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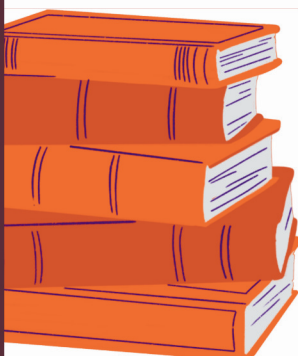
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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

Join Us for Livingston Parish's Biggest Celebration of Books and Literacy!



You're invited to a celebration 10 years in the making!

The 10th Annual Livingston Parish Book Festival will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The festival will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Main Branch in Livingston, located at 20390 Iowa Street, Livingston, LA 70754.

Hosted by the Livingston Parish Library, this event is free and open to all ages. This year's Book Festival will feature a Renaissance theme, so we encourage everyone to dress in their best medieval costumes!

About Book Festival

Held every year in the fall, the Livingston Parish Book Festival is the Library's biggest single-day event, featuring author discussions, book signings, live music, food trucks, face painting, balloon twisting, games, crafts, and other family-friendly activities.

Over the past decade, the Book Festival has grown into one of Livingston Parish's most popular events, drawing thousands of visitors for a day-long celebration of books, literature, art, and community. We are pulling out all the stops to commemorate this special milestone, so be sure to mark your calendars for a day you won't forget!



Featured Authors and Performers

Headlining this year's Livingston Parish Book Festival will be **Mari Mancusi**, a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author. Other featured authors include **Shannon Kelley Atwater**, a children's author/illustrator based in New Orleans; **Baptiste Paul**, a Caribbean-born award-winning children's book author; and **Rachel M. Marsh**, a Louisiana native and critically-acclaimed middle grade author.

We will also have **Boomerang Comedy Theatre**, a Baton Rouge-based troupe, perform a live open world escape room where you'll team up with their actors to solve puzzles and become part of the story!

This year's Book Festival will feature more than 50 local authors and community organizations – the most ever – and there will be free books available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, visit www.mylpl.info/BookFestival or call the Livingston Parish Library at (225) 686-4100.



EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY THIS MONTH USING THESE DATABASES

Celebrate National Family History Month by using these databases available through your Livingston Parish Library! With these databases, you can explore your family's history and learn more about the story of YOU! These databases and more are available by visiting www.mylpl.info/databases.



African American Heritage by ProQuest - Created in partnership with leading African American genealogists and recognized leaders in genealogical information, this groundbreaking digital resource is devoted to African American family history research. This comprehensive mix of resources, records, and tools can help individuals obtain records critical to African American family research and connect them to a community of research experts.



Ancestry - Answers await everyone inside an unprecedented online collection of more than 7,000 databases! Unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.



Fold3 - Gain easy, convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of those who served. With content from the Revolutionary War onward, this growing collection is an invaluable resource for historians, genealogists, researchers, veterans and their families, teachers, and more.



Heritage Quest - Discover the history of you in this comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources – rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, research guides, census maps, and more. With more than 4.4 billion records, this essential collection of genealogical and historical sources – with coverage dating back to the 1700s – can help people find ancestors and discover a place's past.

Check Out These Suggestions for October's Readers Club Monthly Challenge

Fall into these spooky selections during the spookiest month of the year! To complete October's Monthly Challenge for Readers Club, do any of the following:

- Read a mystery book, OR
- Read a book set in the Northeast U.S., OR
- Read a book highlighting fall foliage



If you need some help finding a book, here are some recommendations we've put together for you! For more information on Readers Club, visit your local library or go to www.mylpl.info/Readers-Club.

