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## Upcoming Closures



Saturday, February 11

## Comic Con

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## Livingston Parish Library Presents... <br> 

## Celebrate Your Fandoms at the 8th Annual Comic Con!

Join us at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## What is Comic Con?

Inspired by the extremely popular event held in San Diego, the LPL Comic Con is a celebration of comic books, movies, television, and pop culture. Want to cosplay as your favorite character? Why not? Want to "totally geek out" over the latest Marvel or DC project? Feel free. No matter your fandom, the LPL Comic Con is the place to celebrate it.

## Comic Con Special Guests

This year's Comic Con lineup is absolutely jam-packed with fun for all ages and fandoms! In fact, this year's Comic Con is so jam-packed, we had to add an extra hour to squeeze in all the activities we have planned! Acadian Circus - Ever dream of seeing your favorite fandoms come alive in the big top? The Acadian Circus is bringing its talented troupe of performers to Comic Con to bring your fantasy to life! During the day, you'll
 see Spider-Man slinging web in the aerial silks, you'll catch the acrobatic antics of the Scooby Gang, and so much more! Get ready to be delighted as you watch some of your favorite characters perform amazing feats of strength and flexibility right before your eyes.

501st and Rebel Legions' Costuming Panel - In a galaxy far, far away, during a brief armistice, members of the 501st Legion and Rebel Legion costume clubs will discuss what it's like to be a member, how you can join the fight for the galaxy, how to build movie-accurate Star Wars costumes and props, and what can be done with them once they're made.

For more Comic Con details, visit page 11 or mylpl.info/ComicCon.

## Let's Gather!

## Board Game Night

Board gaming is exploding as a hobby. Join us at the library to try out our collection, which features something for everyone: traditional, casual, \& strategy games. We also have space available for tabletop role-playing as well. Ages 12+.

DSW: Monday, $2 / 13$ \& 2/27 at 5:30 p.m.

## Seaux Easy

Bring your sewing machine for a friendly sit-and-sew at the library. Every month will feature a different project easy enough to finish in two hours. Please register to find out about this month's sewing project. Ages 18+.

DSW: Wednesday, 2/8 at 2:30 p.m.

## Hooks \& Loops Crochet

Tie a string around your finger so you don't forget to attend the Hooks \& Loops Crochet Club. All experience levels are welcome. Beginners will get one-on-one attention and we have crochet hooks and yarn to use while you're learning. All others bring your projects and questions and enjoy swapping ideas. Ages 18+.

DSW: Wednesday, 2/14 2 at 2:00 p.m.

## MARDI GRAS CENTERPIECE

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! Join us in making a festive Mardi Gras centerpiece to Jazz up your décor and bring a bit of the celebration to your table. Registration is required. Ages 18+.

MAIN: Thursday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m.


## STOP THE BLEED

Many of us have been trained in CPR and the Heimleich Maneuver. Acadian Ambulance Service is now partnering with the Livingston Parish Library to educate the public on how best to respond to an emergency involving a severe injury. Come learn first aid methods that could save a life. Warning: Due to the graphic nature of this topic, this program will be limited to adults and their teenage children. Registration is required. All ages.
DSW: Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.
AS: Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.
STH: Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m.
WAT: Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.


## BOOK PAGE HEART

Do you have any unused or damaged books lying around? Let's find new life for them by reusing some of those pages to create a water-colored heart. We will transform a simple wooden heart into a one-of-a-kind art piece celebrating your love of books. Registration is required. Ages 18+.

WAT: Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m.
AS: $\quad$ Friday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.
STH: Thursday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m.


## INFINITY CUBE VALENTINE

Looking for a unique way to show your valentine you will love them forever? Come make an INFINITY CUBE with us and decorate it with your photos and our Valentine's Day sayings for the perfect way to show your "Endless Love". Registration is required. Ages 18+.

DSW: Tuesday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.
STH: Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m.
AS: $\quad$ Friday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.

## SPRING GARDENING LOUISIANA MASTER GARDENERS

Chase those winter blues away by planning your Spring Garden! It's not too early to start in South Louisiana. Let Master Gardener Kindle Hiatt give you all the latest tips and tricks to have the most successful Spring Garden ever! Registration is required. Ages 18+.

DSW: Friday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m.


## READERS CLUB BOOK JOURNALING

New Year, New Reviews! Achieve your new READ MORE resolution. Design your custom Book Review Journal to track the books you've read for the Readers' Club. Learn creative ways to evaluate your books and review the story elements, such as characters, atmosphere, writing style and more. At the end of the year, you will have a treasured keepsake of your accomplishments. Registration is required. Ages 18+.

