT Registration.
SALT SHAKER SNOWMAN	Mon., Jan. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Create a glittery, sparkly snowman craft to decorate your room for winter. Embrace the shine and sparkle!
DIY BOOKMARKS	Tues., Jan. 9 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Make your own personalized bookmarks.
DIY READING JOURNAL	Tues., Jan. 9 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Do you like reading and crafting? If so, join us as we make a reading journal for the new year! All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own notebook or journal.
VISION BOARDS	Tues., Jan. 9 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Join us and make a vision board for the new year.
FREESTYLE MUG DECORATING	Tues., Jan. 9 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Get creative and decorate a mug to use with your favorite warm beverage!
IT'S A TEA PARTY	Wed., Jan. 10 4-5 p.m.	Carver- McDonald	Teens are invited to an old fashioned tea party with different blends of tea and tea cakes.
GAMING GUILD: D&D	Wed., Jan. 10 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Join the gaming guild! We will be playing Dungeons and Dragons. Come create a character and join the adventure!
GAME DAY	Wed., Jan. 10 4-5:30 p.m.	Main	Let's get our game on.
EMOJI PAINTING	Thurs., Jan. 11 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Lets have fun and paint your favorite emoji.
ZENTANGLE ART	Tues., Jan. 16 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Create eye-crossing art.
CUSTOM BLOCK PRINTING	Tues., Jan. 16 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	You don't need a lot of materials to make your own wall art! Learn techniques for creating your own printing blocks using something as simple as foam trays.
⊕ VIDEO GAME & VIBE	Tues., Jan. 16 4-6 p.m.	JR Searcy	Come decompress after school with some chill video games.
COLLEGE PREP NIGHT	Thurs., Jan. 18 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Prepare for college with snacks! We will have information on local colleges, scholarships, and grants, and offer help with college statement essays.
PENGUIN PAINTED ROCKS	Mon., Jan. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.	West Monroe	Learn how to draw a penguin for this adorable winter painted rock. Even if you can't draw, you can do this!
GAMES GALORE	Tues., Jan. 23 3-4:30 p.m.	Sterlington Memorial	Play board games, card games, or Switch games.
♥ VIDEO GAME NIGHT	Tues., Jan. 23 5-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Teens can drop by anytime between 5 and 6:30 pm to play a variety of our new Nintendo Switch games. Bring friends or make some new ones!
GAME NIGHT	Tues., Jan. 23 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for games and snacks!
BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB	Tues., Jan. 23 4-5 p.m.	JR Searcy	Let's find out if these books live up to their TikTok hype! Our book for January is The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna.
GAMING GUILD: BOARD GAMES	Wed., Jan. 24 3-5 p.m.	Anna Meyer	Our second January session will be a board game party. Join in the fun with board games both old and new!
SOOT SPRITE JARS	Thurs., Jan. 25 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ollie H. Burns	Create soot sprite jars and enjoy Ghibli themed snacks!
PAINTING WITH A POP	Fri., Jan. 26 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come paint a fun winter scene with us!
G GAMING AND CHILL	Mon., Jan. 29 3:30-4:45 p.m.	West Monroe	Come enjoy our new PS4 and play games with your friends. Kick back and relax while keeping your reflexes sharp.
SCULPTURE TIME	Tues., Jan. 30 3-4:30 p.m.	Memorial	/
PAINT-ALONG PARTY	Tues., Jan. 30 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ouachita Valley	Join us as we follow along with a video tutorial and paint lots and lots of happy little trees. Registration is required. Please call 318-327-1470 to register.
COSPLAY WORKSHOP	Tues., Jan. 30 4-5 p.m.	West Ouachita	Come join us for Intro into Costume Making with Maddie Vancena. We will also be making masks!
D&D ONE-SHOT	Tues., Jan. 30 4-6:30 p.m.	JR Searcy	Choose a pre-made character and join us for a tabletop RPG one-shot full of action and adventure!







BEYOND THE PAGES WEST MONROE

Join Beyond the Pages Book Club as we discuss our favorite books over coffee and cookies.

Wed., Dec. 13 at 2-3 p.m. Wed., Jan. 31 at 2-3 p.m.



BOOKS AND BANTER ANNA MEYER

Come discuss your current and recent reads, and get suggestions from like-minded readers!

Wed., Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wed., Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



JUST READ SEARCY MEMORIAL

Join us as we discuss our favorite winter reads with coffee and cookies.

Thurs., Dec. 28 at 2-3 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 25 at 2-3 p.m.



LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN

We will be discussing the Jelani Day case.

We will be discussing the Dana Ewell case.

TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS

Fri., Dec. 18 at 4-5 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 15 at 4-5 p.m.

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club.

Tues., Dec. 12 at 6-7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Tues., Jan. 9 at 6-7:30 p.m.

Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



THRILLING THURSDAYS MAIN

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

Thurs., Jan. 18 at 5:30-7 p.m.

A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins



MOCHA MONDAY MAIN

Celebrate the stories of People of Color.

Mon., Dec. 4 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Jackal by Erin E. Adams



RAINBOW READS MAIN

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. For more information: emasters@oplib.org

Mon., Dec. 11 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Join us for our annual Pot O' Gold awards! We'll talk about our favorite (and least favorite) reads of 2023.

Mon., Jan. 29 at 5:30-7 p.m.

It's a surprise! At the time this entry was submitted, Rainbow Reads hadn't had their meeting to discuss what we will be reading in 2024.



PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA

Join us as we discuss thrilling and suspenseful page turning books.

Fri., Dec. 13 at 2-3 p.m.

Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

Fri., Jan. 10 at 2-3 p.m.

The Sanatorium by Sarah Pearse



COMMUNITY READERS OLLIE BURNS

Mon., Dec. 18 at 10-11 a.m.

We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy by Natalie Baszile

Mon., Jan. 29 at 10-11 a.m.

Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo



ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK

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



SCIFI-FANTASY STERLINGTON MEMORIAL

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

Sat., Jan. 20 at 2-3 p.m.

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS





Call to register:

(318) 327-1351

CORE COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon Class 1-3 p.m.

Core classes are meant for people with little to no experience with computers. Learn to operate a computer with our computer instructor.

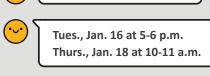
BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS

Every Monday & Wednesday Morning Class 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon Class 1-3 p.m.

The beginner computer classes are perfect for those who know just enough about computers to get by. In this class, we will enhance the knowledge you already have and introduce you to more.







Come learn about Hoopla, cloudLibrary and Kanopy! This is the place to be to learn how to download material and use our digital library.

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ONLINE SAFETY

Wed., Dec. 13 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to be safer online with accounts and passwords to avoid frauds or scams.

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Tues., Jan. 10 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to create a free Gmail email account and use its features to send, receive, and organize email messages.

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COMPUTER BASICS

Thurs., Dec. 7 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn the very basics of a computer, from how to turn it on to the computer set-up process.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Fri., Dec. 8 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to get started with a computer: basic computer skills to know.

INTRO TO WORD, PART 1

Thurs., Jan. 4 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Get to know basic Microsoft Word and get started creating documents.

INTRO TO WORD, PART 2

Fri., Jan. 5 at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for the second day of continuing Microsoft Word basics.

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KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Mon., Dec. 4 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how keyboard shortcuts can help get work done faster and more efficiently.

MOUSE SHORTCUTS

Tues., Dec. 5 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to use double-clicks, tripleclicks, the right button, and the scroll wheel to quickly select text, display menus, and change views.

SCREENSHOTS

Thurs., Dec. 7 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how screenshots are used to break up big Word Docs and add context to PowerPoint presentations.

TAKING SCREENSHOTS

Thurs., Jan. 4 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn how to take a picture of the screenshot to better explain or show something that is happening on a computer screen of mobile device.

DOWNLOADING FILES

Mon., Jan. 8 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn step by step how to download attachments from email, job applications, family photos, and more.

FINDING DOWNLOADS

Tues., Jan. 9 at 10-11 a.m.

Learn step by step how to find downloads easily on both Windows and Mac computers.

PRINTING DOCUMENTS

Thurs., Jan. 11 at 10-11 a.m.

Please join me as we discover how to print documents from a computer or laptop, as well as a few extra tips.

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COMPUTER BASICS

Tues., Dec. 12 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us for Computer Basics. We will cover the ins and outs of how a computer and its devices work.

MOBILE DEVICE BASICS

Thurs., Dec. 14 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us for Mobile Device Basics. Learn how to navigate your iPhone and iPad.

INTRODUCTION TO WORD

Tues., Jan. 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us for an Introduction to Word. Learn how to create documents in Microsoft Word.

MOBILE DEVICE BASICS

Thurs., Jan. 25 at 2-3 p.m.

Join us for Mobile Device Basics. Learn how to use an Android device.



ADULT **PROGRAMS**

CHRISTMAS



CRAFTS & ART



FRINGE ORNAMENT CRAFT

Ouachita Valley | Thurs., Dec. 7, 1-2 p.m.

Make a Fringe Christmas Ornament. Call 327-1470 to Register.

ALL KNOTTED UP: HOLIDAY MACRAME

Main | Thurs., Dec. 7, 5-7 p.m.

'Tis the season! Get into the holiday with a macrame wreath. Difficulty Level: Intermediate to Advanced

HOOKS & BOOKS: CROCHET CLUB

Main | Tues., Dec. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Dec. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Join us to paint a snowman! All supplies provided but you must register to attend. Registration opens December 1st, either in person or by calling 327-5414.