October Readers Club Book Recommendations :

- *It* by Stephen King
- *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes
- *North Woods* by Daniel Mason
- *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore
- *Agony Hill* by Sarah Stewart Taylor
- *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai
- *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo
- *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
- *The Hitchcock Hotel* by Stephanie Wrobel
- *Before We Were Us* by Denise Hunter
- *The Days I Loved You Most* by Amy Neff

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

OCTOBER 2025

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/9	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/14	3:00p	Crochet Cup Cozy	Ages 13-18
10/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/16	4:00p	Spider Web Party	Ages 5-7
10/18	10:00a	Pumpkin Slime	Ages 8-12
10/22	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/25	11:00a	10th Annual Book Festival	All Ages
10/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/31	6:00p	Haunted Library!	All Ages

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/2	4:00p	Crochet Cup Cozy	Ages 13-18
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/4	10:30a	Bright Star Theatre: Franken-Bully	All Ages
10/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/9	2:00p	Spider Web Party	Ages 5-7
10/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/16	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/22	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/23	2:00p	Pumpkin Slime	Ages 8-12
10/27	4:30p	Bats in the Spotlight	Ages 6+
10/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

SOUTH

10/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/4	2:00p	Pumpkin Slime	Ages 8-12
10/6	4:00p	Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
10/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/13	4:00p	Spider Web Party	Ages 5-7
10/15	10:30a	Storytime (Ages 0-5)	Ages 0-5
10/20	4:00p	Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
10/22	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/28	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/2	6:00p	Spider Web Party	Ages 5-7
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/4	1:30p	Bright Star Theatre: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	All Ages
10/4	2:45p	Bright Star Theatre: A Tell-Tale Tale - The Stories & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe	All Ages
10/6	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/6	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/9	10:30a	Bilingual Storytime: La hora del cuento bilingue	Ages 0-8
10/9	6:00p	Crochet Cup Cozy	Ages 13-18
10/13	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/13	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/16	5:30p	Dragon Party with Tracey West	Ages 6-12
10/17	10:30a	Wiggle Worms	Ages 0-5
10/20	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/20	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/23	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/27	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/27	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/30	6:00p	Pumpkin Slime	Ages 8-12

WATSON

10/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/2	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/2	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/9	5:30p	Pumpkin Slime	Ages 8-12
10/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/16	5:30p	Crochet Cup Cozy	Ages 13-18
10/17	10:30a	Wiggle Worms	Ages 0-5
10/22	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/23	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/30	5:30p	Spider Web Party	Ages 5-7

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/2	5:00p	Spider Web Wall Wreath	Ages 18+
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/11	1:00p	Felt Bat Garland	Ages 18+
10/25	11:00a	10th Annual Book Festival	All Ages
10/28	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+
10/31	6:00p	Haunted Library!	All Ages

ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/3	1:00p	Jenga Block Pumpkins	Ages 18+
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/10	1:00p	Spider Web Wall Wreath	Ages 18+
10/11	1:00p	Crafting Club	Ages 18+
10/27	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+
10/28	5:00p	Felt Bat Garland	Ages 18+

SOUTH

10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/4	10:30a	Friends & Needles: a fiber arts circle	Ages 16+
10/7	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
10/9	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+
10/16	10:30a	Spider Web Wall Wreath	Ages 18+
10/18	10:30a	Threaditions: The Slow Stitch Way	Ages 18+
10/30	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/1	11:00a	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/6	5:30p	Spanish II	Ages 18+
10/7	3:00p	Spider Web Wall Wreath	Ages 18+
10/8	11:00a	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
10/8	1:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
10/11	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
10/13	5:30p	Spanish II	Ages 18+
10/15	11:00a	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
10/15	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
10/16	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
10/16	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
10/18	10:00a	High Tea and Hemlock	Ages 18+
10/20	5:30p	Spanish II	Ages 18+
10/21	6:00p	Master Gardener: Plant Swap	Ages 18+
10/22	11:00a	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
10/27	5:30p	Spanish II	Ages 18+
10/29	11:00a	Beginning Spanish	Ages 18+
10/30	10:00a	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+

WATSON

10/4	10:00a	Craft & Go Saturday	All Ages
10/7	5:30p	Felt Bat Garland	Ages 18+
10/14	10:00a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
10/14	6:00p	Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
10/24	1:30p	Spider Web Wall Wreath	Ages 18+

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

DRAGON PARTY WITH TRACEY WEST

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as we celebrate all things dragon with special guest Tracey West, author of the beloved Dragon Masters series! We'll kick things off with an exciting Zoom meet & greet with Tracey, then dive into more fun with custom dragon scale slime and make-your-own dragon stickers. Enjoy a tasty cupcake and let your imagination soar! Registration is Required. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW Thursday, October 16 5:30 pm



