

# CATTAILS

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OUACHITA PARISH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUTHOR  
INTERVIEW

WITH SHALANDA STANLEY

FREE BOOKS  
FOR KIDS

ON READ ACROSS  
AMERICA DAY

NEW BOOK  
CLUBS!



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## A Note on Programs:

As of press time, all programs are scheduled to meet in-person. The Library will share any changes on [oplib.org](http://oplib.org) or on Library social media channels.

# STAFF PICKS



**Nora Collins**  
BRANCH MANAGER, OLLIE BURNS BRANCH LIBRARY

***I Am a Girl from Africa* by Elizabeth Nyamayaro**

*I Am a Girl from Africa* is not for the faint of heart. An intense and profound memoir, it tells Nyamayaro's story beginning with her girlhood in a small, loving African community that is devastated by a terrible drought. This life-threatening experience drives her to find her inner strength in the midst of her hunger and thirst and opens the door to a lifelong dedication to humanitarian work through which she has helped bring about change that reaches across the world. The spellbinding dialog will keep you up all night reading to the very end. This story is a must read!



**Kayla DiCarlo**  
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN, STERLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

***Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty**

Joy Delaney, mother of four and admired member of the community disappears. Joy started acting unusual last year when she and her husband, Stan, let a strange young woman stay several months with them. This was not a good idea according to any of their children, but they wanted to help poor young Savannah out. Now, Joy is missing, and Savannah is unreachable. The children are divided on whether their father had something to do with their mother's disappearance as the local police believe. Everyone has secrets and no one is perfect, even upstanding community members. But, do apples fall far from the tree?



**Lauren Cunningham**  
REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, MAIN BRANCH LIBRARY

***The First Conspiracy* by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch**

This book is American history meets conspiracy theory meets thriller. It's Brad Meltzer, which means it is suspenseful, well written, & well researched. It's a book that holds your attention while covering a story that we never learned in school.

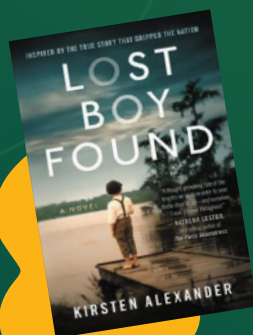


# LOUISIANA BOOK LIST

## ENJOY THESE BOOKS BASED IN LOUISIANA AND WRITTEN BY LOUISIANA AUTHORS

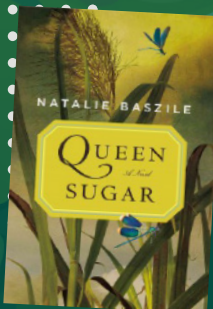
### LOST BOY FOUND BY KIRSTEN ALEXANDER

This Southern historical novel based on the true story of a boy's mysterious disappearance examines despair, loyalty and the nature of truth. *\*available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



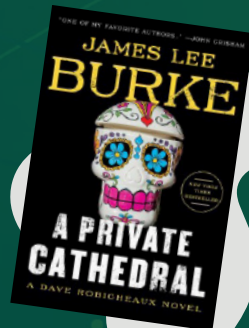
### QUEEN SUGAR BY NATALIE BASZILE

Hoping for a new start when she unexpectedly inherits a sugarcane farm, Charley moves to Louisiana, where she confronts her grandmother's judgmental beliefs while balancing the farm's overwhelming challenges with the needs of her homesick daughter, her troubled brother and her own yearning heart. *\*available in print, large print, book-on-CD, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and Hoopla as an e-audiobook*



### A PRIVATE CATHEDRAL BY JAMES LEE BURKE

Swept up in a criminal underworld rivalry involving a pair of star-crossed teen lovers, Louisiana detective, Dave Robicheaux, is targeted by a time-traveling superhuman assassin who forces him to confront the demons of his own past. *\*available in print, large print, book-on-CD, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



### LOUISIANA LONGSHOT BY JANA DELEON

Exiled to a small bayou town after a leak at the CIA results in a price on her head, Fortune Reading finds herself involved in a murder investigation when human bones are found in her backyard. *\*available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book*



