WINTER READING CHALLENGE
COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK TO WIN PRIZES!

FROM THE ARCHIVES
1939’S CHRISTMAS FIESTA PARADE
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. 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.

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
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.

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.
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This year, our challenge encourages readers to 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 2023**

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.

1. **The Boys from Biloxi** by John Grisham - 144 checkouts
2. **Dreamland** by Nicholas Sparks - 113 checkouts
3. **Fairy Tale** by Stephen King - 104 checkouts
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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!
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**HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY EXPRESS**

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

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CATTAILS DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024

SILLY SONGS DANCE PARTY
PARADING PENGUIN PUPPETS
CREATE-A-CALENDAR CRAFT
TWEEN THINGZ
STEMULATING MONDAY
SNOW FLURRIES IN SIGHT
TWEENS CLUB
TWEEN THINGZ
KIDS CREATE ART
WINTER STEAM PROJECT
CHILDREN’S CINEMA
FAMILY STORYTIME BRUNCH
YOU MAKE IT, YOU TAKE IT
KIDS WORLD
KIDS’ CREATIVE ART: TAPE RESIST CRAFT
WINTER WONDERLAND COLLAGE
TWEEN THINGZ
CHILDREN’S CINEMA
A NEW YEAR’S TEA PARTY
WEATHER STATION PRETEND PLAY
SUPER SIZZLIN
PINECONE SNOW OWLS
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FAMILY MOVIE TIME

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

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Ollie H. Burns | Family | Join us in celebrating the New Year with a special craft, followed by musical chairs and other favorite, kid-friendly movement songs!
Seary Memorial | Ages 6-12 | Waddle, waddle, waddle! Join our penguin parade as we craft colorful and sparkly penguin puppets!
Louise Williams | Ages 6-12 | Let’s plan for the New Year by creating a calendar! There will be a variety of calendar options as well as materials to customize them.
Main | Ages 9-12 | DIY Notebook Craft
West Ouachita | Ages 6-12 | Join us for a fun Winter STEM challenge activity!
Carver-McDonald | Ages 6-12 | Let’s make snow!
West Monroe | Ages 6-12 | Origami Fun - Make and Take

Main | Ages 9-12 | Game Day
Ouachita Valley | Ages 6-12 | Cookie Cutter Paint Project: Engage your kids in easy art with a cookie cutter. Register by calling 327-13470 or sign up in the children’s room.
Sterling Memorial | Family | Join us in creating symmetrical snowflakes! Kids will learn the art of symmetry as we make our very own snowflakes.
Anna Meyer | Family | Gather your friends and family for a complimentary movie night! We’re featuring Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse with popcorn, courtesy of us!

Main | Ages 9-12 | DIY Wool Felt Ball Coaster Craft
Main | Ages 6-12 | What’s Missing? Test your eyesight and memory!
Ollie H. Burns | Ages 6-12 | Discover a unique and enjoyable way to craft colorful art! Create your own masterpiece using watercolor paint and tape.
Seary Memorial | Ages 6-12 | Create a dazzling winter wonderland collage filled with whirling, twirling magic using a variety of materials, including foam, sequins, buttons, beads, and glitter.

Main | Ages 6-12 | DIY Wool Felt Ball Coaster Craft
Louise Williams | Family | Join us for a screening of Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs with snacks and juice provided. Rated PG.
Carver-McDonald | Family | Join us for an old-fashioned tea party with a variety of teas and tea cakes. Reserve your seat by calling Mrs. Janet Davis at 327-1477.
Louise Williams | Family | Do you think you can predict the weather? Then come visit us at the library where we will have lots of weather-based activities, crafts, snacks, and of course, FUN!

Main | Ages 9-12 | DIY Winter Crafts
Anna Meyer | Ages 6-12 | Create your very own snowy owl using pinecones. You won’t believe how lifelike these adorable creations can be!
West Ouachita | Family | Join us for a movie night with popcorn! We’ll be watching Balto.
West Monroe | Ages 9-12 | Join us in making penguins or polar bears, and then let’s have a race!

Main | Ages 9-12 | DIY Sharpie Paintings
Sterling Memorial | Family | Put on your best (or worst!) painting clothes and create beautiful winter-themed art with us! Registration is required. Please call 327-1382 to register.
West Monroe | Family | Join us for a screening of Penguins of Madagascar, with light refreshments provided.

4 p.m. | Main Branch

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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 3:30-4:15 p.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 4:30 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 3-5 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 Elf.
Tues., Dec. 19
4-5 p.m.

GAME NIGHT
West
Ouachita

Come join us for games and snacks!

Tues., Dec. 19
4-5 p.m.

BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB
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.

Wed., Dec. 27
5-6 p.m.

GAMING GUILD: MAGIC THE GATHERING
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.

Thurs., Jan. 4
5:30-6:30 p.m.

2024 GOALS TIME CAPSULE
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.

Fri., Jan. 5
3:30-4:30 p.m.

ACT REGISTRATION
Carver-
McDonald

Staff will assist with ACT Registration.

