

NEWSLETTER

Livingston Parish Library

Livingston Parish Library - Growing the tree of knowledge... one book at a time.

Calling All Gamers!



Do you love to play board games? Adults ages 18 and up are invited to play board games at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library on Thursday, February 25th at 2 pm. Play Chess, Checkers, Pictionary, Jenga, or Trivial Pursuit! Invite all your friends and feel free to bring extra boards if you have them! If you don't see a game you like to play,

then bring your favorite board game with you. (Any games added should be acceptable for general audiences.) Light refreshments will be served.

Mardi Gras Float Competition

Everyone is invited to create a book-themed float for display at the Denham Springs-Walker Library! Choose a book to be the inspiration for your float, which should be no larger than 17 x 11 x 10 inches (excluding decoration), and should be tasteful as the floats will be displayed in the children's area of the library. Age categories are 0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, and 16-adult. The first place winner in each category will receive a prize bag with books and other surprises! Floats are due to the library on February 10th and judging will take place on February 11th, so don't miss out!



We have eBooks!

eBooks

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eBooks for e-readers (except Kindle) are finally here! The library is now offering access to 1600+ eBooks in PDF format through NetLibrary. This exciting FREE service will be available to patrons during regular library hours within the library as well as 24 hours, 7 days a week from any computer with an Internet connection! Enjoy the convenience of accessing a wide variety of digital books anytime, anyplace! Patrons must have a library card and a Netlibrary account to check out eBooks. For more information, please contact your local branch.

Become Our Fan On Facebook!

The Livingston Parish Library is excited to announce that we now have our very own Facebook fan page! We'll be using the page to announce our programs, share exciting news, display photographs from our events, and more! Become a fan today by logging onto www.facebook.com, searching for "Livingston Parish Library", and looking out for our green tree logo (pictured right). Alternately, you can follow this link:

<http://snipurl.com/u7ghi>.

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The Amazing Traveling Barkly!



Barkly Watson makes his home in the Watson Branch Library, but he's no stranger to travel. Library patrons of all ages are invited to check Barkly out and bring him along on their vacations! Barkly has visited Paris, Disneyland, Ger-

many, Gatlinburg, New Orleans, Mount Rushmore, Seattle, Texas, and the Ukraine, among other places, and has shared many great adventures with many wonderful friends. Barkly loves to have his picture taken by famous landmarks and road signs, to send postcards back to the library, collect small souvenirs, and help his friends record all their traveling experiences in their traveling journals! This February Barkly has a big dream: he wants to go to the SUPER BOWL! Contact Ms. Annie at the Watson Branch Library if you can take Barkly to Miami with you!

Special Announcement



The Library will be closed on February 16th for Mardi Gras Day.

Art Exhibits

Albany-Springfield Branch

- Gallery: The paintings of Bonnie Smith Williams, Elizabeth Thompson, A. Lynne Jones and Mary Jane Hunt.
- Display Cases: Judy Lovelady's Hans Christian Anderson Commemorative Plates.

Denham Springs-Walker Branch

- Gallery and Display Cases: The wildlife and bird photography of Kathy Reeves and Kitty Kuhnert.

Livingston Branch

- Photography by the Northlake Camera Club.

South Branch

- Gallery: Artwork by Jessica Cason.
- Display Cases: Antique Tea Pot Collection of Gwen Blanchard.

Watson Branch

- Gallery: Pastels by Kerry Curtin and a Mardi Gras themed art show featuring the work of several area artists.
- Display Cases: The beaded jewelry of the Baton Rouge Bead Society.

Book Clubs

MEET NEW PEOPLE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
FIND NEW AUTHORS
DISCUSS GREAT BOOKS



Albany-Springfield

February 1, 10:00am Adult Book Club: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

Denham Springs—Walker

February 15, 6:30pm Eclectic Book Club: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

Livingston Branch

February 11, 10:30am Adult Book Club: *Vinegar Hill* by A. Manette Ansay

Watson Branch

February 11, 10:00am Sunny Side Up (Inspirational): *The Hadassah Covenant* by Tommy Tenney

February 17, 6:00pm Brown Baggers Book Club (Chick Lit): *On Mystic Lake* by Kristin Hannah

South Branch

February 25, 5:30pm South Branch Bookies: *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Ross

February 11, 5:30pm YA Book Club: *Beastly* by Alex Flinn (not pictured)

Best Time to Buy!



