Read eBooks With Axis 360

Livingston Parish Library is proud to announce the addition of Axis 360, a new eBook collection, to its menu of online services. The service initially offers 150 fiction and nonfiction titles in many different genres and will be constantly updated. Axis 360 allows users to browse titles by subject, just added, and most popular offerings. You can choose your own lending period, and there are no late fees!

Axis 360 also allows patrons to choose their preferred app that will allow them to read eBooks on their computer, eReader, or mobile device without multiple downloads. Axis 360 is compatible with Adobe Digital Editions and recently unveiled its own app for tablets and smartphones called axisReader. Axis 360 also offers Blio, a new multi-platform app that combines multimedia features and an interactive experience. Blio users can adjust font size, place bookmarks, and even have their eBooks read to them with a text-to-voice feature.

Axis 360 is available both from the library and from home. It is free for all Livingston Parish Library card holders. To get started using Axis 360, please visit www.mylpl.info.

Presenting Playaway Titles

Tired of the book-on-CD format? Try Playaway, a new addition to the Livingston Parish Library collection. Playaways are self-playing audiobooks that are the size of a deck of playing cards. Using clearly marked buttons on the player, patrons can move back and forth within or between chapters and alter the speed of a narrator’s voice. Playaways even have an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off.

Playaways require a AAA battery and headphones, which patrons must provide after check out. The Playaway headphone jack also allows the device to be plugged into a car stereo, enabling patrons to listen to their favorite titles on the go!

Livingston Parish Library’s Playaway collection debuts approximately 150 titles with more to be added each month. Titles will include adult fiction and nonfiction.

Playaway View is also a new addition to the Livingston Parish Library’s collection. Similar to Playaway, Playaway View is a portable all-in-one video player that allows access to multiple preloaded videos geared toward preschool children. A variety of popular television episodes, animated picture books, and curriculum-based learning are now available with more to come each month.

Eager to get started using Playaway? Please ask a staff member for more information.

Explore WorldCrunch

WorldCrunch, a database offering foreign language news and information, is now available through the Livingston Parish Library. WorldCrunch takes the most relevant foreign language articles and produces them in English, allowing English language news readers access to previously unreadable global journalism. Users can find articles about world affairs, business and finance, culture and society, technology and science, and more.

To access WorldCrunch, please visit www.mylpl.info and click on the Resources button in the top menu. You will be taken to the RB Digital Gateway, which also allows access to our Atomic Training and Zinio services. If you are already an Atomic Training or Zinio user, choose Log In on the right and enter your account information. If not, choose Create Account. You must have a valid e-mail address to create an account. Once logged in, select WorldCrunch to be connected to the database. You can now browse the best articles the foreign language journalism community has to offer.
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The Livingston Parish Library offers FREE computer classes every month. Classes marked with an * require preregistration.

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Use My HealtheVet System

Saturday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m.
Watson

Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m.
South

Saturday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Saturday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Main Branch

Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m.
Albany-Springfield

Experts from the Department of Veterans Affairs will visit each branch to explain how to use My HealtheVet, the VA’s online personal health record. My HealtheVet helps you partner with your health care team, providing opportunities and tools to make informed decisions and manage your health care.

Registration is required. Call the branch hosting your preferred event for details.

Visit Ask A Lawyer Clinic

Wednesday, August 7 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Main Branch

Need legal advice? Join us at this free walk-in legal clinic featuring two attorneys that will meet one on one for brief legal counseling and advice.

Please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436 for more information.

Share Your Local History

By Appointment Only
Main Branch

If you’ve lived through a piece of Livingston Parish history, our Livingston Parish Oral History Project wants to hear about it! Register for a one-hour session where we discuss your experiences. Your interview will then be given to you on a CD and placed on our website for others in the community to enjoy.

This program is sponsored by FOLLS. To register or for details, please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436.

Make A Recording

Wednesday, August 27 - Saturday, August 31
Watson

Book your recording time now at the Watson Branch! Create a recording of your favorite karaoke song, original song, poem or audio-letter, demo or a gift for a loved one. The finished recording will be rendered onto a CD for you to keep.

This program requires registration to reserve a block of time on one of the days available. To register or for more information, please call the Watson Branch at (225) 664-3963.

Canning Demonstration

Monday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m.
Albany-Springfield

You’ve harvested your summer garden. Now what? Learn canning techniques from Fatemeh Malekian, Associate Professor of Food Science and Nutrition for Southern University.

