



LIVINGSTON PARISH  
**LIBRARY**



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## GRADUATE TO GREATNESS Earn a High School Diploma Through YOUR Library!

The Livingston Parish Library (LPL) has launched a new program that gives adults a second chance at earning a high school diploma.

Through the newly-launched Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School, LPL adult patrons ages 25 and older can obtain a high school diploma entirely online. This accredited high school completion program is available free of charge to qualifying adults through the Library, and it can be completed in as little as six months!

Currently, one in 10 adults in Livingston Parish does not have a high school degree or equivalent, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. In today's competitive workforce, a high school degree is essential for financial health and career advancement, putting those without one at a disadvantage.

Now, YOUR Library has made it easier than ever to get a high school degree thanks to this flexible, self-paced program. Through *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School*, students can meet the 21.5-credit requirement necessary to earn an accredited high school diploma that is accepted by colleges, employers, and the military.



**A NEW TOMORROW  
STARTS TODAY**



Students have access to unlimited one-on-one tutoring sessions and support from success coaches. Additionally, course translations and read-aloud tools for English language learners are available.

It's simple: Earn your diploma online, on your own terms, and graduate ready for your next step. If you're waiting for the perfect time to go after that diploma, this is it!



Learn more about this program at  
[www.excelhighschool.org/library/livingston](http://www.excelhighschool.org/library/livingston)

GALE PRESENTS



# SOME SELECTIONS FOR YOUR SPRING READING!



Spring has arrived, and it's time to dive into some spring reading! YOUR Library has compiled this list of spring selections for your reading pleasure. For more recommendations, visit [www.mylpl.info/ReadersAdvisory](http://www.mylpl.info/ReadersAdvisory).

## PRESCHOOL

***This Little Kitty in the Garden* by Karen Obuhanych**  
Mischievous kittens wreak adorable havoc in the garden as they plant seeds, pounce and play, claw and climb, and splish, splash and swirl, ending their day asleep in the garden bed.

## JUVENILE

***Only, Only Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly**  
When a neighbor's big, scary dog goes missing, it seems like only Marisol is worried he's up to no good. But is there more to this lost-dog story than meets the eye?

## TEEN

***A Fragile Enchantment* by Allison Saft**  
While designing the wardrobe for a royal wedding, magical dressmaker Niamh forms an unlikely friendship with the groom that makes her a pawn in a game to expose the royal family's secrets, destroying her hope for a love she never thought possible.

## ADULT

***Emily Wilde's Encyclopedia of Fairies* by Heather Fawcett**  
A Cambridge professor, scholar and researcher on the study of faeries visits the hardscrabble village of Hransvik where she gets closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones and resists her insufferably handsome academic rival.



# DIVE INTO A DIY PROJECT WITH CREATIVEBUG

With Spring in full swing, it's time to get started on some seasonal DIY projects – and we've got the perfect tool to help you get started!

Livingston Parish Library patrons have access to Creativebug.com, one of the premier inspirational resources for DIY, crafters and makers.

Creativebug offers more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video courses taught by recognized design experts and artists.

### Through this database, patrons can:

- Stream art & craft classes
- Get first access to new classes released daily
- Download patterns, templates, and recipes
- Stay connected through community galleries and forums



- ✓ Art & Design
- ✓ Sewing & Quilting
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Knitting & Crochet
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ Food & Home



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

APRIL 2024

## MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

4/3	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/8	2:30p	National Library Week Bookends	Ages 13-18
4/9	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
4/10	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/10	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
4/12	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
4/15	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
4/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/17	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
4/20	11:00a	Library Ladybug Release Party	Ages 5-12
4/22	2:30p	Macrame Plant Hanger	Ages 13-18
4/24	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
4/24	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18
4/25	5:30p	Painting with Objects	Ages 5-7
4/29	2:30p	Teen After School	Ages 13-18

## ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

4/3	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/10	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/11	5:30p	National Library Week Bookends	Ages 13-18
4/17	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
4/18	5:30p	Painting with Objects	Ages 5-7
4/24	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/25	5:00p	Library Ladybug Release Party	Ages 5-12

## SOUTH

4/1	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
4/3	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
4/10	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/13	2:00p	Painting with Objects	Ages 5-7
4/15	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
4/16	5:00p	National Library Week Bookends	Ages 13-18
4/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/23	5:00p	STEM Superstars: Lunar Science	Ages 6-12
4/24	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/27	2:00p	Library Ladybug Release Party	Ages 5-12
4/30	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12

## DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

4/1	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
4/1	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/3	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
4/4	5:00p	Painting with Objects	Ages 5-7
4/8	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
4/8	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/10	5:00p	Macrame Plant Hanger	Ages 13-18
4/11	6:00p	STEM Superstars: Lunar Science	Ages 6-12
4/13	10:30a	Library Ladybug Release Party	Ages 5-12
4/15	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
4/15	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/17	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
4/18	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
4/19	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
4/22	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
4/22	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
4/24	5:00p	National Library Week Bookends	Ages 13-18
4/25	6:00p	Pajama Storytime	Ages 0-8
4/29	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
4/29	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## WATSON

4/3	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/4	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
4/4	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
4/5	10:30a	Wiggle Worms Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
4/10	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
4/11	5:30p	Painting with Objects	Ages 5-7
4/17	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/18	5:30p	Macrame Plant Hanger	Ages 13-18
4/19	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement	Ages 0-5
4/24	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
4/25	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

4/11	5:30p	DIY Bee Hive Decoration	Ages 18+
4/18	5:30p	Rustic Butterfly Wall Hanging	Ages 18+
4/27	10:30a	Threadition: Hand-Embroidered Bag	Ages 18+
4/30	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

4/5	1:00p	Rustic Butterfly Wall Hanging	Ages 18+
4/13	1:00p	Crafting Club	Ages 18+
4/19	10:00a	Free Garage Sale	Ages 18+
4/29	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+
4/30	5:30p	DIY Bee Hive Decoration	Ages 18+

### SOUTH

4/2	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
4/6	10:30a	Friends & Needles	Ages 16+
4/11	5:30p	Rustic Butterfly Wall Hanging	Ages 18+
4/18	5:30p	DIY Bee Hive Decoration	Ages 18+
4/20	11:00a	Reimagined Icons: Barbie-Inspired Folded Book-Art	Ages 18+
4/25	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	Ages 18+

### WATSON

4/2	5:30p	Master Gardener: Lawn Care	Ages 18+
4/9	11:00a	Watson Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
4/9	6:00p	Watson Spine Tingle Book Club	Ages 18+
4/16	5:30p	Rustic Butterfly Wall Hanging	Ages 18+
4/23	5:30p	DIY Bee Hive Decoration	Ages 18+

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

4/1	5:00p	Internet Basics	Ages 18+
4/2	2:00p	Basic Computer Skills	Ages 18+
4/4	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
4/5	12:00p	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	Ages 18+
4/8	9:00a	Career Center - Goodwill GEAR Program	Ages 18+
4/9	9:00a	Career Center - Goodwill GEAR Program	Ages 18+
4/9	2:00p	Word Basics	Ages 18+
4/10	9:00a	Career Center - Goodwill GEAR Program	Ages 18+
4/13	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
4/16	2:00p	Intermediate Word	Ages 18+
4/17	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
4/18	10:30a	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
4/20	10:00a	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
4/22	2:00p	Excel Basics	Ages 18+
4/23	5:00p	Rustic Butterfly Wall Hanging	Ages 18+
4/26	2:00p	DIY Bee Hive Decoration	Ages 18+
4/27	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
4/30	2:00p	Intermediate Excel	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

## LIBRARY LADYBUG RELEASE PARTY

Ladybugs are disappearing! Let's make some appear at the library. We'll play games, make crafts, and enjoy popsicles after an exciting ladybug release. Registration is required.

