



LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY

# NEWSLETTER

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## SIGN UP FOR YOUR LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This summer, you're invited on a journey of art and creativity at YOUR Library!

Celebrate the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives by signing up for the Livingston Parish Library's annual Summer Reading Program, which runs **May 19 – August 3.**

Patrons of all ages can participate by completing reading challenges and attending fun events hosted by the Library.



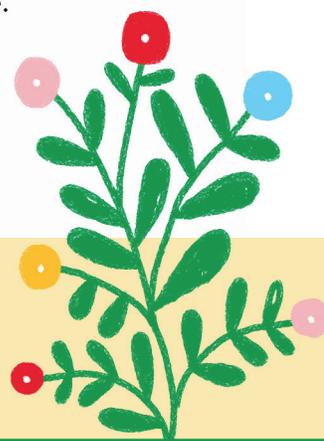
**This year's SRP theme is Color Our World.**

The Summer Reading Program is designed to engage and inspire readers of all ages. The program consists of four age groups: Read-to-Me (ages 0-5), Youth (ages 6-12), Teens (ages 13-18), and Adults (ages 18 and older).

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge during our special **SRP Kickoff Day on Tuesday, May 27**, to claim a special kickoff prize, available only on this day. While you're there, unleash your inner artist by creating a masterpiece for our Tiny Art Show that will be on display at the library through June.



The Library's Summer Reading Program is loaded with fun activities and special events for all ages. Be on the lookout for our June/July newsletter for a complete listing of all our summer events!



For more information or to register, visit your local library or go to [www.mylpl.info/SummerReading](http://www.mylpl.info/SummerReading).

# 2025 SRP CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

Get ready for a summer of fun and reading with four exciting challenges for all ages!

Registration for the Library's Summer Reading Program officially opens Monday, May 19, through our Summer Reading page on Beanstack. Your age group will determine which challenge you can participate in.

Once you complete your challenge, visit your local branch to claim your completion prize! But be sure to keep reading to earn more entries in our end-of-summer grand prize drawings.

## SRP AGE GROUPS

### Read-To-Me (Ages 0-5)

To complete the challenge, you must earn 10 points by reading and logging 10 picture books.

### Youth (Ages 6-12)

To complete the challenge, you must earn 3 points by reading and logging 3 chapter books or 180 minutes of reading.

### Teen (Ages 13-18)

To complete the challenge, you must earn 3 points by logging 3 chapter books, 180 minutes of reading, 3 activities, or a mix of all three.

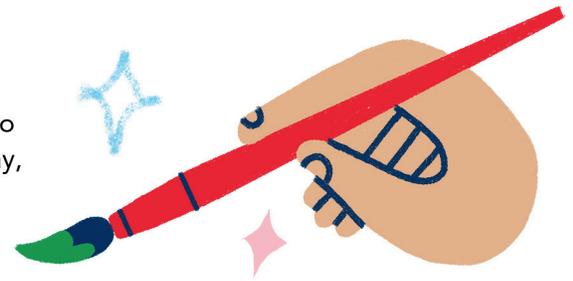
### Adult (Ages 18+)

To complete the challenge, you must earn 3 points by logging 3 chapter books, 180 minutes of reading, 3 activities, or a combination.

## HOW TO ENTER THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS

All participants must apply their earned tickets in Beanstack to be entered into the end-of-summer grand prize drawings. The deadline is 11:59 PM on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

For more information, visit [www.mylpl.info/SummerReading](http://www.mylpl.info/SummerReading).



# EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE IN THE AMAZON

This month, let's go on an adventure!

As part of "A Journey Through Genres" theme for 2025 Readers Club, the monthly theme for May is "Adventure in the Amazon."

To complete May's Monthly Challenge, do any of the following:

- Read an action or adventure book, OR
- Read a book set in South America, OR
- Read a book highlighting the Amazon Rainforest



## May Readers Club Book Recommendations :

- *The Stowaway: A Young Man's Extraordinary Adventure To Antarctica* by Laurie Gwen Shapiro
- *Lost In The Amazon* by Stephen Kirkpatrick
- *What The River Knows* by Isabel Ibanez
- *Flesh And Bone And Water* by Luiza Sauma
- *The Mangrove Coast* by Randy Wayne White
- *The Wager: A Tale Of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder* by David Grann
- *Raiders Of The Lost Heart* by Jo Segura
- *State Of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
- *2054* by Elliot Ackerman and James G. Stavridis
- *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

