Teens Make a Difference
Join a Teen Advisory Board Today

You see them at library programs or in the stacks. Maybe they are helping a patron look up a specific book, cutting out materials for an upcoming craft, or helping out with a performance or puppet show. You can find them gathered around a table once a month discussing library business while laughing and socializing. They are teen advisory board members.

A teen advisory board, or TAB, is a group of teens that regularly volunteer to work at the library, help at library programs, and offer ideas about teen programs, book recommendations and other topics. TAB meets each month to decide on volunteer assignments, brainstorm ideas for teen programs, and socialize. Currently, the Denham Springs-Walker Branch and the Main Branch both host teen advisory boards.

“The Livingston Parish Library feels that it’s important to actively engage teens through the library and community,” Head of Youth Services Tammy Mulhearn says. “Teens have so much to offer. They are enthusiastic and creative, and if they are able to make a connection to their library now, they will continue to support and use the library as adults.”

To become a member of TAB, interested teens in 8th through 12th grade can fill out an application at their preferred branch. TAB members are required to volunteer two hours a month. That volunteer time can cover a variety of tasks, including working in the library stacks, helping youth service librarians prepare for programs, and helping during programs for children and teens.

Jeffery Sylvester, a founding member of the Denham Springs-Walker Branch’s TAB, says his hometown library didn’t have a TAB and he jumped on the chance to join the group when his family moved into Livingston Parish.

“It’s something my parents instilled in me: a need to help out,” he says. “I do it because you miss out on 100% of the chances you don’t take.”

Other teens join TAB because it’s fun and gives them something to do in their free time. Most teens that join TAB bring their friends along, and TAB gives them a voice in the programs their branches offer to their age group. Not to mention that volunteering at the library and references from librarians look great on college and job applications.

“I want to thank all of the teens involved with our teen advisory boards,” Mulhearn says. “They are extremely helpful and we appreciate them all.”

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**Computer Classes**

The Livingston Parish Library offers **FREE computer classes every month. Classes marked with an * require preregistration.**

### Computer Basics
- Tues. Aug. 07 6:00 p.m. Main*
- Mon. Aug. 13 10:00 a.m. Watson

### E-mail Basics
- Mon. Aug. 06 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*
- Mon. Aug. 06 10:00 a.m. Watson
- Wed. Aug. 08 10:00 a.m. Albany-Springfield*
- Tues. Aug. 21 6:00 p.m. Main*

### Intermediate E-mail
- Mon. Aug. 20 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*

### Excel Basics
- Tues. Aug. 07 1:00 p.m. South
- Tues. Aug. 21 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*

### Internet Basics
- Tues. Aug. 07 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*
- Tues. Aug. 14 6:00 p.m. Main*
- Mon. Aug. 27 10:00 a.m. Watson

### Intermediate Internet
- Tues. Aug. 14 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*

### Powerpoint Basics
- Tues. Aug. 14 1:00 p.m. South

### Publisher Basics
- Thurs. Aug. 09 1:00 p.m. South
- Tues. Aug. 28 2:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*
- Tues. Aug. 28 6:00 p.m. Main*

### Word Basics
- Mon. Aug. 13 6:30 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*
- Mon. Aug. 20 10:00 a.m. Watson
- Wed. Aug. 22 10:00 a.m. Albany-Springfield*

### Intermediate Word
- Thurs. Aug. 16 1:00 p.m. South
- Mon. Aug. 27 6:30 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker*

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**Ask A Lawyer Workshop**

Wednesday, August 15
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 with interested patrons for brief legal counseling and advice.

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

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**Laughter Lagniappe**

Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Are you good at telling jokes? Do you relish standing in the spotlight and the chuckles of a real audience? Laughter Lagniappe, an amateur comedy night at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch, is sure to strike your fancy.

The event features six 10-minute acts full of hearty, wholesome chuckles. Amateur comedians interested in performing an original act must register by Monday, August 20 and submit a copy of the script for review. Please call (225) 665-8118 or e-mail kmayeux@mylpl.info for details or to register for the event.

