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TRACE YOUR ROOTS AT THE LIBRARY

October is *National Family History Month*, making it the perfect time to learn more about where you came from! Your library is here to help – not just with your family's story, but with our community's story.

The Livingston Parish Library provides a mix of digital databases, local historical records, and genealogical tools to support effective ancestry research. Learn more below!



Genealogy Room

Housed at the Main Branch in Livingston, the Library's Genealogy Room is open to anyone ready to start digging into their family history! The room houses a dedicated collection of Livingston Parish genealogy materials, including census transcriptions, probate and mortality records, church histories, old newspapers, and family genealogies.

Whether you're starting a family tree or chasing an ancestor who's vanished from the records, this collection is a great place to dig in.

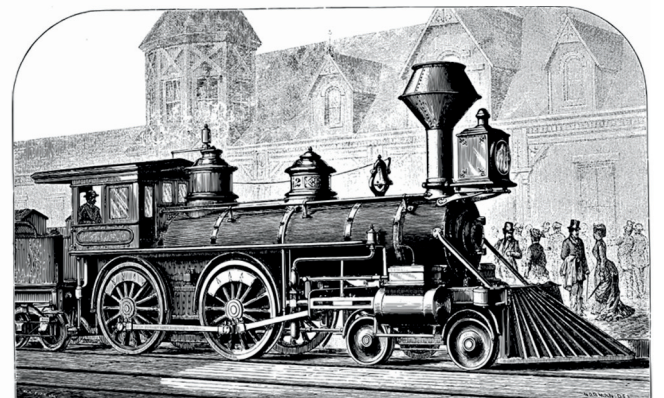
Microfilm Reader

For older materials not yet digitized, the Genealogy Room also offers a digital microfilm reader for in-library use. Beyond simple viewing, it can save images to a USB drive, email, or print – handy for anyone hoping to bring records home.

Patrons can even request microfilm through interlibrary loan or from FamilySearch.org, since our Main Branch is a designated FamilySearch Center.

Genealogical Databases

Beyond the print collection, the library offers four genealogy databases: African American Heritage, Ancestry, Fold3, and HeritageQuest. These databases contain searchable census data, vital records, immigration and military records, and more.



TRICK, TREAT, AND READ: A BOO-TIFUL BATCH OF BOOKS

Halloween is creeping up, and our shelves are stocked with treats! This October, we're spotlighting a few picture books and juvenile books from our collection, from silly monster tales to gentle spooky stories, all perfect for young readers. Happy reading!



***The Bats on the Bus* by Alison Jackson**

A spooky picture book adaptation of *The Wheels on the Bus* where a bus full of silly monsters rides around town before a fun twist at the end.



***Bluey's Heelerween* by Jessica Magro**

Play Halloween games with Bluey and Bingo in this fun picture book based on the wildly successful animated series *Bluey*, as seen on Disney+!



***Hap-Pea Halloween* by Keith Baker**

Keith Baker's New York Times bestselling peas celebrate Halloween in this picture book filled with kids' favorite parts of spooky season!



***Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2* by Jeff Kinney**

Rowley Jefferson is back with Rowley Jefferson's *Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2* – which is even more hilariously terrifying than the first!



***The Pumpkin Princess and the Forever Night* by Steven Banbury**

This spooky yet heartwarming adventure follows one girl's journey into the land of the undead and the unexpected family she finds along the way.



***My Weird School Special: Fright Night* by Dan Gutman**

Gather around the campfire for some scary stories with A.J. and friends in this *My Weird School Special*, featuring extra pages of puzzles, games, and more!

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S STORY WITH THESE DATABASES

Curious about where your family came from? The Livingston Parish Library offers four free genealogy databases to help you trace your family tree, uncover forgotten stories, and connect with your history — all with just your library card. Stop by your local LPL branch or log in from home with your library card number to start uncovering your story!



African American Heritage connects researchers with specialized records and tools built specifically for tracing African American family lines, developed alongside respected genealogists in the field.



Ancestry (Library Edition) puts thousands of searchable collections at your fingertips, from census and military records to immigration files, photos, and old directories. Available in-library only.



Fold3 focuses on military history, offering service records, photos, and personal documents spanning from the Revolutionary War to more recent conflicts, making it a perfect resource for honoring family veterans.



HeritageQuest houses billions of records dating back to the 1700s, including local histories and interactive census maps, making it a go-to starting point for early American ancestry research.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

OCTOBER 2026

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

10/1	5:00p	Roll-A-Monster
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/7	10:30a	Storytime
10/8	4:00p	Youth Bad Art Day
10/10	10:30a	Paper Bag Monster Puppets
10/14	10:30a	Storytime
10/15	5:30p	LEGO Club
10/21	10:30a	Storytime
10/22	5:00p	D.I.Y. Demogorgon
10/28	10:30a	Storytime

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/1	4:00p	Teen Advisory Board
10/1	4:30p	Teen Hangout
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/7	10:30a	Storytime
10/8	5:30p	LEGO Club
10/9	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement
10/13	3:00p	D.I.Y. Demogorgon
10/14	10:30a	Storytime
10/21	10:30a	Storytime
10/23	3:00p	Roll-A-Monster
10/27	3:00p	Youth Bad Art Day
10/28	10:30a	Storytime
10/31	6:00p	Haunted Library!