MAY 2025

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

5/8	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
5/10	10:00a	Tea with Tiaras: A Mother's Day Tea Party	All Ages
5/13	3:00p	Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts	Ages 6-18
5/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

5/15	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
5/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/30	2:00p	Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts	Ages 6-18

### SOUTH

5/19	4:00p	Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts	Ages 6-18
5/20	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
5/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

5/8	10:30a	Bilingual Storytime: La hora del cuento bilingue	Ages 0-8
5/10	10:00a	Tea with Tiaras: A Mother's Day Tea Party	All Ages
5/15	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
5/19	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
5/19	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/22	6:00p	Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts	Ages 6-18
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages

### WATSON

5/1	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
5/1	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
5/2	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
5/8	5:30p	Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts	Ages 6-18
5/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
5/22	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/28	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

We Will Be **CLOSED MAY 9**  
for **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

WE WILL **MAY 26**  
BE CLOSED

★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## ★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

5/10	1:30p	Exploding Card	Ages 18+
5/20	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

5/10	1:00p	Crafting Club	Ages 18+
5/13	5:00p	Exploding Card	Ages 18+
5/19	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+
5/24	11:00a	Puzzle Café	Ages 18+
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/29	2:00p	Paint Party with Cathy Bond	Ages 18+

### WATSON

5/13	10:00a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
5/13	6:00p	Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
5/20	5:30p	Exploding Card	Ages 18+
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/30	1:00p	Cut Out Earrings	Ages 18+

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

5/5	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
5/6	3:00p	Exploding Card	Ages 18+
5/10	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
5/12	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
5/14	1:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
5/15	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
5/15	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
5/19	5:30p	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
5/21	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
5/22	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/29	6:00p	Faux Stained Glass Suncatcher	Ages 18+

### SOUTH

5/1	5:30p	Exploding Card	Ages 18+
5/6	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
5/10	10:30a	Friends & Needles: A Fiber Arts Circle	Ages 16+
5/17	10:30a	Threaditions: The Slow Stitch Way	Ages 18+
5/27	9:00a	Summer Reading Program: Kickoff Day	All Ages
5/29	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

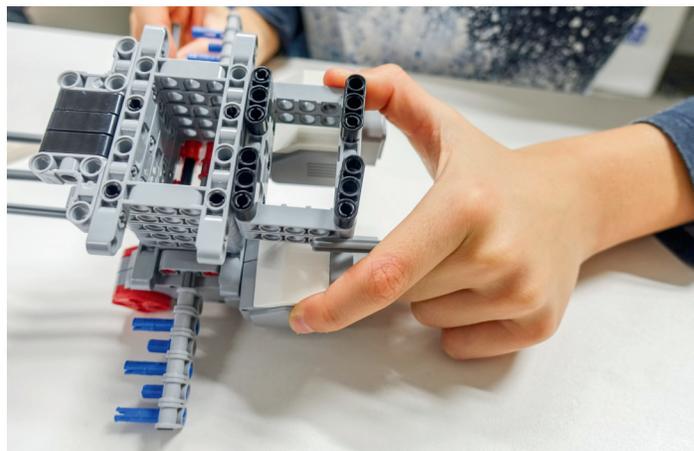
All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info) and click on events.

# KIDS CORNER

## 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, May 8	5:30 pm
AS	Thursday, May 15	5:30 pm
DSW	Thursday, May 15	6:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, May 20	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, May 22	5:30 pm



## TEA WITH TIARAS: A MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY

Join us for a magical Mother's Day tea party filled with elegance, enchantment, and cherished moments! Put on your finest attire (or not!) and sip from a teacup alongside some of your favorite princesses at this enchanting celebration. Attend the Denham Springs-Walker Branch party to step into a winter wonderland with the Snow Queen and Ice Princess. Go to the Main (Livingston) Branch for a cozy morning with Cinderella and the New Orleans Princess. Enjoy sweet treats, songs, stories, and a chance to meet, take photos, and interact with these beloved princesses. This event is perfect for mothers, grandmothers, and children who dream of a fairy-tale experience! Registration is Required and Space is Limited. *For all ages.*

DSW	Saturday, May 10	10:00 am
MAIN	Saturday, May 10	10:00 am



## SHARPIE TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS

Show us your rocker style with Sharpies! Explore your creative side by tie-dying your own wild t-shirt with sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Registration is Required. Participants must provide their own t-shirt. *For ages 6-18.*

WAT	Thursday, May 8	5:30 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, May 13	3:00 pm
STH	Monday, May 19	4:00 pm
DSW	Thursday, May 22	6:00 pm
AS	Friday, May 30	2:00 pm



# TEEN SCENE

## 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, May 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.*

WAT Thursday, May 1 5:30 pm



## Take and Make: Elevated Macaroni Necklaces

Take your macaroni-necklace making skills to the next level! This elevated macaroni necklace is a fun, stylish craft for everyone! Pick up your kit while supplies last.  
*For ages 8-18.*

Available at all branches throughout the month of May.