### MOSQUITO SUPPER CLUB: CAJUN RECIPES FROM A DISAPPEARING BAYOU BY MELISSA M. MARTIN

"Mosquito Supper Club is more than a cookbook. It's like a manual in how to be a Cajun. Step-by-step photos show how to make a roux, shuck an oyster or peel a crawfish. . . . In the book, Martin documents not just a kitchen, but a whole culture."—USA TODAY Network *\*available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and Hoopla as an e-book*



### LOUISIANA LUCKY BY JULIE PENNELL

This heartwarming novel is about three sisters who win a huge lottery prize and learn what it truly means to be lucky. *\*available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook and Hoopla as an e-audiobook*



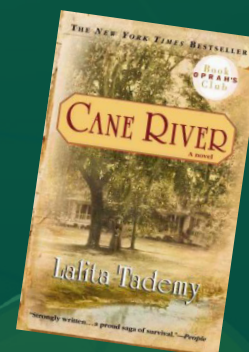
### INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE BY ANNE RICE

Written by New Orleans native, Anne Rice, this classic vampire, goth horror novel is the story of Louis, as told in his own words, of his journey through mortal and immortal life. Louis recounts how he became a vampire at the hands of the radiant and sinister Lestat and how he became indoctrinated, unwillingly, into the vampire way of life. *\*available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



### CANE RIVER BY LALITA TADEMY

Cane River is an isolated community that lies on a small river in central Louisiana. There in the early 19th century, slaves, free people of color, and Creole French planters lived and worked, loved and bore children. The author discovered her amazing heritage there and chronicles four generations of strong, determined Black women. *\*available in print and book-on-CD*



# TUMBLEBOOKS!

Learn how to use Tumblebooks to increase your child's reading skills and reach their AR goals with Youth Services Coordinator, LaKeisha Bosworth.

**FEBRUARY 15, 2022**  
**10:30 AM VIA ZOOM**

Register in advance for this meeting by scanning the QR code or going to: [bit.ly/Feb15Zoom](https://bit.ly/Feb15Zoom)



**MARCH 15, 2022**  
**4:30 PM VIA ZOOM**

Register in advance for this meeting by scanning the QR code or going to: [bit.ly/Mar15Zoom](https://bit.ly/Mar15Zoom)



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY FOR KIDS AND TEENS FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

To celebrate Read Across America Day on **Wednesday, March 2**, the Library will **give away free books to kids and teens** who have Ouachita Parish Public Library cards. No matter if they've had a Library card for years or if they sign up on March 2, all kids and teens who have a card are eligible to receive a free book to keep. Books will be available at all branches only on March 2, while supplies last. Children and teens ages 16 and under must have a parent or legal guardian register the card for them. To register your child for a Library card, simply fill out a form at any branch and bring proof of identity and proof of address.



## TO GET A LIBRARY CARD

### PROOF OF ADDRESS EXAMPLES

- Current, postmarked piece of mail addressed to yourself,
- Printed checkbook with both name and current address,
- Auto registration with name and current address,
- Voter registration with name and current address,
- Report card with name and current address, OR
- Current lease agreement with name and current address

### PROOF OF IDENTITY OF GUARDIAN EXAMPLES

- Current driver's license (from any state),
- Current state-issued ID (from any state),
- Current military ID, OR
- Current passport (from any country)



# STORY TIME

## WHEN IS STORY TIME?

Story time is the same time every week at your local library branch.



### MAIN BRANCH

- 0-24 months .....Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.
- 18-36 months .....Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 3-5 years .....Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years .....Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
- 9-12 years .....Thursdays at 4 p.m.

### ANNA MEYER BRANCH

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

### CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

- 0-5 years .....Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
- 6-12 years .....Mondays at 3:45 p.m.

### LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

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

### OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

- 0-5 years .....Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Family (0-12 years) ..... Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

### OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

- 0-36 months ..... Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 3-5 years .....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years ..... Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

### SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

- 0-5 years .....Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Family (0-12 years) .... Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

### STERLINGTON BRANCH

- 0-5 years .....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years ..... Thursdays at 4 p.m.