SOUTH BRANCH

10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/3	2:00p	Youth Bad Art Day
10/5	4:00p	Creative Krewe
10/7	10:30a	Storytime
10/13	5:00p	Roll-A-Monster
10/14	10:30a	Storytime
10/17	2:00p	Paper Bag Monster Puppets
10/19	4:00p	Creative Krewe
10/21	10:30a	Storytime
10/27	5:00p	LEGO Club
10/28	10:30a	Storytime

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DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER BRANCH

10/1	6:00p	D.I.Y. Demogorgon
10/3	All Day	Dino Display
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/5	9:45a	Book Babies
10/5	10:30a	Storytime
10/8	10:30a	Bilingual Storytime: La hora del cuento bilingue
10/8	6:00p	Roll-A-Monster
10/10	1:00p	Keep Louisiana Beautiful with Lynda Gardiner
10/10	3:00p	Keep Louisiana Beautiful with Lynda Gardiner
10/12	9:45a	Book Babies
10/12	10:30a	Storytime
10/15	6:00p	LEGO Club
10/16	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement
10/19	9:45a	Book Babies
10/19	10:30a	Storytime
10/22	6:00p	Youth Bad Art Day
10/24	1:00p	Keep Louisiana Beautiful with Lynda Gardiner
10/24	3:00p	Keep Louisiana Beautiful with Lynda Gardiner
10/26	9:45a	Book Babies
10/26	10:30a	Storytime
10/29	6:00p	Paper Bag Monster Puppets

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WATSON BRANCH

10/1	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board
10/1	5:30p	Teen Hangout
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/7	10:30a	Storytime
10/8	5:30p	D.I.Y. Demogorgon
10/14	10:30a	Storytime
10/15	5:30p	Teen Hangout
10/16	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement
10/21	10:30a	Storytime
10/21	3:00p	Youth Bad Art Day
10/22	5:30p	LEGO Club
10/23	10:30a	Paper Bag Monster Puppets
10/28	10:30a	Storytime
10/29	5:30p	Roll-A-Monster

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/3	9:30a	Ask A Lawyer
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/15	5:00p	The Art of Shuttle Tatting
10/22	5:30p	Halloween Ghost Garland
10/27	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club
10/29	5:30p	ADULT Bad Art Day

Ages 18+
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SOUTH BRANCH

10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/3	10:30a	Friends & Needles: A Fabric Arts Circle
10/6	10:00a	Joyful Reads Book Club
10/8	5:30p	ADULT Bad Art Day
10/10	1:00p	The Art of Shuttle Tatting
10/14	2:00p	Master Gardener-Preparing Fruit Trees for Spring
10/17	10:30a	The Basics Art Workshop Series: Painting with Acrylics
10/22	5:00p	Wood Block Photo Frame
10/29	5:30p	Bookies Book Club

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WATSON BRANCH

10/2	1:30p	Halloween Ghost Garland
10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/6	5:00p	The Art of Shuttle Tatting
10/13	10:00a	Sunny Side Up Book Club
10/17	2:00p	Do You Need a Will?
10/20	5:30p	ADULT Bad Art Day

Ages 18+
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ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/5	1:00p	ADULT Bad Art Day
10/9	2:00p	Master Gardener: Using Native Plants in Your Landscape
10/16	1:00p	Halloween Ghost Garland
10/24	10:00a	Puzzle Cafe
10/26	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club
10/29	1:00p	Wood Block Photo Frame

All Ages
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DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER BRANCH

10/3	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday
10/3	1:00p	Epilepsy Seizure Recognition and Response Training
10/5	5:15p	Spanish II
10/6	3:00p	Wood Block Photo Frame
10/7	5:15p	Beginning Spanish
10/8	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club
10/10	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games
10/12	5:15p	Spanish II
10/14	5:15p	Beginning Spanish
10/15	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club
10/15	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club
10/19	5:15p	Spanish II
10/20	5:30p	American Mah Jongg for Beginners
10/21	5:15p	Beginning Spanish
10/26	5:15p	Spanish II
10/27	5:00p	ADULT Bad Art Day
10/28	5:15p	Beginning Spanish

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All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit www.mylpl.info and click on events.