May
Mattresses

June
Gym memberships

July
Used cars

August
Patio furniture
Swings
Pool toys
Swimming gear
School and office supplies

September
Cars—last year's models
Lawn mowers

October
Jeans
Cookware

November
Tools
Aluminum foil, plastic wrap
Disposable baking pans
HDTV and home theater equipment

December
Champagne

January
Furniture—stores are getting new inventory
Bicycles and outdoor gear
Gift wrap—post-holiday sales can save you up to 75%
Linens—"white sales" can save you 10-60%

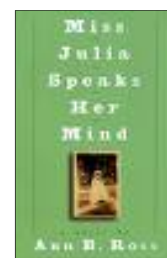
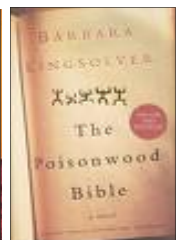
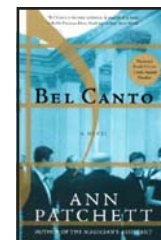
By scouring financial advice websites you can find some great articles on saving money by knowing the best time to purchase items. For the most part it's a matter of knowing when new models come out in order to save on last year's models. In other cases, you can save more when demand for a product is high. If the item you are interested in isn't listed below, try doing a web search for the item like this: item name "best time to buy."

February
Chocolates—after Valentine's Day
Digital Cameras—last year's models
Televisions—last year's models

March
Frozen foods

April
Used cars
Cookware

Visit the following sites for more tips on saving money:
www.frugalliving.about.com
www.getrichslowly.org
www.kiplinger.com
www.moneycentral.msn.com
-By Stacie Davis

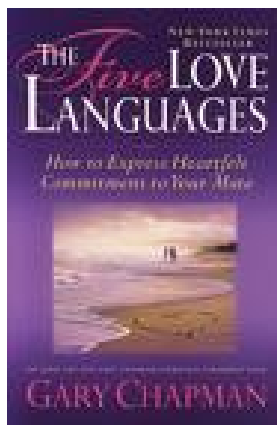


The Five Love Languages

The Five Love Languages

Call No. 646.78 Cha 1995

February is the time of year when heart-shaped boxes of chocolate fill store windows, women long for roses to be delivered to their doorstep, and cupid floats around hitting the unsuspecting with his arrows of love. Young couples revel in their newfound love, and the long-committed try desperately to reassure one another that their love is still as strong as it once was long ago... But what happens when young love grows stale? How do you keep your love strong after the cheeky little cherub has left the picture?



Enter Dr. Gary Chapman. After over 25 years of marriage counseling, Dr. Chapman has come to the conclusion that love grows stale for primarily one reason. That reason is the failure of couples to effectively communicate their love with one another. Maybe a wife cooks and cleans, but her husband doesn't feel loved. He needs her to cheer him up by saying encouraging words. Perhaps a man showers his wife with gifts such as jewelry and flowers, but all she really wants is his undivided attention for a few minutes.

In his book, *The Five Love Languages*, Dr. Chapman explains that every individual speaks one of five love languages: quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Problems arise when two people in a relationship speak two different "love languages," but there is hope. With a little time and effort, a person can learn his spouse's love language. Each love language is explained in detail with examples of how to express love to a person in her own language.

This is a very informative book, and a quick read. If you are looking to add lasting romance to your relationships this Valentine's Day, this is the book for you.

-Reviewed by Kristina Blount

Make Valentine's Candy!

Young adults ages 12-18 are invited to the Denham Springs-Walker Branch Library on February 11th, 2010 at 6:00 pm to make Valentine's Candy. Come to the library to make beautiful; painted chocolate lollipops to give to your friends. Registration for this program is required, so please contact Ms. Tammy at (225) 665-8118 or email tmulhearn@mylpl.info.