Mon., Jan. 8
3:30-4:30 p.m.

SALT SHAKER SNOWMAN
West
Monroe

Make your own personalized bookmarks.

Tues., Jan. 9
3-4:30 p.m.

DIY BOOKMARKS
Sterlington
Memorial

Create wacky sculptures to be kept in the Teen Section of the Sterlington Branch Library.

Tues., Jan. 9
5:30-6:30 p.m.

DIY READING JOURNAL
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.

Tues., Jan. 10
4-5:30 p.m.

VISION BOARDS
West
Ouachita

Join us and make a vision board for the new year.

Tues., Jan. 10
4-5 p.m.

FREESTYLE MUG DECORATING
JR Searcy

Get creative and decorate a mug to use with your favorite warm beverage!

Wed., Jan. 10
3-4:30 p.m.

IT’S A TEA PARTY
Carver-
McDonald

Teens are invited to an old fashioned tea party with different blends of tea and tea cakes.

Wed., Jan. 10
3-5 p.m.

GAMING GUILD: D&D
Anna
Meyer

Join the gaming guild! We will be playing Dungeons and Dragons. Come create a character and join the adventure!

Wed., Jan. 11
5:30-6:30 p.m.

EMOJI PAINTING
Ollie H.
Burns

Let’s have fun and paint your favorite emoji.

Tues., Jan. 16
3:40 p.m.

ZENTANGLE ART
Sterlington
Memorial

Create eye-crossing art.

Tues., Jan. 16
5:30-6:30 p.m.

CUSTOM BLOCK PRINTING
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.

Wed., Jan. 16
4-5:30 p.m.

COOKIES & VIBE
JR Searcy

Come decompress after school with some chill video games.

Thurs., Jan. 18
3:30-4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PREP NIGHT
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.

Mon., Jan. 22
3:30-4:30 p.m.

PENGUIN PAINTED ROCKS
West
Monroe

Learn how to draw a penguin for this adorable winter painted rock. Even if you can’t draw, you can do this!

Tues., Jan. 23
3:40 p.m.

GAMES GALORE
Sterlington
Memorial

Play board games, card games, or Switch games.

Tues., Jan. 23
5-6:30 p.m.

VIDEO GAME NIGHT
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!

Tues., Jan. 23
4:5 p.m.

GAME NIGHT
West
Ouachita

Come join us for games and snacks!

Tues., Jan. 23
4-5 p.m.

BOOKTOK BOOK CLUB
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.

Wed., Jan. 24
3-5 p.m.

GAMING GUILD: BOARD GAMES
Anna
Meyer

Our second January session will be a board game party. Join in the fun with board games both old and new!

Thurs., Jan. 25
5:30-6:30 p.m.

SOOT SPRITE JARS
Ollie H.
Burns

Create soot sprite jars and enjoy Ghibli themed snacks!

Fri., Jan. 26
4:5 p.m.

PAINTING WITH A POP
West
Ouachita

Come paint a fun winter scene with us!

Mon., Jan. 29
3:30-4:45 p.m.

GAMING AND CHILL
West
Monroe

Come enjoy our new PS4 and play games with your friends. Kick back and relax while keeping your reflexes sharp.

Tues., Jan. 30
3-4:30 p.m.

SCULPTURE TIME
Sterlington
Memorial

Create wacky sculptures to be kept in the Teen Section of the Sterlington Branch Library.

Tues., Jan. 30
5:30-6:30 p.m.

PAINT-ALONG PARTY
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.

Tues., Jan. 30
4-5 p.m.

COSPLAY WORKSHOP
West
Ouachita

Come join us for Intro into Costume Making with Maddie Vancena. We will also have Omikuji-style fortunes for multicultural fun.

Tues., Jan. 30
4-6:30 p.m.

D&D ONE-SHOT
JR Searcy

Choose a pre-made character and join us for a tabletop RPG one-shot full of action and adventure!
TRUE CRIME OLLIE BURNS
Fri., Dec. 18 at 4-5 p.m.
We will be discussing the Jelani Day case.
Fri., Jan. 15 at 4-5 p.m.
We will be discussing the Dana Ewell case.

LOST IN THE STACKS MAIN
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 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.

PAGE TURNERS WEST OUACHITA
Join 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

SCI-FI-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

READ ANYTHING BOOK CLUBS
These book clubs have open dialog about any book the reader wants to discuss. This is a great way to share your thoughts on your latest read as well as find your next one!
DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

MAIN BRANCH

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.

WEST OUACHITA

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.

WEST MONROE

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.

OLLIE H. BURNS

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, triple-clicks, 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.

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.

ANNA MEYER

Space is limited. 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.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

LET’S GET DIGITAL!

 Tues., Jan. 16 at 5-6 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 18 at 10-11 a.m.
Come learn about Hoopla, cloudLibrary and Kanopy! This is the place to be to learn how to download material and use our digital library.

MAIN BRANCH

ONLINE SAFETY
Wed., Dec. 13 at 10-11 a.m.
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INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL
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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.

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

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.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

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

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