*For ages 5-12.*

DSW	Saturday, April 13	10:30 am
MAIN	Saturday, April 20	11:00 am
AS	Thursday, April 25	5:00 pm
STH	Saturday, April 27	2:00 pm



## PAINTING WITH OBJECTS

Ditch the paint brushes. Get creative by painting with some everyday objects. *For ages 5-7.*

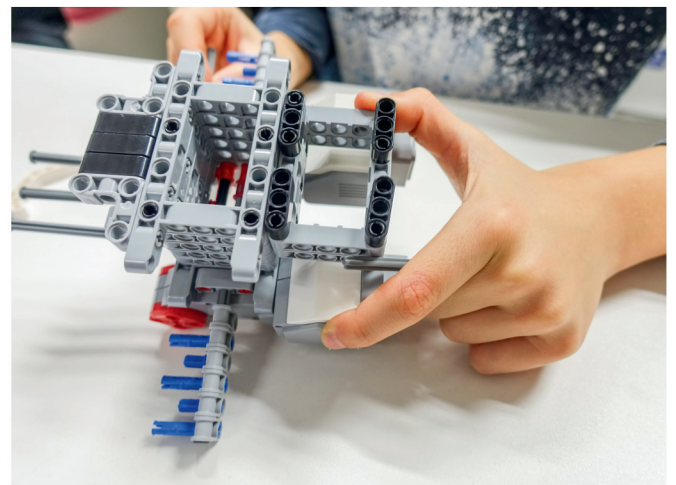
DSW	Thursday, April 4	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, April 11	5:30 pm
STH	Saturday, April 13	2:00 pm
AS	Thursday, April 18	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, April 25	5:30 pm



## 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.*

DSW	Thursday, April 18	6:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, April 25	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, April 30	5:00 pm



## STEM SUPERSTARS: LUNAR SCIENCE

Interested in learning more about science, technology, engineering, and math? Join us this month to learn about the moon and its role in a solar eclipse! Registration Required. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW	Thursday, April 11	6:00 pm
STH	Tuesday, April 23	5:00 pm



# TEEN SCENE

## THE 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.*

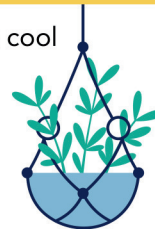
STH	Monday, April 1	4:00 pm
STH	Monday, April 15	4:00 pm



## MACRAME PLANT HANGER

Celebrate nature and springtime by making a cool macrame plant hanger! *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Wednesday, April 10	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, April 18	5:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, April 22	2:30 pm



## TEEN AFTER SCHOOL

Looking for something to do after school? Join us at the library! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, snacks, and more. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Wednesday, April 10	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, April 15	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, April 17	2:30 pm
MAIN	Wednesday, April 24	2:30 pm
MAIN	Monday, April 29	2:30 pm

## TEEN HANGOUT

Join us at Teen Hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, snacks, and more. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Wednesday, April 3	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, April 4	5:30 pm



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Do you want to help out at the library? Join a Teen Advisory Board and make a difference! TAB volunteers suggest programs you would like to see, volunteer at the branch, and help choose books for our young adult sections. Apply at the Library Today! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT	Thursday, April 4	5:00 pm
MAIN	Tuesday, April 9	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, April 17	5:00 pm

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BOOKENDS

Celebrate National Library Week by turning YOUR Library's Young Adult Section into an eye-catching place. Transform an ordinary metal bookend into something display-worthy using your imagination and a bit of paint. We'll display the finished product on the YA Fiction bookshelves. Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Monday, April 8	2:30 pm
AS	Thursday, April 11	5:30 pm
STH	Tuesday, April 16	5:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, April 24	5:00 pm



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## 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@mylpl.info](mailto:lcline@mylpl.info). *For ages 18+.*

DSW Thursday, April 4 6:00 pm



## 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 ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, April 20 10:00 am