SPIDER WEB PARTY

Ready for some creepy, crawly fun? Join us for an eight-legged, spider-filled party that's sure to spin a web of excitement! Costumes are welcome, but must be family friendly. Refreshments provided. Registration is Required. *For ages 5-7.*

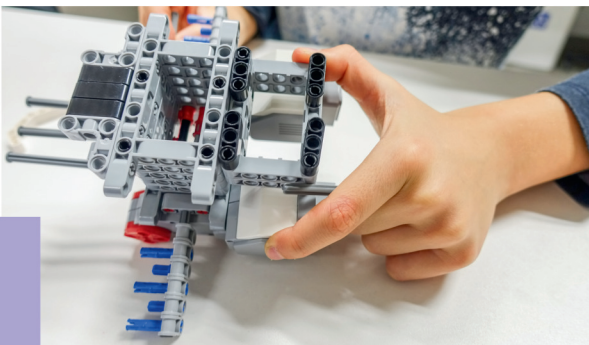
DSW	Thursday, October 2	6:00 pm
AS	Thursday, October 9	2:00 pm
STH	Monday, October 13	4:00 pm
MAIN	Thursday, October 16	4:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 30	5:30 pm



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 9	5:30 pm
AS	Thursday, October 16	5:30 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 23	5:30 pm
DSW	Thursday, October 23	6:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, October 28	5:00 pm



BATS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Step out of the shadows and into the fascinating world of bats! Join Louisiana Master Naturalist, Katherine Gividen for an illuminating look at these often-misunderstood creatures. This engaging presentation will shine a light on one of nature's most valuable nighttime allies. *For ages 6+.*

AS Monday, October 27 4:30 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, October 2 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, October 2 5:30 pm

CROCHET CUP COZY

Looking for a reusable cup cozy that gets you into the fall spirit? Join us for our Crochet Cup Cozy event and learn to make your own using a simple crochet technique—perfect for beginners! Refreshments Provided. Registration is Required. *For ages 13-18.*

AS Thursday, October 2 4:00 pm
DSW Thursday, October 9 6:00 pm
MAIN Tuesday, October 14 3:00 pm
WAT Thursday, October 16 5:30 pm



PUMPKIN SLIME

What's a pumpkin's favorite genre? Pulp fiction! There's no pulp in this class—but there is plenty of slime! Come join the fun as we mix up some orange gooey goodness and pack it into adorable pumpkin bags to take home. Registration is Required. *For ages 8-12.*

STH Saturday, October 4 2:00 pm
WAT Thursday, October 9 5:30 pm
MAIN Saturday, October 18 10:00 am
AS Thursday, October 23 2:00 pm
DSW Thursday, October 30 6:00 pm



BRIGHT STAR THEATRE

Bright Star Theatre is bringing three exciting performances to Livingston Parish Library—offering something for every age. Enjoy a fun, anti-bullying message in *Franken-Bully* at the Albany-Springfield Branch (10:30 AM), spooky laughs with *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, and gothic giggles and chills in *A Tell-Tale Tale: The Stories & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch (1:30 PM & 2:45 PM, respectively). *For all ages.*

AS Saturday, October 4 10:30 am
DSW Saturday, October 4 1:30 pm
DSW Saturday, October 4 2:45 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 6 4:00 pm
STH Monday, October 20 4:00 pm

ADULT EVENTS

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 Friday, October 31 6:00 pm



FELT BAT GARLAND

Join us as we create frightfully fun felt bat garlands! These are perfect for adding that spooky touch to your Halloween décor. All materials are provided, just bring your imagination! Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

WAT Tuesday, October 7 5:30 pm
MAIN Saturday, October 11 1:00 pm
AS Tuesday, October 28 5:00 pm



SPIDER WEB WALL WREATH

Spiders and Bats and Bows—Oh My!
Join us at the Library to create a BOO-tiful, creepy-crawly Halloween wreath that's perfect for your spooky seasonal décor! Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN Thursday, October 2 5:00 pm
DSW Tuesday, October 7 3:00 pm
AS Friday, October 10 1:00 pm
STH Thursday, October 16 10:30 am
WAT Friday, October 24 1:30 pm



MASTER GARDENER: PLANT SWAP

Waste not, want not! Do you have an abundance of plants you want to share with other gardening enthusiasts? Join us for our annual plant swap. Bring a plant to share, leave with a plant you didn't have before. Plant clippings, full plants, seeds, and bulbs are welcome! This event is presented by the Livingston Parish Library in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Tuesday, October 21 6:00 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, get 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 lccline@mylpl.info. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, October 16 6:00 pm
DSW Thursday, October 30 10:00 am



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, October 15 2:00 pm



HIGH TEA AND HEMLOCK

Poison has long brewed beneath the surface of great literature—and now it's steeping in your teacup.