Registration is required. Please call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 665-8118 for details.
ESL Classes
Thursday, August 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m.
Main Branch
This free conversational English class is open to non-native English speakers at all levels of ability. Participants are welcome to drop by any class.

Craft Club
Thursday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.
Denham Springs-Walker
Check out our Craft Club! Bring whatever project you are currently working on, socialize, get tips, and share your experiences.
Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 for details.

Halo 4 Tournament
Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.
Main Branch
Monday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m.
Watson
Video games aren’t just for kids! Come out and enjoy our Halo 4 Tournament. Bring your friends and compete against other patrons.
Registration is required. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event to register or for details.

Songwriter’s Circle
Saturday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Watson
Patrons bring their own instruments, sit in a circle and play their original songs for the group. The group will then offer feedback if requested.
For details, please call the Watson Branch at (225) 664-3963.

Button Tree Class
Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m.
South
Learn simple techniques to paint a tree on canvas and decorate with an assortment of buttons. Supplies are provided.
Registration is required. Call the South Branch at (225) 698-3015 to register or for details.

Dutch Oven Cooking Class
Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m.
Denham Springs-Walker
A representative from Bass Pro will discuss Dutch oven cooking, how to take care of Dutch ovens, and give out free samples to participants!
Learn how to cook with a Dutch oven in your own home and how to take that fun outside.
Registration is required. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 to register or for details.

Small Business Consulting
If you own a small business or are interested in starting one, the Livingston Parish Library has partnered with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University to offer services that will help you get started or improve your current practices. Registration is required for all events.

Writing Your Business Plan
Wednesday, August 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Main Branch
A business plan precisely defines your business, identifies your goals, and serves as your firm’s resume. Attend this seminar, presented by Bill Joubert of Southeastern Louisiana University’s Louisiana Small Business Development Center, to get the information you need to write a quality, bankable business plan.
Please call the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at (225) 664-6638 to register or for details.

Small Business Consulting
Tuesday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Main Branch
Take advantage of free business consulting at the Livingston Parish Library this month! Receive a private, one-hour consulting session in areas including business plans, advertising plans, inventory control, financial projections, cost analysis, and much more.
To register or for more information, please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436.

Get Exercise At Sit-N-Fit
Friday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Albany-Springfield
Learn different chair exercises to gain physical fitness at our Sit-N-Fit class with Lisa Sistrunk of the Denham Springs PARDS. The class is designed to increase strength, cardio endurance, and range of motion in a low-impact format.
Registration is required. Call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 567-1441 for details.
Adventure Awaits At Storytime

Livingston Parish Library storytimes help develop pre-reading skills while children and their caregivers have lots of fun! We read books, present puppet shows, sing songs, play games, and make cool crafts. For babies to 5.

All branches of the Livingston Parish Library will not host storytime the week of August 12 - August 16. Our storytime schedule will resume on Monday, August 19.

Main Branch
Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Albany-Springfield
Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
Denham Springs-Walker
For Babies to Age 2
Every Monday at 9:45 a.m.
For Ages 3-5
Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.
For Babies to Age 5
Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
South
Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Watson
Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Shark Week Extravaganza

Monday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Celebrate Shark Week at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch! Tweens can watch shark videos, play “Pin the Fish on the Shark,” and make cool shark tooth jewelry. For ages 8-11 only.

Registration is required. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 to register or for details.

Animal Backpack Charms

Monday, August 5 - Saturday, August 10
South
Watson

Get ready for school with a little backpack flair. Stop by the South or Watson branches and make a beaded animal charm anytime this week! You can choose between several different patterns, including a ladybug, bumblebee, dragonfly, panda, turtle, alligator, coral snake, or goldfish among others. For ages 3-18.

Please call the branch hosting your preferred event for details.

Saturday Movie Matinee

Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday afternoon? Join us for our Saturday Movie Matinee, where we will be watching Disney’s Brave. Set in medieval Scotland, Brave features Merida, an archer and princess who struggles with the responsibilities enforced by her strict but loving mother. The movie is rated PG for some scary action scenes. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436 for details.

Jokes For Kids

What object is the king of the classroom?

Answer: The ruler

Why is 2+2=5 like your left foot?

Answer: It’s not right

What happened when the teacher tied all the kids’ shoe laces together?

Answer: They had a class trip!

Where did the pencil go on vacation?

Answer: To Pennsylvania

Try Out The Kids’ Catalog

Our Kids’ Catalog introduces Scout, a loveable puppy that explains how to use an online library catalog in kid-friendly terms and instructions. You can choose from different topics of interest or search for specific books.