### WEST MONROE BRANCH

- 0-24 months ..... Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- 3-5 years .....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 6-12 years ..... Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

### WEST OUACHITA BRANCH

- 18-36 months ..... Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- 3-5 years .....Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m.
- Family (0-12 years)..... Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## CRAFT

## GAME ON

## MOVIES

	<b>SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD</b>	Feb. 8 at 3-5 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Enjoy an early Valentine's with the romantic hilarity of Scott Pilgrim.
	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION</b>	Feb. 8 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Teens are invited to come celebrate Valentine's Day with us. We will be playing Valentine's bingo and mad libs, and a conversation heart game.
	<b>VALENTINE'S FOR YOUR PAL-ENTINE</b>	Feb. 8 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Make and take a handmade card for your special friend.
	<b>D&amp;D ONE-SHOT</b>	Feb. 8 at 4-5:45 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Dip your toes in the fantasy RPG waters! Choose a ready-made adventurer and join us for a thrilling mystery.
	<b>BLACK HISTORY BOWL</b>	Feb. 9 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Participate in a Black History Trivia Game.
	<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	Feb. 14 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Celebrate your friends by making friendship bracelets
	<b>SENSATIONAL STRING ART</b>	Feb. 15 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Teens are invited to "string" a few things together and create a work of art to give to a loved one or friend.
	<b>QUILTING TOGETHER</b>	Feb. 17 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Teens will use pictures taken at the first of the month and put them onto felt square. The squares will be stitched together into a quilt and displayed in the library.
	<b>MARDI GRAS BEAD COASTERS AND TRIVIA</b>	Feb. 28 at 6-7 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Are you ready for Fat Tuesday? Join us to make beaded coasters and test your Mardi Gras knowledge!
	<b>CAT TOYS FOR A CAUSE</b>	March 7 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>Louise Williams</b>	Make cat toys to donate to a local shelter
	<b>COLLABORATIVE SPRING BANNER</b>	March 7 at 6-7 p.m.	<b>Ouachita Valley</b>	Welcome Spring to the Library by working together to design and decorate a banner to be displayed for all visitors. Puns encouraged! All supplies provided.
	<b>DIY TRADITIONAL ORIGAMI CRANES</b>	March 8 at 4-5:30 p.m.	<b>Main</b>	Together we will learn how to create orizuru or folded cranes. We will also learn about the Legend of 1000 Cranes.
	<b>MIDWEEK MAGIC</b>	March 9 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Ollie Burns</b>	Teens may participate in learning the basics of Magic: The Gathering. No prior experience with the game necessary. All new players are welcome.
	<b>MONDAY MOVIE: LUCK OF THE IRISH</b>	March 14 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>West Monroe</b>	Are you feeling lucky? Teens are invited to come test their chances with Minute to Win It games and watch the Disney film: <i>Luck of the Irish</i> .
	<b>SUNCATCHERS</b>	March 15 at 3-4 p.m.	<b>Sterlington</b>	Make your own eye-catching CD Suncatcher
	<b>MARCH MADNESS</b>	March 15 at 4-5 p.m.	<b>West Ouachita</b>	Come celebrate March madness with us! We will be making basketball shooters.
	<b>GARDEN PATHS</b>	March 17 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.	<b>Carver-McDonald</b>	Using gardening stones, teens will stencil and paint ladybugs, flowers, or insects onto the stones. Once dried, the teens will place in the flower beds at the library or take home.
	<b>D&amp;D ONE-SHOT</b>	March 22 at 4-5:45 p.m.	<b>Searcy Memorial</b>	Dip your toes in the fantasy RPG waters! Choose a ready-made adventurer and join us for a daring rescue.

## ACT VIRTUAL PRACTICE TEST

March 15

Teens are invited to participate in a free, full-length practice session of the ACT test used in most U.S. college admissions decisions. This practice session requires a computer with an internet connection and up to 3 hours to complete. After the test, students will receive a detailed, downloadable score report and access to 1-on-1 ACT tutoring online. | Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ACTpracticeMARCH> | Contact LaKeisha Bosworth at [lbosworth@oplib.org](mailto:lbosworth@oplib.org) for more information. | For more practice on the ACT, SAT, ASVAB and other tests you can go to [homeworkla.org](http://homeworkla.org).

