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## READ. GROW. THRIVE.

**Spark your child's love for reading by signing up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!**



### What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

This self-paced reading challenge is a simple, fun, and free early literacy program that fosters a love for reading, develops critical early learning skills, and encourages quality family time! It is intended for children ages 0-5, and the goal is simple: Read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten.

### What are the benefits?

**The concept of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is simple, but the rewards are priceless!**  
Benefits include:

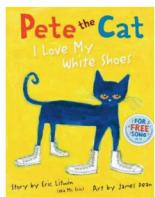
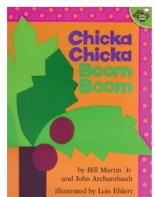
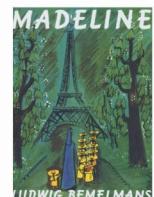
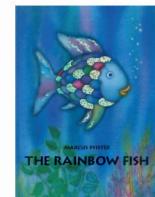
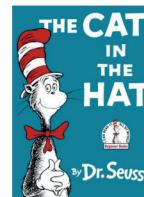
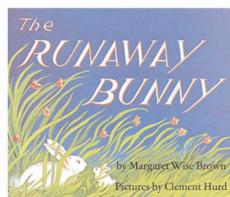
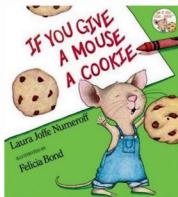
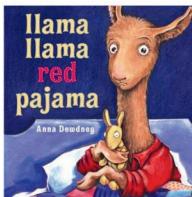
- Boosting brain development and language skills: Research shows that talking, singing, writing, playing, and reading aloud with your young child stimulates brain development and builds language skills, especially in the first few years.
- Setting children up for academic success: Children who are read to at home are more likely to do well in school. This helps children develop logical thinking skills, recognize cause and effect, and grasp abstract concepts.
- Fostering strong parent-child bonds: Reading together creates a special, nurturing time for bonding by providing a positive, screen-free activity that can build a strong, supportive relationship.

### How to participate:

You can sign your child up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten online or by visiting any Livingston Parish branch.

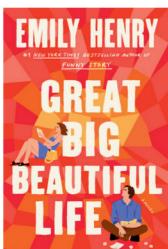
Once your child is registered, start reading! And remember: Any book that is read to your child counts, and it's okay if your child wants to read the same book repeatedly. Repetition is key to learning!

Whenever your child reaches a milestone in the program, visit your local LPL branch to receive rewards and take a commemorative photo. We celebrate every time your child reaches 100 read books!



# COZY UP WITH THESE LOVE STORIES THIS MONTH!

February is upon us, and love is in the air! There's no better way to embrace Valentine's Day than by diving into a heartwarming romance novel. Here are a few enchanting reads that will sweep you off your feet, fill your heart with joy, and keep you turning pages late into the night.



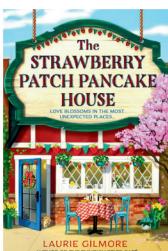
## Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve in this dazzling, sweeping new novel.



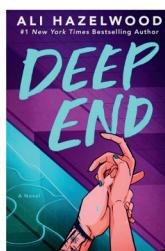
## Quicksilver by Callie Hart

From global phenomenon Callie Hart comes an enemies-to-lovers Romantasy with razor-sharp banter and heart-stopping action that's impossible to put down!



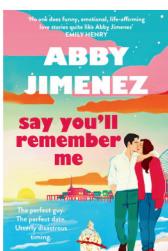
## The Strawberry Patch Pancake House by Laurie Gilmore

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve in this dazzling, sweeping new novel.



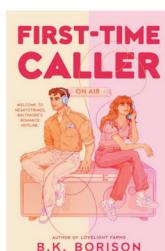
## Deep End by Ali Hazelwood

Two collegiate athletes – a competitive diver and an ace swimmer – struggling to stay afloat with past traumas and outward expectations, find connection with each other in this romance from the bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis*.



## Say You'll Remember Me by Abby Jimenez

With thousands of miles between them, can this pair find love – or was it all a fluke? A big-hearted story about family, memory, love and heartbreak, Abby Jimenez's latest can't be missed.



## First-Time Caller by B.K. Borison

A hopeless romantic meets a jaded radio host in this cozy, *Sleepless in Seattle*-inspired love story that became an instant bestseller.

## EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH MEDICI.TV

Get ready to dive into a world of exceptional live performances and explore the rich tapestry of classical music right from the comfort of your home!

Through medici.tv, Livingston Parish Library patrons have access to the world's leading classical music channel. Medici.tv boasts a catalog of over 1,800 videos including concerts, ballets, operas, documentaries, master classes, behind-the-scenes footage, and artist interviews. It also offers over 150 events every year that can be streamed live from the world's most prestigious orchestras and concert halls.



Whether you want to stream a ballet composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, watch a documentary on Leonard Bernstein, learn from violin virtuoso Maxim Vengerov, or unwind with jazz music by Herbie Hancock, medici.tv takes you on a classical music journey like none other, bringing the beauty of performance art directly to your screen!

Medici.tv is available from home and in-library with your library card number.

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

FEBRUARY 2026

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

2/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/5	5:00p	Clay Pins	Ages 8-12
2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/14	1:00p	Predator Plant Papercraft	Ages 13-18
2/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/19	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/26	5:00p	Venus Flytrap Chomper	Ages 5-8

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

2/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/5	6:00p	Venus Flytrap Chomper	Ages 5-8
2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/11	3:00p	Predator Plant Papercraft	Ages 13-18
2/12	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/13	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
2/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/19	6:00p	Clay Pins	Ages 8-12
2/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

### SOUTH BRANCH

2/2	4:00p	Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
2/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/7	2:00p	Predator Plant Papercraft	Ages 13-18
2/10	4:00p	Clay Pins	Ages 8-12
2/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/16	4:00p	Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
2/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
2/24	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
2/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

★	2/2	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
★	2/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/5	6:00p	Predator Plant Papercraft	Ages 13-18
★	2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
★	2/9	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
★	2/9	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/12	10:30a	Bilingual Storytime: La hora del cuento bilingüe	Ages 0-8
★	2/12	6:00p	Venus Flytrap Chomper	Ages 5-8
★	2/16	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
★	2/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/19	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
★	2/20	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
★	2/23	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
★	2/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/26	6:00p	Clay Pins	Ages 8-12

### WATSON

★	2/4	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/5	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
★	2/6	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
★	2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
★	2/11	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/12	5:30p	Clay Pins	Ages 8-12
★	2/18	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/19	5:30p	Predator Plant Papercraft	Ages 13-18
★	2/20	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
★	2/25	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
★	2/26	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12

**CLOSED JAN. 17 FOR Mardi Gras**

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/13	1:00p	Painted Terracotta Pots	Ages 18+
2/20	1:00p	Valentine Heart Decor	Ages 18+
2/23	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+
2/28	10:00a	Puzzle Cafe	Ages 18+

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/24	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+
2/26	5:30p	DIY Heart Tote Bag	Ages 18+
2/28	1:00p	Painted Terracotta Pots	Ages 18+

### SOUTH

2/3	10:00a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
2/7	10:30a	Friends & Needles: A Fabric Arts Circle	Ages 18+
2/12	10:30a	DIY Heart Tote Bag	Ages 18+
2/21	10:30a	The Basics Art Workshop Series: Painting with Acrylics	Ages 18+
2/26	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

★	2/2	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	All Ages
★	2/4	11:00a	Spanish II	Ages 18+
★	2/5	5:30p	DIY Heart Tote Bag	Ages 18+
★	2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	Ages 18+
★	2/9	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
★	2/10	2:00p	Valentine Heart Decor	Ages 18+
★	2/11	11:00a	Spanish II	Ages 18+
★	2/11	2:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
★	2/14	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
★	2/18	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
★	2/19	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
★	2/19	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
★	2/21	2:00p	Finding the Best Attorney for You	Ages 18+
★	2/23	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
★	2/25	11:00a	Spanish II	Ages 18+

### WATSON

★	2/3	5:30p	Valentine Heart Decor	Ages 18+
★	2/7	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
★	2/10	10:00a	Sunny Side Up Book Club	Ages 18+
★	2/24	5:30p	DIY Heart Tote Bag	Ages 18+

All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit [www.myipl.info](http://www.myipl.info) and click on events.