YOUTH EVENTS

KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL

Join Ms. Lynda Gardiner, the Litter Abatement Director with the Livingston Parish Government, as she hosts a 30-minute session to educate students on litter, recycling, and related environmental topics. Registration is not required. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW	Saturday, October 10	1:00 PM
DSW	Saturday, October 10	3:00 PM
DSW	Saturday, October 24	1:00 PM
DSW	Saturday, October 24	3:00 PM



CRAFT & GO SATURDAY

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, October 3	10:00 AM
DSW	Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM
MAIN	Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM
STH	Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM
WAT	Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM



ROLL-A-MONSTER

Every roll brings a new surprise! Join us to make your own Roll-A-Monster game, then see what wacky, wild, or wonderfully weird creature you can build. Registration is Required. *For ages 8-12.*

AS	Thursday, October 1	5:00 PM
DSW	Thursday, October 8	6:00 PM
STH	Tuesday, October 13	5:00 PM
MAIN	Friday, October 23	3:00 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 29	5:30 PM



PAPER BAG MONSTER PUPPETS

Calling all monster makers! Let your imagination run wild during this event by creating your very own unique paper bag monster puppet. *For ages 3-7.*

AS	Saturday, October 10	10:30 AM
STH	Saturday, October 17	2:00 PM
WAT	Friday, October 23	10:30 AM
DSW	Thursday, October 29	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, October 8	5:30 PM
AS	Thursday, October 15	5:30 PM
DSW	Thursday, October 15	6:00 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 22	5:30 PM
STH	Tuesday, October 27	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.*

MAIN	Thursday, October 1	4:00 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 1	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.*

MAIN	Thursday, October 1	4:30 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 1	5:30 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 15	5:30 PM



HAUNTED LIBRARY!

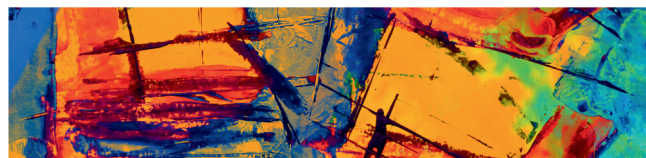
Step into our Haunted Library for a spine-tingling Halloween experience! Navigate through our transformed spaces including the Spooky Ballroom, Graveyard of Genealogy Ghouls, Dr. Frankenstein's Reference Desk, and more. Enjoy trick-or-treating at decorated stations and Halloween fun for the whole family. Staff in costume will create an unforgettable haunted experience. Don't miss this spooktacular community event! *For all ages.*

MAIN	Saturday, October 31	6:00 PM
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BAD ART DAY

Think you can make the world's worst Halloween craft? Put your questionable artistic skills to the test! We'll supply the craft materials—you bring the imagination. Create the ugliest monster or most wonderfully awful spooky masterpiece you can dream up for a chance to win the Worst Artist Trophy. *For ages 5–18.*

STH	Saturday, October 3	2:00 PM
AS	Thursday, October 8	4:00 PM
WAT	Wednesday, October 21	3:00 PM
DSW	Thursday, October 22	6:00 PM
MAIN	Tuesday, October 27	3:00 PM



CREATIVE KREWE

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, October 5	4:00 PM
STH	Monday, October 19	4:00 PM



D.I.Y. DEMOGORGON

Head to the Upside Down for a Stranger Things-themed D.I.Y. Demogorgon Craft & Trivia Event! Make your own eerie Demogorgon-inspired craft, put your knowledge to the test with themed trivia, and enjoy an evening of fandom, laughter, and friendly competition. *For ages 13–18.*

DSW	Thursday, October 1	6:00 PM
WAT	Thursday, October 8	5:30 PM
MAIN	Tuesday, October 13	3:00 PM
AS	Thursday, October 22	5:00 PM



ADULT EVENTS

ADULT BAD ART DAY

Come make BAD ART MONSTERS or other SPOOKY/ARTISTIC CREATIONS! Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity go wild! We'll provide a variety of craft supplies, and you'll compete to see who can make the ugliest monster or other art. The winner (or would it be the loser) will receive a WORST ARTIST TROPHY! *For ages 18+.*

AS	Monday, October 5	1:00 PM
STH	Thursday, October 8	5:30 PM
WAT	Tuesday, October 20	5:30 PM
DSW	Tuesday, October 27	5:00 PM
MAIN	Thursday, October 29	5:30 PM



HALLOWEEN GHOST GARLAND

Looking to add a spooky yet charming touch to your Halloween decor this year? Why not make a DIY Halloween garland featuring adorable little book page ghosts! Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

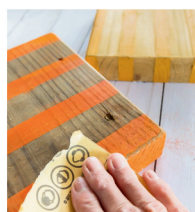
WAT	Friday, October 2	1:30 PM
AS	Friday, October 16	1:00 PM
MAIN	Thursday, October 22	5:30 PM