HOOKS & BOOKS: CROCHET CLUB

Main | Tues., Jan. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics or bring your own projects. All types of needlework are welcome. The club promotes conversation, collaboration, and creativity.

WINTER SCENE USING BOOK PAGES CRAFT

JR Searcy | Thurs., Jan. 11, 2-3:30 p.m.

Sign up for our craft program where we will be making a canvas snowman scene using book pages. Space and supplies are limited; please register by calling 327-1240 to sign up for the program. Registration begins December 27th.

THURSDAY CRAFT CLUB

West Ouachita | Thurs., Jan. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

We will paint a Valentine's Day gnome, just in time to display! All supplies provided but you must register to attend. Registration opens January 3rd; register either in person or by calling 327-5414.

MINIATURE DOOR HANGER CLASS

Louise Williams | Mon., Jan. 22, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for a crafty workshop led by Angel from Joyful Creations, where you'll learn to craft beautiful miniature door hangers. To secure your spot, please register at 327-5422, as we have a limit of ten participants.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Louise Williams | Sat., Dec. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Join our staff as we kick off the Christmas holiday season! Enjoy live music and savor light refreshments as we come together in festive spirit. Feel free to bring along an ornament or two to help us decorate the tree and make this gathering even more special.

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

Ouachita Valley | Tues., Dec. 5, 1-2 p.m.

Come enjoy a Christmas singalong with the Ouachita Strummers!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

JR Searcy | Thurs., Dec. 7, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Yuletide season at "A Very Merry Christmas Party". We will sing along to old Christmas songs and carols while enjoying the holiday season. Christmas cookies and treats will be provided.

WRAP & YAP

Sterlington Memorial | Sat., Dec. 9, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join us for a stress-free gift-wrapping session! We provide the supplies – wrapping paper, ribbons, music, and hot chocolate. Just bring your unwrapped gifts and enjoy the company. If you have extra wrapping paper from holidays past, feel free to bring it to share.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS WITH THE OUACHITA **STRUMMERS**

West Ouachita | Tues., Dec. 12, 1-2 p.m.

Listen to the beautiful sound of dulcimers and sing along to Christmas songs. Music provided by the talented Ouachita Strummers.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

Anna Meyer | Tues., Dec. 12, 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us at the library for a holiday party! We'll enjoy live holiday music, create ornaments, and cherish the company of friends. Don't forget to wear your ugly holiday sweater if you have one.

WRAP & YAP

Sterlington Memorial | Wed., Dec. 13, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join us for a stress-free gift-wrapping session! We provide the supplies - wrapping paper, ribbons, music, and hot chocolate. Just bring your unwrapped gifts and enjoy the company. If you have extra wrapping paper from holidays past feel free to bring it to share.

HISTORY & GENEALOGY



THE LIFE OF LEA JOYNER

West Monroe | Wed., Dec. 6, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as Lora Peppers of the Genealogy Department shares about the life of Lea Joyner.

GAMES



FINANCIAL HEALTH



THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Wed., Dec 6, 5-7 p.m.

Embark on thrilling adventures at the Cat's Tail Guild Hall! Join us for D&D one-shots!

ADULT D&D

Anna Meyer | Fri., Dec. 15, 3-5 p.m.

We are hosting a Dungeons and Dragons game for adults. Feel free to create a character and join the fun!

BINGO BONANZA

Anna Meyer | Mon., Dec. 18, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

THE CAT'S TAIL GUILD

Main | Wed., Jan. 3, 5-7 p.m.

Embark on thrilling adventures at the Cat's Tail Guild Hall! Join us for D&D one-shots!

BINGO BONANZA

Anna Meyer | Mon., Jan. 22, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo!

SOCIALS & MOVIES



MIXING MOCKTAILS

Sterlington Memorial | Sat., Jan. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Curious about sobriety's mental and physical health benefits but concerned about social situations? Join us for 'Mixing Mocktails.' We will demonstrate how to create mocktails and provide tips on ordering them when you're out.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Fri., Dec. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Join us for popcorn and a movie, *Christmas Oranges*. An early 1900s orphanage is directed by a stern headmaster and an orphan anticipates her first Christmas orange. But will she get it? Rated PG.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., Dec. 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Experience the magic of the 1947 classic The Bishop's Wife.

WINTER MOVIE MATINEE

Ouachita Valley | Fri., Jan. 12, 2-4 p.m.

Come join us for popcorn and a movie. We will be showing *Cool Runnings*, inspired by the true story of the first Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team. Rated PG

A DAY WITH THE KING

Anna Meyer | Tues., Jan. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

To celebrate what would have been his 89th birthday, please join us in honoring Elvis and his profound impact on the history of music through a celebration of his music.