AS: $\quad$ Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m.


## Book Clubs \& More for Adults!

Our clubs for adults meet monthly at each branch and vary in size, personality, and genre. Visit www.mylpl.info/ book-clubs to view club descriptions and discover the right one for you.
Please note: Be sure to contact your preferred club to ensure they are accepting new members.

## Albany-Springfield

Adult Book Club
Monday, February 27
at 10:00 a.m.

## Denham Springs-

 Walker
## Box of Chocolates Book Club

Thursday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m.

## Main (Livingston)

## Adult Book Club

Tuesday, February 28
at 10:30 a.m.

## South

Joyful Reads Book Club
Tuesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Bookies Book Club
Thursday, February 23
at 5:30 p.m.

## Watson

## Sunny-Side Up Inspirational Book Club

Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Spine Tinglers Book Club
Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m.

## Let's Read! Pajama Storytime

Roll your sleepyhead out of bed and come to the library! Wearing pajamas is encouraged, but not required. Ages 0-8.
AS: $\quad$ Saturday, 2/4 at 10:30 a.m.
DSW: Thursday, 2/23 at 6:00 p.m.

## Book Babies

Book Babies, our storytime for babies and toddlers, focuses on developing early literacy skills those skills necessary in order to begin to learn to read. Older siblings are welcomed to attend and are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal friend so they can play along. Ages 0-2.
DSW: Mondays
at 9:45 a.m.

## Wiggle Worms

Did you know that music and dance fosters important literacy developments in early childhood? Join us for this fun and creative program for children and their caregivers. Ages 0-5.
WAT: Friday, $2 / 3 \& 2 / 17$ at 10:30 a.m.

MAIN: Friday, 2/10 at 10:30 a.m.
DSW: Friday, 2/17 at 10:30 a.m.

## BEADED HEARTS

You're one in a 11110100001001000000 ! Let's code and make the perfect beaded heart for any special someone. Registration is required. Ages 8-11.

MAIN: Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.
AS: Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.
STH: Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.

## MO WILLEMS PARTY

Let's celebrate an award-winning author, Mo Willems, and all of his characters like Pigeon, Elephant, and Piggie, in a fun-filled program! Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Ages 3-7.
WAT: Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.
MAIN: Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.
AS: Thursday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.


## SHADOW ART

Have you ever danced with your shadow on a sunny day? Jumped around trying to evade your shadowy friend? Wondered why your shadow is a different size than you are? Join us at the library on Groundhog's Day to create an original art scene made up of shadows to see if we can shed some light on the subject. Registration is required. Ages 5-7.

## OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MOVIE LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!

Based on the bestselling book series by Bernard Waber, Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG) is a live-action musical tale that takes place in "the House on East 88th St." Watch the Primm
 family's life get turned upside down when their son Josh discovers a singing crocodile --- who loves baths, caviar, and great music--living in the attic of their new home. Popcorn and hot chocolate provided. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to make yourself comfortable. Registration is required. All ages.

MAIN: Friday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.
*This program is presented as part of the Library's commUNITY initiative.


## STEM SUPERSTARS:

## HEALTH SCIENCE

Interested in learning more about science, technology, engineering, and math? Join us every month for a lesson and fun activity related to a STEM concept! This month, we will be discussing health science and creating our own beating heart models. Ages 6-11.

DSW: Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.

## LEGO CLUB

Calling all LEGO lovers! Each month we will host LEGO Club with a different theme. LEGO will be provided. Ages 5-11.

WAT: Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m.


## Storytime!

Every week, Livingston Parish Library offers storytime sessions for ages 0-5. Storytime helps develop prereading skills while children and their caregivers have lots of fun! We read books, present puppet shows, sing songs, play games, and more.

## Mondays

## Denham Springs-Walker

 at 10:30 a.m.
## Wednesdays

Main Branch in Livingston, Albany-Springfield, South, and Watson
at 10:30 a.m.
Storytime temporarily canceled at South Branch until further notice.

Visit www.mylpl.info/
storytime for more details.


## Let's Hang!

## Teen Hangout

Join us for Teen Hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, board games, activities, crafts, snacks, and more! Ages 12-18.

DSW: Wednesday, 2/1 at 5:00 p.m.
WAT: Thursday, 2/2 at 5:30 p.m.

## Teen After School

Join us every Monday and Wednesday for games, movies and snacks after school! We will have lots to do and friends to meet. Ages 12-18.

MAIN: Mon. \& Wed. at 2:30 p.m.

## 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. Ages 12-18.

WAT: Thursday, 2/2 at 5:00 p.m.