Free Computer Classes

Albany - Springfield Branch

Email Basics	Feb 10, 10:00am
Email Basics	Feb 11, 6:00pm
Word Basics	Feb 24, 10:00am
Internet Basics	Feb 25, 6:00pm

Denham Springs - Walker Branch

Intermediate Internet	Feb 1, 1:30pm
Email Basics	Feb 2, 1:30pm
Intermediate Email	Feb 8, 6:30pm
Word Basics	Feb 9, 1:30pm
Word Basics II	Feb 22, 6:30pm
Excel Basics	Feb 23, 6:30pm

Livingston Branch

Computer Basics	Feb 5, 9:30am
Internet Basics	Feb 12, 9:30am
Email Basics	Feb 19, 9:30am
Microsoft Word	Feb 26, 9:30am

South Branch

Computer Basics	Feb 1, 4:00pm
Internet Basics	Feb 3, 4:00pm
Email Basics	Feb 8, 4:00pm
Microsoft Word	Feb 10, 4:00pm

Watson Branch

Computer Basics	Feb 03, 6:00pm
Internet Basics	Feb 10, 6:00pm
Microsoft Word 2003	Feb 15, 6:00pm



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Library Branches

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Hours
9:00 am-6:00 pm M, W
9:00 am-8:00 pm T, TH
9:00 am-5:00 pm F
9:00 am-3:00 pm Sat

Albany-Springfield Branch

26941 La Hwy 43
Hammond, LA 70403
P.O. Box 1256
Albany, LA 70711
Phone: (225) 567-1441
Fax: (225) 567-3768

Hours
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9:00 am-8:00 pm T, TH
9:00 am-5:00 pm F
10:00 am-2:00 pm Sat

Denham Springs-Walker Branch

8101 US Hwy 190
Denham Springs, LA 70726
Phone: (225) 665-8118
Fax: (225) 791-6325

Hours
9:00 am-9:00 pm M-TH
9:00 am-5:00 pm F, Sat
2:00 pm-6:00 pm Sun

South Branch

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Livingston LA 70754
Phone: (225) 698-3015
Fax: (225) 698-9979

Hours
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9:00 am-8:00 pm T, TH
9:00 am-5:00 pm F
9:00 am-1:00 pm Sat

Watson Branch

36581 Outback Road
Denham Springs, LA 70706
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Fax: (225) 664-1949

Hours
9:00 am-8:00 pm M-TH
9:00 am-5:00 pm F, Sat

Parade Routes

February 5, Friday

Baton Rouge @ 7 pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe of Artemis** kreweofartemis.net

February 6, Saturday

Head of Island @ noon **The 2010 Head of Island Krewe of Diver-sion boat parade** www.riverratrob.com

St Amant @ 12:30 **The Krewe of St. Amant Boat Mardi Gras Pa-rade** www.kreweofstamant.com 2

Walker @ 2pm **The Krewe Of Walker** <http://www.walker.la.us/MardiGras.html>

Baton Rouge @ 2pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe Mystique de la Capitale** www.krewemystique.com

Baton Rouge @ 2pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe of Romany** www.kreweofromany.org NEW PARADE

Baton Rouge @ 6:30pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe of Orion** www.kreweoforion.com

February 7, Sunday

Addis @ 11am **The Addis Volunteer Fire Department Mardi Gras parade** www.wbrccouncil.org

February 12, Friday

Baton Rouge – Southdowns @ 7pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe of Southdowns** www.southdowns.org

February 13, Saturday

Baton Rouge @ noon **The Baton Rouge Spanish Town Mardi Gras Parade** www.spanishtownmardigras.com

Baton Rouge @ 4pm **The Baton Rouge Krewe of Poseidon** www.kreweofposeidon.com NEW PARADE

February 14, Sunday

Port Allen @ 1pm **The Port Allen Krewe of the Good Friends of the Oaks** www.westbatonrouge.net

February 16, Tuesday

New Roads @ 11am **The New Roads Annual Community Center Carnival Club** www.newroadsmardigras.org

New Roads @ 11am **The New Roads Lions Carnival Parade 2010** www.newroadsmardigras.org

New Roads hosts the state's oldest Mardi Gras celebration outside New Orleans. New Roads' first recorded ball was held in 1881 and its earliest-known parade rolled in 1897. Each year, as many as 90,000 revelers visit the Pointe Coupee Parish seat, located on the banks of beautiful False River, to enjoy the family-friendly celebration of lavish floats, high stepping bands and dance teams, resplendent royalty, tons of throws, great local cuisine and wholesome day-long fun. Unlike the parades in New Orleans and elsewhere, New Roads' parade participation is open to the public, new floats are built each year and there is an abundance of parking adjacent to the parade route and in off-street parking areas. Mardi Gras falls on February 16 in 2010, and New Roads is set to stage its biggest, most elaborate and greatest family-oriented Carnival celebration ever.

Adapted from: <http://www.cajunradio.org/batonrougemardigras.html>

New Orleans parades are listed at:
<http://www.nola.com/mardigras/parades/>