# YOUTH EVENTS

## CLAY PINS

Get creative and mold your own masterpiece! Join us to make fun clay pins that are perfect for any backpack or lanyard! Registration is Required. *For ages 8-12.*

AS	Thursday, February 5	5:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, February 10	4:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 12	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, February 19	6:00 pm
DSW	Thursday, February 26	6:00 pm



## LEGO CLUB

Calling all LEGO lovers! Each month we will host LEGO Club with a different theme. LEGO will be provided. *For ages 5-12.*

MAIN	Thursday, February 12	5:30 pm
DSW	Thursday, February 19	6:00 pm
AS	Thursday, February 19	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, February 24	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 26	5:30 pm



## PREDATOR PLANT PAPERCRAFT

Pesky flies BEWARE! Join us (if you dare) to create a chomping Venus Flytrap clip. This Predator Plant Papercraft is designed for Teens to learn fun facts about carnivorous plants and to make art that shows how unique those plants are. Registration is not required. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Thursday, February 5	6:00 pm
STH	Saturday, February 7	2:00 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, February 11	3:00 pm
AS	Saturday, February 14	1:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, February 19	5:30 pm



## VENUS FLYTRAP CHOMPER

CHOMP! CHOMP! Join us for some fly-catching fun! This Venus Flytrap craft is designed for children to creatively express themselves with a unique art project that doubles as a catching game. How many times can you trap a fly? Registration is not required. *For ages 5-8.*

MAIN	Thursday, February 5	6:00 pm
DSW	Thursday, February 12	6:00 pm
AS	Thursday, February 26	5:00 pm



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Hey Teens! Do you want to help out at the library and work towards making a positive impact in your community? Connect with other teens to share ideas, plan programs you would like to see, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for our young adult sections. Join a Teen Advisory Board and make a difference! Apply at the Library Today! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT Thursday, February 5 5:00 pm



## TEEN HANGOUT

Join us for a teen hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, crafts, snacks, and more! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT Thursday, February 5 5:30 pm  
WAT Thursday, February 19 5:30 pm



## CRAFT & GO SATURDAYS



Kickstart your creativity for the month ahead by joining us on the first Saturday of every month for a fun, hands-on craft that you can make and take home—all in one visit! Whether you're a kid or an adult, we've got something for everyone, so you can craft with flair! Each month features a brand-new project, and we've got all the supplies you need, so you can just drop in anytime between 10 AM and 2 PM, craft, and go. Come when you can, craft like a pro, and head out with your masterpiece! *For all ages.*

AS	Saturday, February 7	10:00 am
DSW	Saturday, February 7	10:00 am
MAIN	Saturday, February 7	10:00 am
STH	Saturday, February 7	10:00 am
WAT	Saturday, February 7	10:00 am



## CREATIVE KREWE I - MIXED MEDIA HEARTS



Creativity starts here: Imagine. Draw. Paint. Come along with us as we learn about various types of art. We will try new mediums and techniques throughout the year. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to advanced artists.

Registration is required. *For ages 8-18.*

STH	Monday, February 2	10:00 am
STH	Monday, February 16	4:00 pm



# ADULT EVENTS

## FINDING THE BEST ATTORNEY FOR YOU

Before hiring an attorney, make sure they're the right fit. Join the Gaudin Law Group to learn how to find the right attorney, get trusted referrals, check their disciplinary history, and make the most of your consultation. The right attorney can make all the difference—be prepared, just in case! *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, February 21 2:00 pm



## VALENTINE HEART DECOR

Create a colorful Valentine heart out of straws and twine to hang for yourself or to give to someone you love. Join us for this sweet and simple event. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

WAT	Tuesday, February 3	5:30 pm
DSW	Tuesday, February 10	2:00 pm
AS	Friday, February 20	1:00 pm



## PAINTED TERRACOTTA POTS

The weather outside might still be frightful, but let's summon warm sunny skies by getting these terracotta pots ready for spring plants! Join us as we paint, decoupage, and get creative! All supplies provided, just bring your spring-pirations. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

AS	Friday, February 13	1:00 pm
MAIN	Saturday, February 28	1:00 pm



## DIY HEART TOTE BAG

Come by to share the love, get creative, and take home a functional and stylish tote bag! Whether you're crafting for a loved one or treating yourself, this is the perfect way to add a personal touch to your Valentine's celebrations. Let's make something beautiful together at the library! Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Thursday, February 5	5:30 pm
STH	Thursday, February 12	10:30 am
WAT	Tuesday, February 24	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, February 26	5:30 pm