MAIN: Tuesday,2/14 at 5:00 p.m.
DSW: Wednesday, 2/15 at 5:00 p.m.

## FANDOM CLUB: ANIME

Haiii, you're invited to Fandom Club: Anime Edition! Join us while we make origami paper crafts, eat Japanese snacks, and watch Fruits Basket (TV-PG). Ages 12-18.

DSW: Wednesday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m.
MAIN: Monday, February 13 at 2:30 p.m.
AS: $\quad$ Thursday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m.

## MARDI GRAS MAMBO

Are you ready to Mardi Gras Mambo? Tune in as we make crafts to help celebrate the Mardi Gras season. Craft kits are available at all branches while supplies last. This virtual program will take place on all library social media channels on the scheduled date and time. As always - Laissez les bons temps rouler! This virtual program will take place on all Library social media channels on the scheduled date and time. All ages.

VIRTUAL: Thursday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

## LOVE STINKS

Valentine's Day is the worst - let's not celebrate it and have a fun Anti-Valentine's Day party instead. Ages 1218.



## How to

 Participate!
## Northstar Digital Literacy Proctored Assessments

Patrons looking to improve their digital literacy skills can participate in one of two ways... Proctored assessments at their local branch OR by accessing Northstar's online resources.

Patrons who choose the online option will receive access to Northstar's self-guided training module where they'll be able to explore and progress at their own pace.

Patrons who choose to participate in proctored assessments in-person at the Library will receive more specialized, hands-on training and also receive Certificates of Completion for their participation.

In-person assessments will take place at all five branches of the Livingston Parish Library. To view a full schedule of available times, please visit the Library online at www.mylpl.info/northstar-digital-literacy.


Are you interested in learning more about how to use computers in your daily life? Would you like to improve your computer confidence in a growing digital world? YOUR Library has got you covered.
We're pleased to announce our participation in the Louisiana Statewide Digital Inclusion Pilot. The initiative is a partnership between the Louisiana Board of Regents, ConnectLA (Louisiana Office of Broadband Development \& Connectivity), and more to help bridge the state's digital divide and increase the digital literacy skills of its residents. The pilot program NOW AVAILABLE at all LPL branches!

According to ConnectLA, an estimated 462,000 Louisianans lack basic digital literacy skills. Additionally, a 2019 American Community Survey reported that 26.5\% of households in Livingston Parish do not have a desktop or laptop computer. As one of five digital literacy pilot sites in Louisiana, we're seeking not only to increase access to high-speed digital resources but also to improve the overall computer and internet literacy in the parish.

## Computer Classes at the Library

In addition to proctored assessments, patrons looking for a little more personal guidance can sign up for the Library's in-house computer classes. Sessions are available in a group setting or one-on-one appointments.
Group computer classes ((available at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch and Main Branch in Livingston will focus on building basic computer, email, and internet skills. Attendees will also learn about Windows operating system.

One-on-one sessions (available at all branches) will cover the following topics: computer basics, internet basics, email basics, Windows operating system, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and career search skills.



## Livingston Parish Library announces partnership with the Public Library Association (PLA) and AT\&T to improve digital literacy skills.

As part of the comprehensive effort to improve digital literacy in our community, YOUR Livingston Parish Library is implementing Public Library Association's Digitallearn.org program. This program will run concurrently with the recently introduced Northstar Digital Literacy program and provides additional digital literacy training.

Digitallearn.org is a collection of self-directed tutorials and instructor-led workshops that focus on basic yet essential digital skills. LPL is committed to providing intentional, foundational instruction that meets our community's needs. The following Digital Learn classes will be offered in January at your local branch.

## Upcoming Digital Literacy Classes

Main Branch in Livingston
Essential Computer Skills
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Albany-Springfield Branch
Essential Computer Skills
Friday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker Branch Microsoft Excel Basics
Monday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.
Microsoft Word Basics
Monday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.
Internet Basics
Monday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m.
Microsoft Windows 10
Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. Basic Computer Skills
Monday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m.
Using eMail
Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.

## South Branch

Computer Basics (Windows 10)
Thursday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m. Internet Basics for Beginners
Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.

## Watson Branch

Internet Basics
Thursday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. eMail Basics
Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.


## Let Us Help You Find Your Next Read!



Are you a fan of fantasy? A true crime aficionado? Need ideas of books for your children? YOUR Livingston Parish Library offers an online book
recommendation service, personalized specifically for you!

Fill out a short questionnaire on our website about your reading preferences, and within a few days a personalized list of recommendations will be delivered directly to your inbox.

Learn more at mylpl.info/Your-Next-Read.