Join us for a wickedly refined morning where tea is served with a side of suspense. Louisiana State University PhD candidate Amber Jurgensen will guide guests through the sinister world of poison in classic and contemporary literature, exploring how deadly substances have shaped stories in print.

Enjoy a tasty spread of teas and treats while uncovering the chilling role of toxins in tales of mystery, betrayal, and revenge.

An event for adults who enjoy their tea a little twisted. Over-the-top outfits and wonderful hats are never amiss at a tea party, so dress your best and come prepared to tremble at the thought of what might be in your cup.

Take heart! Nothing in your teacup will harm you... but the tales might haunt you. Registration is Required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, October 18 10:00 am



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, October 11 1:00 pm

MEET OUR FEATURED AUTHORS FOR THIS YEAR'S LIVINGSTON PARISH BOOK FESTIVAL!

The Livingston Parish Library is thrilled to announce the full lineup of acclaimed, award-winning authors who will be featured at the 10th Annual Livingston Parish Book Festival! All four of our featured authors will meet the public, do readings, and sign books during designated time slots. Books by this year's featured authors can be found in the Library's catalog. Just visit your local LPL branch or www.mylpl.info.



Mari Mancusi (Time Slot: 1:45 PM – 2:30 PM)

A *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, Mari Mancusi has written more than 30 science fiction/fantasy books in addition to being an Emmy Award-winning former television news producer. Mancusi's bestselling series have been awarded spots on major state reading lists and have been featured selections in Scholastic Book Fairs and clubs. She has original work and works for Disney and Netflix. Her latest book, *Dawn of the Dragons*, was released in September.



Shannon Kelley Atwater (Time Slot: 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM)

An author-illustrator based in New Orleans, Shannon Kelley Atwater has published four children's books: *Alligators Don't Like Flowers*, *Goodnight Pothole*, *Five Little Termites*, and her newest book *Fais Do-Do*. She has also provided the illustrations for *Rainbow Rodney* and *Clyde the Giant Crawfish*. Atwater and Grammy Award-winner Louis Michot will perform the song from *Fais Do-Do* at this year's Book Festival.



Baptiste Paul (Time Slot: 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM)

Baptiste Paul is a Caribbean-born award-winning author of multiple children's books. His debut book, *The Field*, was inspired by his childhood in Saint Lucia, and received starred reviews. His other books include *Peace*, *Climb On*, *Dear You*, *Dream Big*, and *Patchwork Prince*. Baptiste loves writing stories inspired by his childhood in Saint Lucia and featuring words from his native language, Creole.



Rachel M. Marsh (Time Slot: 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM)

Rachel M. Marsh, a Baton Rouge native, brought her family's Cajun folk tales to life with her debut novel, *Rougarou Magic*. The story follows 12-year-old Cajun girl who is having a tough time adjusting to her new life in Boston. But things change when her grandmother sends her a mischievous and magical monster from Cajun folklore – Roux the rougarou. *Rougarou Magic* was named a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection. Marsh's next book, *Grandpere's Ghost Swamp*, is currently scheduled to be released March 24, 2026.

BRANCHES

Main Branch

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Livingston, LA 70754
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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.

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23477 LA Hwy 444
Livingston, LA 70754
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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

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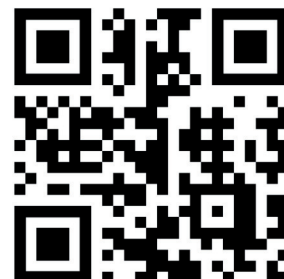
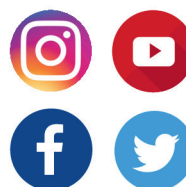
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Albany - Springfield

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