# AUTHOR INTERVIEW

**Dr. Shalanda Stanley,**  
Author of *Drowning Is Inevitable* & *Nick and June Were Here*



### What are some of your favorite authors and why do you enjoy their work?

I've had different favorite writers at different times in my life. When I was in elementary school my favorite writer was Beverly Cleary. I loved Ramona, Beezus, and Henry like they were members of my own family. As I grew older, I transitioned to Judy Blume. For every life struggle in my adolescent life, there was a Judy Blume book to guide me through it. Then I took a weird turn and strictly read Stephen King and V.C. Andrews. *Pet Sematary* and *Flowers in the Attic* TRAUMATIZED me, but I kept going back for more. For a palate cleanser, I read Francine Pascal's Sweet Valley High Series. I so desperately wanted to be a Jessica but was for sure an Elizabeth. Other favorites of mine are Lois Lowry, Kate DiCamillo (She writes middle grade in a way that I aspire to), Adam Silvera, John Corey Whaley, Angie Thomas, Nic Stone, Ashley Elston, Justina Ireland, Jeff Zentner, and on and on.

### What inspired you to write for teen readers as opposed to adults?

I think some of the most complex and elaborate storytelling happens in children's books. I've often said the younger your audience, the better writer you must be. This is probably why I've not been brave enough to dive into Middle Grade. I love writing YA specifically because teenagers are honest in a way that adults can't be. They feel things in a way that adults can't feel them. When I think about what I love about the characters I've written is that they mean what they say. Teenagers don't say things they don't mean. When my main character, Olivia from *Drowning Is Inevitable*, tells her best friend, "I'll do anything for you." She means it in a way that an adult doesn't. She would do ANYTHING for her friend. I'm not saying that is a good thing, but that kind of blind devotion is so fun to write and of course, to read about.

### As an author who writes for teens, do you think they should be reading more and why is it important that they be avid readers?

YES! I think reading widely and often is important because books are how we keep learning and widening our world view. Books take us places we've never been, push us to think in ways we've never thought, teach us about humanity and truth, allow us to escape. Reading has saved people's lives. Reading books connects us not only to the text but to each other.

### If you were to recommend any book to a reader, what would that book be and why?

Any book? Just one book? I think everyone should read, at some point in their lives, *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. This book does so much, that you don't realize it at first. It's a book about clones and society and what makes someone important and why they're important. I'm a huge fan of last lines and this book's last line gutted me. It was so quietly delivered, that you don't feel the punch until later, but then it hits hard.

### What is your best advice for budding writers?

Read and read a lot. There are no "bad" books, no girl books, no boy books. There are just books. Read whatever you want to read. Read, read, read. You cannot be a good writer if you do not read good writing. And you should probably write a little, too. Don't think your writing needs to be perfect. Embrace revision. Revision is where the magic happens. If you are someone who thinks they get it right the first time and nothing needs to be changed, please trust me and this hard truth: The work is not as good as you think it is. Revise it.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## NUTRITION & HEALTH



### MY PLATE: LEANER PROTEINS

**Anna Meyer Branch**  
February 2 at 12-1 p.m.

**Ollie Burns Branch**  
February 15 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Pam Sapp from the LSU AgCenter and learn about the benefits provided by the proteins group of MyPlate. Learn why it is important to make leaner proteins food choices and tips on how to do that.

### FOODS THAT BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

**West Monroe Branch**  
February 16 at 2-3 p.m.

Markaye Russell from the LSU AgCenter will speak to us about foods that boost our immune system.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

**Anna Meyer Branch**  
March 2 at 12-1 p.m.

**Ollie Burns Branch**  
March 15 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Jump on the Fruits and Vegetables bandwagon with nutrition educator Pam Sapp from the LSU AgCenter. Discover the important role that fruits and vegetables play in keeping us healthy.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOVIE: GREEN BOOK

**Sterlington Branch** | February 9 at 2-4:30 p.m.

In honor of Black History, you are invited to the movie matinee of *Green Book*, biographical comedy-drama inspired by the true story of classical pianist Don Shirley's tour of the Deep South.

### BLACK HISTORY THEME FOR 2022: "BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS."

**Carver-McDonald Branch** | February 17 at 1-2:30 p.m.

Chef Darrell Teats will share healthy recipes, the importance of wellness and family traditions to celebrate Black History Month. You may recognize Chef Teats from his cooking on KNOE 8 News or Good Morning ArkLaMiss!

## HOBBIES



### RAISED BED GARDENING

**Sterlington Branch** | March 8 at 10-11 a.m.

Kerry Heafner, Master Gardener Coordinator at LSUAgCenter presents how to create and maintain a raised bed garden.