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## LPL Gareer Genter



Located at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch, the Career Center assists patrons in researching career opportunities while exploring online and print resources and skill-building exercises that can greatly improve their chances of success in their endeavors.

## Hours of Operation

Monday:
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday:
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on last Friday of the month.

Saturday:
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Sunday:

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Last weekend of the month.

## LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE

 MAKE A LIFESAVING DONATION!The Library is partnering with LifeShare Blood Center to host a blood drive at library locations across Livingston
 Parish. Ages 16+.

MAIN: Tuesday, February 7 from
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WAT: Tuesday, February 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
DSW: Tuesday, February 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
*This program is presented as part of the Library's commUNITY initiative.


## FEEDING YOUNG MINDS

 MIGHTY MOMSMealtime is family time! In partnership with Livingston Parish Library, Mighty Moms presents a new program to
 help feed the minds, bodies, and mealtime traditions of families in Livingston Parish.

Learn how you can enrich your family mealtimes and leave with a meal kit supplied by Mighty Moms. The meal kit includes all the necessary ingredients for four family meals, recipe cards with QR codes to the how-to cooking videos produced by Mighty Moms, family game suggestions, nutrition tips, and conversation starters. Registration is required. All ages. Learn more at www.mylpl.info/FeedingYoungMinds.

DSW: Thursday, February 16 at 5:45 p.m.
*This program is presented as part of the Library's commUNITY initiative.

## MORE COMIC CON NEWS

Mystery Machine - Zoinks! It's the Mystery Machine. Scooby-Doo fans will see a real-life replica of Mystery Inc's iconic vehicle at Livingston Parish Library's 8th Annual Comic Con. Owner Danielle Kent's authentically decked-out 1968 Dodge A100 will give everyone groovy vibes and many fun photo opportunities during the day.


My Hero Academia Jeopardy - Do you dream of becoming a Hero? Do you know your "Quirks"? Are you "All Might" or just alright? Participate in this themed Jeopardy game and compete against your friends to prove your mettle!


Make a Minicomic with Becca Hillburn - As a comic artist, Becca creates stories and picturesque worlds that provide opportunities to escape and express creativity. As a teacher, Becca creates fun activities that inspire students to draw every day and see the world in a new way. Join the creator of 7" Kara at Livingston Parish Library's 8th Annual Comic Con to make a minicomic and learn how to express yourself in a story.

Comic Con Cosplay Contest - Calling all cosplayers! It's time to strut your stuff at Livingston Parish Library! Cosplayers and casual costume-wearers alike are welcome to participate in this family-friendly contest. Registration is free and open to all, but space is limited. Visit www.mylpl.infol ComicCon for official rules and registration details.


## Visit a Museum w/ Your Library Card!

Did you know you can visit some of Louisiana's most popular museums with your Livingston Parish Library card?! Visit us online or speak with a member of the library staff to learn more details on how you can reserve your free pass today!


- Louisiana Art \& Science Museum
- National WWII Museum
- USS Kidd
- Bluebonnet Swamp

Nature Center

- Hungarian Settlement Museum
www.mylpl.info/CulturalPasses



## FREE TAX PREP HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Co-sponsored by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the IRS, the LPL is once again offering free tax prep for participants with low to moderate income for 2022. Bring your tax documents along with a photo ID. You'll also need a copy of last year's tax return and a Social Security card for yourself, a spouse, and dependents. You may also bring proof of a bank account for direct deposit. Volunteers will prepare most simple returns, but more complicated returns will not be processed.

VITA Tax Prep will be offered at the Main Branch in Livingston from February to April. Please visit www.mylpl.info/taxes for info on how to register and to view the tax prep schedule.

MAIN: Tuesday, February 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
MAIN: Tuesday, February 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
MAIN: Tuesday, February 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Main Branch<br>20390 Iowa Street<br>Livingston, LA 70754<br>Phone: (225) 686-4160<br>Mon. \& Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.<br>Tues. \& Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.<br>Fri 9 a.m. -5 p.m.<br>Sat.<br>9 a.m. - 3 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. $\quad 9$ a.m. -5 p.m.
Sat. $\quad 10$ a.m. -2 p.m.

Denham Springs-Walker<br>8101 US Hwy 190<br>Denham Springs, LA 70726<br>Phone: (225) 686-4140<br>Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.<br>Fri. \& Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.<br>Sun. 2 p.m. -6 p.m.

Watson<br>36581 Outback Road<br>Denham Springs, LA 70706<br>Phone: (225) 686-4180<br>Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.<br>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. $\quad 9$ a.m. -5 p.m.
Sat. $\quad 10$ a.m. -2 p.m.

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