We need comedians, but audience members are important too! If you are up for an evening of laughter and amusement, join us for a good time you won’t soon forget.

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**Intro to Databases**

Friday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.
Main Branch

Learn all about the databases available at the Livingston Parish Library! You’ll discuss resources that focus on everything from technology, career improvement, and ancestry to homework help, continuing education, and more.

This class requires registration. Please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436 to register or for more information.

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**In Stitches: Learn to Knit or Crochet**

Friday, August 24
2:00 p.m.
South Branch

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**The Albany-Springfield Branch hosts a trivia night for adults on Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. Call for details.**
Let’s Get Library Savvy

Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Learn more about what your library can do for you at this introductory workshop. Library staff members will show participants how to use catalog searching tools, databases, and the library website. Guided tours of the library will also be available at the event.

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

Fly Tying For Beginners

Wednesday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Watson

Be prepared for fly fishing this season! You will learn basic fly tying techniques with hands-on instruction at this workshop, presented by avid fisherman Robert DeSoto. Materials will be provided at the event.

Registration is required for this program. Please call the Watson Branch at (225) 664-3963 to register or for more information.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, August 2 at 5:30 p.m.
Watson

The Watson Branch hosts an Open Mic Night for patrons of all ages. Try your hand at singing a song, reciting some poetry, or telling a story in front of a live audience.

For more information, call the Watson Branch at (225) 664-3963.

Join the Film Club

Thursday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Main Branch

The Main Branch is starting a film club for adults! We’ll be watching a movie and then discussing it afterwards. Movies may include culturally significant films based on high critical reviews and awards received, American classics, world cinema, and independent films.

For the movie title or more information, please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-2436.

Bookshelves

**ADULT FICTION**
- A Season of Love by Amy Clipston
- Coming Home: The Baxter Family by Karen Kingsbury
- The Long Earth by Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter
- Heading Out to Wonderful by Robert Goolrick
- Bloodline: A Sigma Force Novel by James Rollins
- Serpent’s Kiss: A Witches of East End Novel by Melissa de la Cruz
- Gossip by Beth Gutcheon

**NONFICTION**
- Meet the Breeds: Dog Breeds from A to Z by The American Kennel Club
- Call Me Dad: A Manual For New Fathers by Stefan Korn, Scott Lancaster and Eric Mooij
- The Raw Food Diet: The Healthy Way to Get the Shape You Want by Christine Bailey
- One Shot At Forever: A Small Town, an Unlikely Coach, and a Magical Baseball Season by Chris Ballard
- How Winning Works: Eight Essential Leadership Lessons From the Toughest Teams on Earth by Robyn Benincasa
- What the (Bleep) Just Happened?: The Happy Warrior’s Guide to the Great American Comeback by Monica Crowley
- Understand Mussolini’s Italy by David Evans

**AUDIOBOOKS**
- Home by Toni Morrison
- Little Night by Luanne Rice
- Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen
- Spring Fever by Mary Kay Andrews
- Split Second by Catherine Coulter
- Wicked Business by Janet Evanovich
- Bloodline by James Rollins

**DVDS**
- Zookeeper
- The Aura
- Beverly Hills 90210, Seasons 1-10
- Carriers
- Crazy, Stupid Love
Adventure Awaits at Storytime

Storytimes at the Livingston Parish Library 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 age 5.

Main Branch
Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Albany-Springfield
Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Denham Springs-Walker
For Ages 0-2
Every Monday at 9:45 a.m.
For Ages 3-5
Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.
For Ages 0-5
Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

South
Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Watson
Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Back to School Craft

Tuesday, August 7
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Albany-Springfield

Students of all ages are invited to create a back to school craft at this “drop in” event! Elementary school students can make tins to hold lunch money, notes, or other items while tweens (ages 8-11) can create a modge podge pencil.

Please call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 567-1441 for more information.

Check Out TumbleBooks

The TumbleBook Library is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they’ll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read or have read to you.

The database includes storybooks, language learning, read-along books, and nonfiction books along with puzzles and games especially for kids.