## ADULT WRITERS' CLUB

Whether you're an aspiring novelist, a poet at heart, or just someone who loves to explore the written word, this is the place to bring your stories to life. Our club is a welcoming community where you'll get to sharpen your skills, be inspired, build confidence, and make connections. During each club meeting, we will participate in troubleshooting discussions, enjoy some writing time, and end the session with friendly feedback for those who want it. To find out how to join, contact Lee Cline at [lcline@mylpl.info](mailto:lcline@mylpl.info). *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, February 19 10:00 am

## SEAUX EASY

Whether you're a sewing pro or just picking up a needle for the first time, our sewing group is the perfect place to create, learn, and connect! Dive into projects like tote bags, holiday decorations, or pattern-based creations—or bring your own project to work on. Bring your supplies, bring your ideas, and leave inspired! Registration is required only for new attendees. *For ages 18+.*

DSW    Wednesday, February 11    2:00 pm



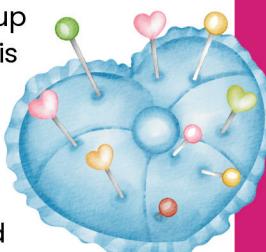
## The Basics Art Workshop Series: Painting with Acrylics

Want to create your own artwork but aren't sure where to start? Struggling to get your paintings to look the way you envision? Join us at South Branch for a series of acrylic painting workshops designed to teach the fundamentals. Learn essential skills like color theory, composition, shape and form, and more. All materials are provided. Registering for the first event will register you for the entire workshop series. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH    Saturday, February 21    10:30 am



## FRIENDS & NEEDLES: A FABRIC ARTS CIRCLE



Do you quilt, embroider, sew, crochet, knit, cross stitch, or do felting, tatting, or leatherworking? Join Friends & Needles for a gathering of like-minded needle and fiber artists as we gather to discuss the trials and triumphs of various kinds of fiber arts. Bring one of your own projects to work on at this meeting of Friends & Needles as we ask questions, answer concerns, and maybe even learn a new needlecraft. This homage to an old-fashioned sewing circle will meet monthly for two hours of discussion, demonstration, and camaraderie. Registration is not required. *For ages 16+.*

STH    Saturday, February 7    10:30 am



## PUZZLE CAFÉ

Join us for puzzles and refreshments at our Puzzle Café! The café opens at 10am and continues until 3pm. Feel free to come and go at your leisure and enjoy the company of fellow puzzle enthusiasts. You can even bring your own puzzles for our puzzle swap! *For ages 18+.*

AS    Saturday, February 28    10:00 am



# CHECK OUT THESE READERS CLUB SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

As we dive into the month of February, let's celebrate the beauty of dark blue!

As part of the *Color Me Read* theme for 2026 Readers Club, the monthly theme for February is Dark Blue. Whether you're cozying up with a book at home or diving into a new story at the library, this theme promises to add a touch of mystery and allure to your reading adventures!

To complete February's Monthly Challenge and have a chance at winning a gift card from Barnes & Noble, read and log a book that:

- Features the dark blue on the cover
- Uses the word "blue" in the title



If you're having trouble settling on a book that fits this theme, we've put together some suggestions!

Learn more about Livingston Parish's BIGGEST community of readers by visiting your local library or going to [www.mypl.info](http://www.mypl.info).

## Suggestions to Get You Started:

- *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden
- *Close Your Eyes and Count to 10* by Lisa Unger
- *The View From Lake Como* by Adriana Trigiani
- *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness
- *The Grand Paloma Resort* by Cleyvis Natera
- *You Belong Here* by Megan Miranda
- *Part of Your World* by Abby Jimenez
- *For The Record* by Emma Lord
- *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano
- *Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci

## BRANCHES

### Main Branch

20390 Iowa Street  
Livingston, LA 70754  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4160

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Denham Springs - Walker

8101 US Hwy 190  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4140

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### South

23477 LA Hwy 444  
Livingston, LA 70754  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4170

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Watson

36581 Outback Road  
Denham Springs, LA 70706  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4180

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Albany - Springfield

26941 LA Hwy 43  
Hammond, LA 70403  
Phone: (225) 686 - 4130

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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