To access the Kids’ Catalog, visit www.mylpl.info and hover over the Log In button in the top left corner. Then click Kids’ Catalog.

For Children
Storytime & Puppet Show

Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

This month, the whole family can watch the wolf’s version of events during this puppet show adaptation of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka. For all ages.

Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 for more information.

Happy Birds Craft & Game

Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m.
Albany-Springfield

Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Watson

Learn how to make your own stylish and eco-friendly orange bird feeder. Afterwards, unwind with a PS3 *Angry Birds* gaming competition with prizes for the winners. For ages 6-11.

*Citrus fruit and seeds will be used to construct the bird feeder.*

Registration is required. To register or for details, please call the branch hosting your preferred event.

Learn Karate Basics

Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Instructors from Livingston Karate teach fundamental karate basics. Class participants receive two free lessons, and one lucky participant wins one free month of lessons. For ages 6-13 only.

Registration is required. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 to register or for details.

While You Were Out...

We had a blast during our summer reading programs for kids, tweens, and teens in June and July! Please check out the back of this newsletter for some photos of our summer activities.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our programs this summer. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

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**August New Books**

- *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by Nick and Claire Page
- *A Box of Gargoyles* by Anne Nesbet
- *A Hidden Enemy* by Erin Hunter
- *In Harm's Way* by Andrew Clements
- *How Do You Burp In Space? And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs To Know* by Susan Goodman
- *Amelia Bedelia’s First Library Card* by Herman Parish

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Parents, please inform us of any food allergies your child might have before attending a program involving food.
Art Galleries

Every month, each branch of the Livingston Parish Library features a local artist. Check out these great exhibits in August:

**Albany-Springfield**
Display Cases: Are You Ready For Some Football? By the Albany-Springfield Branch staff
Main Gallery: Paintings by Alexis Braud

**Denham Springs-Walker**
Display Cases and Main Gallery: Livingston Parish Quilt Guild

**Main Branch**
Main Gallery: Paintings by Chris Jones

**South**
Display Cases and Main Gallery: Paintings by Kerry Curtin

**Watson**
Display Cases: Mixed Media by Kellyann Bates
Main Gallery: Paintings by Bonnie Williams

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Book Clubs for Adults

Each month, locations of the Livingston Parish Library host book clubs for adults. If you are interested, please contact the branch hosting your preferred club.

**Main Branch**
Adult Book Club
Thursday, August 8 at 10:30 a.m.
The Paris Wife
by Paula McLain

Denham Springs-Walker
Mystery Mavens
Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m.
Condominium
By John MacDonald

South Bookies Book Club
Thursday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m.
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society
By Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

Watson
Spine Tinglers Book Club
Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.
Deep South
by Nevada Barr

**Albany-Springfield**
Adult Book Club
Monday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m.
The Night Circus
by Erin Morgenstern

Denham Springs-Walker
Eclectic Book Club
Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee
By Dee Alexander Brown

Watson Sunny Side Up
Inspirational Book Club
Thursday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.
Eli
by Bill Myers

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Writing Groups

**Young Writers Club**
Thursday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Calling all young writers! The Denham Springs-Walker Branch Young Writers Club is open to anyone between the ages of 10 and 17. The goal of the club is to write for both publication and performance. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 for details.

**Soul Inspired Journaling**
Wednesday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Watson

Join our group that highlights the personal benefits of journaling. New members are always welcome. Please call the Watson Branch at (225) 664-3963 for more information.

**Writers Circle**
Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Are you a writer who is looking for some feedback? Then come to the Writers Circle. Published and unpublished adult writers of fiction or nonfiction for adults, young adults, or children are welcome. The group provides a forum for sharing writing, a venue for learning more about the writing craft and more. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 665-8118 for details.
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Summer Reading Program Fun

SUMMER FUN – Top from left, Audrey B. discovers a dinosaur during our Dinosaur Dig, kids learn a dinosaur’s secret during a puppet show by Calliope Puppets, Positive Thinking duo Tyler Wilson and Terrance Morgan pose with budding dancers. Bottom from left, Phillip Melancon plays a ukulele, Harvey Rabbit and Friends sing, and Frank Levy puts on an interactive production of Robin Hood with the help of “flowers” Claire C., Kate C., and Eme C.

A Thank You To Our Sponsors

Livingston Parish Library would like to thank all sponsors of our 2013 summer reading programs for their support. We truly appreciate your assistance in sponsoring events and prizes for adults, children, and teens.