## DIY BEE HIVE DECORATION

Come join us; it will 'bee' fun! We're making a bee hive decoration that's sweeter than honey! Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN	Thursday, April 11	5:30 pm
STH	Thursday, April 18	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, April 23	5:30 pm
DSW	Friday, April 26	2:00 pm
AS	Tuesday, April 30	5:30 pm



## THREADITION: HAND-EMBROIDERED BAG

Spring is in the (tote) bag! Just in the stitch of time join us for this unique hand - painted & embroidery craft session. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

MAIN Saturday, April 27 10:30 am

## REIMAGINED ICONS: BARBIE-INSPIRED FOLDED BOOK-ART

Barbie recaptured the public's imagination with a blockbuster movie, and now we're bringing that excitement to our Library! We won't be just playing with dolls. Our program will feature a unique craft that combines the timeless silhouette of a fashion doll with the transformative art of book folding. This project will combine a Barbie-inspired iconic look with an ever-fashionable skirt through precision-folded pages. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

STH Saturday, April 20 11:00 am

## MASTER GARDENER: LAWN CARE

Ready to transform your lawn into a vibrant oasis of green? Come get the 411 from a Master Gardener. Don't miss this golden opportunity to unlock the secrets to a greener, healthier lawn! This program is presented in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

WAT Tuesday, April 2 5:30 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, April 17 2:00 pm

## RUSTIC BUTTERFLY WALL HANGING

Celebrate the beauty of change with a one-of-a-kind wall hanging. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

AS	Friday, April 5	1:00 pm
STH	Thursday, April 11	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, April 16	5:30 pm
MAIN	Thursday, April 18	5:30 pm
DSW	Tuesday, April 23	5:00 pm



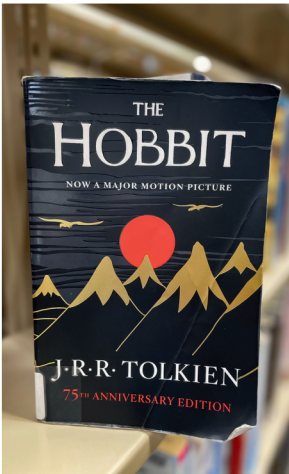
## FREE GARAGE SALE

In honor of Earth Day, the Library is hosting a free garage sale to extend the purpose of things shared, old and new. Please donate your gently used household decorations, cookware (no sharps), small furniture, toys, and electronics/re-usable parts by bringing them to the Albany-Springfield Branch from Monday, April 15 – Thursday, April 18. We cannot accept clothing, bedding, large furniture, open cosmetics, medical supplies, and hazardous or broken items. Please call the branch first to schedule a drop off time for larger items. Come to the Free Garage Sale and shop from the items donated to give them their next best life. *For ages 18+.*

AS Friday, April 19 10:00 am



# READERS CLUB APRIL SUGGESTIONS



April is all about the 1930s!

To complete this month's reading challenge, Readers Club members must read a book set in or published during the 1930s.

This is part of our "Reading Through the Decades" theme.

And if you haven't signed up for YOUR Library's Readers Club, today is the day! Find out more at [www.mylpl.info/ReadersClub](http://www.mylpl.info/ReadersClub).

## The 1930s!

- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
- *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner

# TAKE & MAKES



## Ladybug Seed Bomb - Kids

Ladybug, Ladybug fly away home... to our garden! Kids will have a great time making and tossing these seed bombs to create a low-maintenance garden that attracts these beautiful, beneficial pollinators into your yard. Kits available while supplies last. For ages 5-12.



## Lambikins - Adults

Everyone will love this fluffy, puffy yarn-covered lamb that you can make yourself. Just visit any branch this April to pick up a take & make kit and you'll be counting sheep in no time! Available while supplies last. For ages 18+

# 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

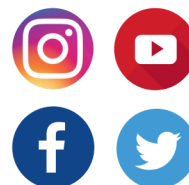
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## 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.  
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