# ADULT EVENTS

## PAINT PARTY WITH CATHY BOND

Join us for a fun and relaxing guided painting session led by local artist, Cathy Bond, where you'll create your very own masterpiece—a charming long-eared rabbit! All supplies will be provided, so just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to paint. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

AS      Thursday, May 29      2:00 pm



## EXPLODING CARD

If you like pop-up cards, you will LOVE our Exploding Card! Just in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day, you can learn to make this 3D card using just a touch of basic origami techniques. Folded up, it's a compact little square. Untied, it "explodes" into a larger than life surprise to hold photos, messages and so much more. Join us for the fun!

Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

STH      Thursday, May 1      5:30 pm

DSW      Tuesday, May 6      3:00 pm

MAIN      Saturday, May 10      1:30 pm

AS      Tuesday, May 13      5:00 pm

WAT      Tuesday, May 20      5:30 pm



## ADULT WRITERS' CLUB

Are you looking for a friendly writer's atmosphere? People to share ideas with? Feedback for your latest writing project? Our creative writing group is for you. We focus on support, helping each other, and having fun! All genres and all levels, from novice to pro writers, are welcome. 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@my|pl.info](mailto:lcline@my|pl.info). *For ages 18+.*

DSW      Thursday, May 15      6:00 pm

DSW      Thursday, May 22      10:00 am



## ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD BOOK CLUB

The ASB Book Club meets on the last Monday of the month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, except for holidays. Titles are selected from member suggestions as well as librarian cultivation. Members are encouraged to read titles in the club that they might not normally pick up on their own, expanding their literary horizons.

Please contact the branch for details on monthly titles or if interested in joining. Space is limited, and there may be a waitlist for admittance. *For ages 18+.*

AS      Monday, May 19      10:00 am



## SEAUX EASY

Come sew with us! Whether you're an experienced needleworker or just want to learn to sew, you'll enjoy the fun projects we make once a month at our sewing club. Please register if this is your first time joining us. All participants provide their own supplies. Registration is required for new attendees. *For ages 18+.*

DSW      Wednesday, May 14      1:00 pm



## CRAFTING CLUB

Need a place to work on your latest arts and crafts project away from home? Would you like a place to socialize with like-minded artists? Try out our new Crafting Club at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library! Bring your own project and utilize our selection of tools; create and socialize with other crafty adults. Registration is preferred. *For ages 18+.*

AS      Saturday, May 10      1:00 pm

## HOOKS & LOOPS CROCHET CLUB

Get hooked on making loops into cool things (also known as crochet)! Are you an absolute beginner? You'll get one-on-one instructions on how to get started, plus some yarn and loaner hooks. Are you more than a novice but have yet to become an expert? Get project help and advice here. Are you a veteran crocheter? Join us to swap ideas, work on your latest creation, and share your knowledge. Whatever you are, come by and have fun crocheting! Bring your supplies, and spin a yarn with like-minded crafters. *For ages 18+.*

DSW      Wednesday, May 21      2:00 pm



# DEVELOP NEW SKILLS WITH THESE DATABASES

If you're trying to learn a new skill, prep for a certification, or pursue a new interest, check out these databases available through your Library! To get started, grab your library card and visit [www.mylpl.info/databases](http://www.mylpl.info/databases).



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## EXPERIENCE READ-ALONGS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Help your young reader improve literacy skills and cultivate a love for reading with Wonderbook, an all-in-one super format combining print and audio for a fully immersive experience!

The award-winning Wonderbook by Playaway Products pairs a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. All kids have to do is press play for Read-Along Mode with their favorite books, or they can switch to Sing-Along Mode or Learning Mode for a multisensory experience for readers of all levels!

Create confident book lovers by checking out a Wonderbook from your local library TODAY!



## 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

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Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
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### Watson

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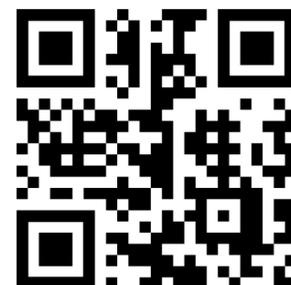
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Albany - Springfield

26941 LA Hwy 43  
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Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
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