TumbleBooks can be accessed both from the library and from home. The database is free for all Livingston Parish Library card holders.

While You Were Out...

We had a blast during our summer reading programs for kids, tweens, and teens in June and July! Please see 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!

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

Storytime Break

The Livingston Parish Library WILL NOT hold regular storytimes at any of its branches during the week beginning Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17.

We’re sorry for the inconvenience, but storytimes will resume on Monday, August 20. Join us then for stories, songs, games, and more!
Family Storytimes and Puppet Shows

Looking for entertainment for the whole family? Our family storytimes and puppet shows are fun for all ages! Check out the dates and times for our family storytimes and puppet shows this month below.

Thursday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.
Denham Springs-Walker

Saturday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m.
Main Branch

Need Homework Help?

Get one-on-one homework help this school year through Homework Louisiana, a free service offered through the Livingston Parish Library! Tutoring in English, math, social studies, and science via live chats is available Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Homework Louisiana also features a Skills Center Resource Library available 24/7 that includes lessons, worksheets, study guides, and videos as well as test preparation materials for the ACT, SAT, and standardized tests among others.

Homework Louisiana can be accessed at www.mylpl.info from library and home computers. The service is free for all Livingston Parish Library card holders.

Riddle Me This

Why didn’t the thief burgle the library?

What happens when you cross a librarian and a lawyer?

Why did the librarian slip and fall on the library floor?
Art Galleries

ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD
Display Cases and Main Gallery: History of Springfield by Various Contributors

DENHAM SPRINGS-WALKER
Display Cases and Main Gallery: Quilts by the Livingston Parish Quilters

MAIN BRANCH
Main Gallery: Paintings by Myra Duley

SOUTH
Display Cases: Fly Tying by Robert DeSoto
Main Gallery: Paintings by Christina Guyban and Her Students

WATSON
Display Cases: The Civil War Memorabilia Collection of Joey Giacone
Main Gallery: Scenic Views-Photography by Doug Johnson and Bill Estevens

Library Book Clubs for Adults

Each month, locations of the Livingston Parish Library host book clubs for adults. If you are interested in joining one of our clubs, please contact the branch you are interested in attending.

Main Branch Book Club
Thursday, August 9
10:30 a.m.
Blue Highways
by William Least Heat Moon

Albany-Springfield Adult Book Club
Monday, August 6
10:00 a.m.
The Forgotten Garden
by Kate Morton

Denham Springs-Walker Eclectic Book Club
Tuesday, August 21
6:30 p.m.
Bless Your Heart, Tramp!
by Celia Rivenbark

South Bookies
Thursday, August 30
5:30 p.m.
Little Altars Everywhere
by Rebecca Wells

Watson Sunny Side Up
Thursday, August 9
10:00 a.m.
Shattered Justice
by Karen Ball

Writing Groups

Each month, the Denham Springs-Walker Branch of the Livingston Parish Library hosts writing groups for adults, teens, and children. If you are interested in joining one of the clubs, please contact the branch at (225) 665-8118.

Young Writers Club
Thursday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m.
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. Young writers are encouraged to explore their writing interests and develop their voice and style through exciting collaborative activities.

Writers Circle
Thursday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.
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 information about publishing and self-publishing.

ATTENTION

Attendance at library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for the Livingston Parish Library’s publicity purposes. To decline, please speak to a library staff member.
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Summer Reading 2012

LOTS OF LAUGHS– From Left, Tim Allured attempts to “Sneak Up On” Laura Allured and Harvey Rabbit, and Jennifer Shearer, a naturalist from the Tickfaw State Park, introduces her ball python Scarlett.

SUMMER FUN– From left, Ms. Dorothy plays silly songs with her Shaky Egg Band, the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra’s Symphony Street Woodwind Quintet tells the story of “The Bassoonist of Hamelin,” and library staff member Nora Melancon explains how to tie dye pillowcases, socks, and shirts.

The Livingston Parish Library wants to thank all of our summer reading program sponsors for their support.