### PERENNIALS PLANTS WITH KERRY HEAFNER

**West Monroe Branch** | March 23 at 2-3 p.m.

Kerry Heafner from the LSU AgCenter will speak to us about perennials plants and how to take care of them.

### HOBBY FAIR

**Louise Williams Branch** | March 24 at 12-2 p.m.

Show off your hobbies or learn about new ones! Sign up to show your hobby by March 17 by calling 318-327-5422.

## GAME ON



### PUB-STYLE TRIVIA: GENERATIONS

**Main Branch** | March 17 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a pub-style trivia night. Theme: Generations.

## CRAFTS



### VALENTINE'S NO SEW GNOMES

**West Ouachita Branch**

February 10 at 1:30-3 p.m.

Adults are invited to join us for a fun Valentine's Day craft! We will be making Valentine's no sew gnomes. Registration begins February 1. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-5414.

### COLOR YOURSELF CALM AND WATCH A MOVIE

**Searcy Memorial Branch**

February 10 at 2-4 p.m.

De-stress from your busy life and color. In addition to coloring, we will be watching *New In Town* (2009, rated PG) starring Renee Zellweger and Harry Connick, Jr. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

### VALENTINE FOR YOUR PALENTINE

**Main Branch**

February 10 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Make and take a handmade card for your special friend.

### CREATIVE THURSDAYS: CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE PAINTING

**Ouachita Valley Branch**

February 17 at 1-3 p.m.

Paint a cherry blossom tree to welcome spring! Limited to ten artists, please preregister to participate. Supplies furnished. Registration begins January 31. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470.

### HEDGEHOG BOOK ART PROJECT

**Searcy Memorial Branch**

March 10 at 2-3 p.m.

DIY easy hedgehog book art project. We will be using a book to make a cute little hedgehog. Come join the fun and recycle a book with us. Limited to the first 10 patrons. Please call (318) 327-1240 to register.

### CREATIVE THURSDAYS: HUMMINGBIRD PAINTING

**Ouachita Valley Branch**

March 17 at 1-3 p.m.

We will create hummingbird paintings in honor of these birds returning to northern Louisiana! Limited to ten artists, please preregister to participate. Supplies furnished. Registration begins February 28. Register in person or by phone at (318) 327-1470.

## LEARN MORE



### CHITLIN' CIRCUIT

**Louise Williams Branch**

February 10 at 1-2 p.m.

Lora Peppers, of the Genealogy department, will share the history of the Chitlin' Circuit in Monroe.

### WARNING SIGNS OF SCAMS!

**Carver-McDonald Branch**

March 10 at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jo Ann Deal from the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Louisiana will discuss warning signs of scams and what to lookout for with fake websites, shipping notifications, phone calls, health care, home repairs, and other information. If it happens, report the incident to the BBB Office.



# JOIN A BOOK CLUB!

Sometimes you just want to talk about books! In lieu of focusing on a particular book, these book clubs offer a space to discuss the books that have impacted you.



## BOOK DISCUSSION CLUBS



### JUST READ BOOK CLUB SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH

Join us as we discuss the newest and past favorite books for the winter months.  
Wednesday, February 24 at 2-3 p.m. | Wednesday, March 31 at 2-3 p.m.



### WHATCHA READING? BOOK CLUB STERLINGTON BRANCH

Come and share your latest reads.  
Monday, February 28 at 5-6 p.m. | Monday, March 28 at 5-6 p.m.



### BEYOND THE PAGES BOOK CLUB WEST MONROE BRANCH

The Beyond the Pages Book Club will talk about the recent books that they have been reading.  
Wednesday, February 23 at 2-3 p.m. | Wednesday, March 30 at 2-3 p.m.



### THE NERD HERD'S BOOK CLUB OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

The Nerd Herd's Book Club is a group of book loving nerds who enjoy browsing, reading, sharing, and talking about books. The literary genres reach Magical Realism, Fantasy, and Sci-fi books.

Thursday, February 24 at 6-7 p.m.  
*Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo

Thursday, March 24 at 6-7 p.m.  
*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett



### RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Rainbow Reads Book Club is for members of the LGBT community and their allies.