TIMELESS MOVIE CLUB

Main | Mon., Jan. 22, 5:30-7 p.m.

Prepare to be terrified by the horror classic, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

West Ouachita | Thurs., Jan. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Super Bowl with a movie and popcorn! Watch 80 for Brady. As the New England Patriots reach the Super Bowl in Houston, four female fans become determined to go and meet quarterback Tom Brady. Rated PG-13.

ACADIANA LEGAL SERVICE CORPORATION

Ollie Burns | Tues., Jan. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Every month, a lawyer will be available to address community questions regarding a particular legal topics. This month's topic is wills and succession. Dealing with the legal aspects of a loved one's estate can be an emotionally charged experience, even in peaceful circumstances. However, gaining an understanding of legal terminology can provide valuable clarity during this process.

BOOKISH & EDUCATION



ADULT STORYTIME

Anna Meyer | Mon., Dec. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Join us for adult storytime! Relax and have a story read to you!

AUTHOR RASHAD BRISTO, BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Author RaShad Bristo will be discussing his book *Bitter or Better:* Doing More with Less.

WRITE CLUB

Main | Mon., Dec. 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Whether you're a seasoned writer or a novice, we invite you to join us at Write Club to hone your craft!

ADULT STORYTIME

Anna Meyer | Mon., Jan. 8, 10-11 a.m.

Join us for adult storytime! Relax and have a story read to you!

KERRY HEAFNER TALKS ABOUT PRUNING

West Monroe | Wed., Jan. 24, 3-4 p.m

Join us as Kerry Heafner tells us about winter pruning.

FOOD & WELLNESS



THE SPICE AND TEA EXCHANGE

Carver-McDonald | Thurs., Jan. 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Karen Laban, the owner of The Spice & Tea Exchange located on Antique Alley in West Monroe, specializes in a wide range of products, including specialty spices, salts, and teas. She will discuss spices from around the globe, hand-mixed seasoning blends and rubs, sea and mineral salts, unique and exotic gourmet teas.

LSU AGCENTER MARKAYE RUSSELL'S POP-UP

Louise Williams | Thurs., Jan. 25, 1-2 p.m.

Join us for an exciting event with MarKaye Russell, where she will demonstrate incorporating mint into your meals to reduce your sodium intake. Discover delicious and healthy alternatives with us!

LSU AGCENTER CATHY AGAN- SLOWER COOKER

Ollie H. Burns | Tues., Jan. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Join us as Cathy Agan from the LSU AgCenter demonstrates how to enjoy healthier meals prepared in slow cookers. Don't miss out on the opportunity to savor these delicious dishes firsthand! Come and taste for yourself!





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.

1939 CHRISTMAS FIESTA INVITATION



Monroe and West Monroe Christmas Fiesta Band, 1939

Special Collections contains an invitation created for St. Matthews School, asking them to participate in the Monroe-West Monroe Christmas Fiesta to be held November 30. 1939. The invitation contains information from the 1939 Christmas Fiesta and letters from Monroe Mayor H. H. Benoit, West Monroe Mayor H.M. Williams, Jr., and G.D. Holland, Secretary of the Monroe and West Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There are pictures of the 1939 St. Matthews' queen, the 1939 St. Matthews' float with queen and maids, along with group pictures of all the queens and maids and parade scenes. Northeast Junior College (now ULM), Bastrop, Newellton, Jonesboro-Hodge, Tallulah, Ruston, Bish Mathis Institute, Neville, Ouachita Parish, Columbia, Louisiana Tech, Rayville, Monroe Commercial School, Homer, and St. Matthews School bands, queens and maids of honor participated in the Fiesta.



The invitation contained detailed instructions for the 1939 Christmas Fiesta festivities which included a "mammoth" parade with 30 beautifully decorated floats to be staged at 11:00 a.m. and a 2:30 p.m. football game with band performances at half time. The day began at 9:30 a.m. when queens and maids were to arrive at their complimentary room at the Hotel Virginia. Pictures were taken in the hotel lobby and then city buses carried the group to the parade floats. A luncheon followed at 12:45 at the Hotel Virginia. Then immediately after lunch, queens and maids were carried to Northeast Junior College for the football game. While queens and maids were provided transportation, because of the large number of participating bands, they were required to have their own transportation. The mass band concert was under the direction of Mr. Harry Lemert. Complete instructions for band directions were included in the invitation booklet.

The parade formed at Elysian Fields Street, moved forward and westward down DeSiard Street, across the old traffic bridge and through West Monroe and then across the new traffic bridge on Louisville Avenue where it ended on North Sixth Street for a total distance of 16 blocks.

You can see the invitation and pictures in the Louisiana Digital Library at https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/oplib-orv%3A123 or by searching "Christmas Fiesta" at www.louisianadigitallibrary.org



Christmas Fiesta Parade Float, 1939





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