WOOD BLOCK PHOTO FRAME

Want a unique way to display that special photo?! Roll up your sleeves and build this lovely wooden block picture frame, dressed up with crystal and lace. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Tuesday, October 6	3:00 PM
STH	Thursday, October 22	5:00 PM
AS	Thursday, October 29	1:00 PM



AMERICAN MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

Looking for a new way to connect, strategize, and have fun? Join us for American Mah Jongg for Beginners, a hands-on two-hour workshop led by retired educator Dr. Aimee Klimczak. You'll learn everything you need to start playing confidently: tile recognition, how to read the official NMJL Card, the Charleston passing ritual, and essential gameplay etiquette. With small group instruction (limited to 8 participants), you'll get plenty of practice time and finish the session by playing a full game under expert guidance. No experience necessary—just bring your curiosity and leave ready to host your own game night! Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Tuesday, October 20	5:30 PM
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THE ART OF SHUTTLE TATting

Come join us as we embark on the art of shuttle tatting. We will be enlightened with the origin and methods of this "lost art" sprinkled with friendship and laughter. Once considered something your grandmother did you can impress yourself, friends, and family with treasures made with your hands. Learn the basic stitch and start making lace to trim and embellish whatever your heart desires. You will learn the basic stitch and terminology. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

WAT	Tuesday, October 6,	5:00 PM
STH	Saturday, October 10	1:00 PM
MAIN	Thursday, October 15	5:00 PM



ASK A LAWYER

Need legal advice but not sure where to turn? The Livingston Parish Library is partnering with the Baton Rouge Bar Association to offer free, in-person legal assistance to the public. Local attorneys will be available to help with civil legal matters such as family law, landlord-tenant issues, wills and estates, and more. Criminal cases will not be addressed. No appointments – assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis. Whether you need guidance on a legal issue or just have questions, stop by during this walk-up clinic for trusted, professional advice at no cost. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN Saturday, October 3 9:30 AM



DO YOU NEED A WILL?

Ever wondered what happens to your property if you pass away without a will? Or how community property is handled in Louisiana? Join presenters from the Gaudin Law Group at the Livingston Parish Library as they break down the basics of Louisiana law on wills in a simple, easy-to-understand way. *For ages 18+.*

WAT Saturday, October 17 2:00 PM



Epilepsy Seizure Recognition and Response Training

With so many people impacted by epilepsy and seizures, Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana wants to ensure that our community is prepared to respond. Epilepsy of Louisiana offers FREE seizure recognition and response training for individuals. This course will give you the tools and confidence you need to identify and safely respond to a seizure. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, October 3 1:00 PM



Master Gardener: Preparing Fruit Trees for Spring

Want to know how to grow fruit trees, how to spray, when to prune, etc.? Come learn from Master Gardener Lucie Barilleau on preparing your fruit trees for spring! This event is presented in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

STH Wednesday, October 14 2:00 PM



Master Gardener: Using Native Plants in Your Landscape

Discover how native plants can transform your landscape into a beautiful, low-maintenance space that thrives naturally in your local environment. This engaging presentation will explore the benefits of native species, including water conservation, reduced upkeep, and support for pollinators and wildlife. Learn practical tips for selecting, planting, and designing with native plants to create a vibrant, sustainable garden that flourishes year after year. This event is presented in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

AS Friday, October 9 2:00 PM



BLACK TO BASICS: HERE'S READERS CLUB'S OCTOBER CHALLENGE

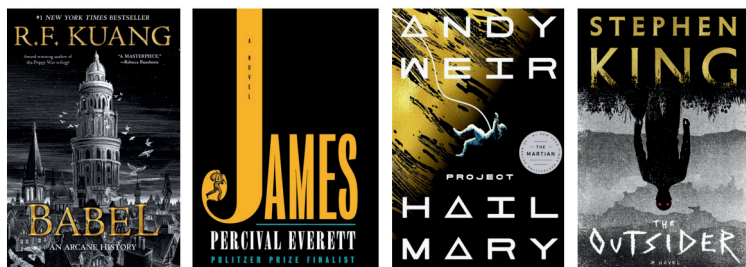
This October, we're painting the town black with our spookiest Readers Club challenge yet.

To complete the Readers Club for October, read and log a book that:

- **Features a black cover**
- **Has the word "black" in the title**

Those who complete the challenge will be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card.

If you need help finding the perfect book, we've handpicked a few midnight-worthy selections to get you started! To learn more about Readers Club, visit your local library or go to www.mylpl.info.



Suggestions to Get You Started

- *James* by Percival Everett
- *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir
- *Babel* by R.F. Kuang
- *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo
- *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith
- *The Outsider* by Stephen King
- *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell
- *The Atlas Six* by Olivie Blake
- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn

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.

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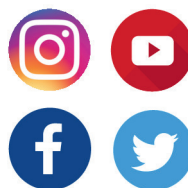
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