Monday, February 28 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta

Monday, March 28 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*The Children of Harvey Milk: How LGBTQ Politicians Changed the World* by Andrew Reynolds



### THE BOOK WAS BETTER BOOK CLUB OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

The Book was Better Book Club discusses books that have been adapted to movie and TV shows. Both our February and March books and movies are available to check out.

Wednesday, February 2 at 5-6 p.m.  
*The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green

Wednesday, March 2 at 5-6 p.m.  
*The Green Mile* by Stephen King



### COMIC BOOK CLUB OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

Saturday, February 19 at 1-3 p.m.  
Join Comic Book Club as we delve into the universe of Marvel Movies and explore the comics they are based on!

Saturday, March 5 at 1-3 p.m.  
Join Comic Book Club as we explore the world of the Dark Knight, his history, villains, gadgets, and more!



### FANTASY & SCI-FI BOOK CLUB STERLINGTON BRANCH

Fantasy & Sci-Fi Book Club focus on one Sci-Fi and/or Fantasy book a month. Join us on the 4th Saturday in the month to discuss that month's book!

Saturday, February 26 at 2-3 p.m.  
*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by CS Lewis

Saturday, March 26 at 2-3 p.m.  
*The Silver Chair* by CS Lewis



### NEW ADULT BOOK CLUB LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

Join New Adult Book Club to discuss books featuring 18-30 year old protagonists.

Monday, February 21 at 5-6 p.m.  
*Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore

Monday, March 21 at 5-6 p.m.  
*Malibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



### ONLINE BOOK CLUB FACEBOOK/VIRTUAL

Join the quarterly Online Book Club on the Library's Facebook page to discuss books with other readers. Books are available on the Hoopla and CloudLibrary apps in both e-book and e-audiobook.

January - March  
*Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors* by Sonali Dev

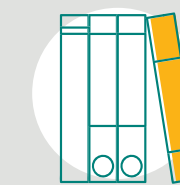


### MOCHA MONDAY BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Mocha Monday Book Club reads books by authors of color or featuring people of color.

Monday, February 7 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Just As I Am* by Cicely Tyson

Monday, March 7 at 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris



### LOST IN THE STACKS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

Lost in the Stacks Book Club for lovers of literary fiction.

Tuesday, February 8 at 6-7:30 p.m.  
*The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott

Tuesday, March 8 at 6-7:30 p.m.  
*The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Kim





FROM THE

# ARCHIVES

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

## THE LOUISIANA DIGITAL LIBRARY



### 1932 Ouachita River flood

Interested in this photo? Find it in the Ouachita Parish Public Library Photograph collection.

The Louisiana Digital Library (LDL) is an online library containing over 400,000 photographs, maps, manuscripts, books, oral histories and other materials that document Louisiana's history and culture. Currently 28 libraries, museums, archives, historical groups and other institutions from across the state contribute materials to the LDL.

### Ouachita Parish Public Library contributes six collections to the LDL:

- Camp Schools is a collection of over 100 items pertaining to the history of Ouachita Parish Schools.
- The Fifth District Works Progress Administration collection contains 222 scans of draft notes from the Fifth District Office of the Federal Writer's Project. These notes were transferred to the Ouachita Parish Public Library when the project ended.



### 1952 Terzia High School

Interested in this photo? Find it in the Camp Schools Collection.



### Huey Long handing out money to LSU students

Interested in this photo? Find it in the Stan Shlosman Reveille Seven collection

- The Ouachita Parish Public Library Archives collection contains 50 images from the early days of the Library.
- The Ouachita Parish Public Library Photograph collection is the largest collection with over 500 photographs of local interest.
- The Ouachita River Valley collection contains scans of programs, booklets, histories, letters, flyers and other materials specific to the region.
- The smallest collection is the Stan Shlosman Reveille Seven collection. Mr. Shlosman was one of the seven Louisiana State University students who was expelled when they refused to allow Huey Long to censor the student newspaper after he objected to an editorial.

There are three projects that collaborate with the LDL: Free People of Color, Newspapers.com and Teaching American History in Louisiana. All are keyword searchable, and much of the content is available for download.

To discover these and many more, visit the LDL by going to [oplib.org/history-databases](http://oplib.org/history-databases), then scroll down and click Louisiana Digital Library

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