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17th Annual JAMBALAYA Writers’ Conference
March 14, 2020

Writers across all genres will guide both new and practiced writers in their craft. Prepare to be inspired in this once-a-year literary experience. Author Line-Up: New York Times bestselling authors Carolyn Brown and Sable Hunter, memoirist Margaret McMullan, novelist Maurice Carlos Ruffin, thriller writer Samantha Downing, and more.

Conference fee: $35 & $40 at the door
Event Location: 151 Library Drive, Houma, LA

Find out more by visiting mytpl.org/jwc or by calling 985.850.5301

Keynote Presenter
New York Times Bestselling Novelist
LISA GARDNER

Carolyn Brown
Carolyn is the USA Today/New York Times bestselling author of several popular series, known for her various cowboy romances and women's fiction titles.

Laura Drake
Laura Drake is a New York published author of women’s fiction/romance, including her series “Sweet on a Cowboy,” which is set in the world of professional bull riding.

Caroline Kepnes
Kepnes is best known for her Joe Goldberg series, which includes “You” and “Hidden Bodies,” now a popular series on Netflix. Kepnes graduated from Brown University and has written for Tiger Beat, Entertainment Weekly, 7th Heaven, and The Secret Life of the American Teenager.

Marti Dumas
Marti has worked with children and teachers across the country for the last 15 years to promote an early love of reading both in and out of the classroom. Her best-selling Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest series combines literacy with STEM skills and humor and adds much-needed diversity to the children's chapter book landscape.

Featured Authors at JWC 2020
Saturdays @ 10:30am
Breathe in for a meditative experience with M Power Yoga Houma: Some mats will be provided, but supplies are limited.

Thursdays @ 10:30am
Starting Stitches: Sewing machines and some tools provided.

WED, 3/4 & 3/25 @ 7pm
Southern Writers’ Workshop:
Meet aspiring writers, find your inspiration, and refine your craft in this adult writers’ workshop.

SAT, 3/7 @ 10am
Putting Veterans First: See My Face, Feel My Pain
Representatives from local agencies will be sharing how veterans can gain access to physical and mental health benefits and resources.

MON, 3/11 @ 9:30am
Library Spotlight
Learn how to instantly borrow free digital eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, and TV shows courtesy of your public library. hoopla is the leading all-in-one digital library app, with over 800,000 titles from bestselling novels and blockbuster movies to niche, hard-to-find content, hoopla has something for everyone!

WED, 3/11 & 3/25 @ 4pm
Chess Club. Put your chess playing skills to the test. Never played before? No worries! We will be happy to teach you.

Thursdays, 3/12 & 3/26 @ 6:30pm
ESL: English as a Second Language. Students with an intermediate level of English proficiency are best suited to this section of the course, but all levels are welcome.

SUN, 3/15 @ 3pm
Create! All Ages Craft

TUES, 3/17 @ 6pm
TED TALK Tuesday: Join us as we learn about Revolutionary Women who have come before us. DE Room on the 2nd floor

THURS 3/26 @ 10am
Imagination Station: Spark your imagination, make new friends, and hear great stories! This program is targeted to adults with special needs or learning disabilities.

SUN, 3/29 @ 3pm
Game Day. Join us for all ages gaming fun. Choose from one of the library’s board games or bring your own to share.

DULAC

Thursdays @ 11am
Grand Caillou Beading Circle: Learn the techniques of flat stitching. Please call 985-563-2014 to register.

MON, 3/2 @ 1pm
Cereal Rainbow Craft

MON, 3/9 @ 1pm
Glue Resist Watercolor Painting

BOURG

Thursdays, 3/5 & 3/19 @ 10am
Scrabble & Dominoes Game Day

THURS, 3/12 & 3/26 @ 10am
Adult Crafting Day

WED, 3/25 @ 11am
The Young at Heart Group

GIBSON

All Month
“Women’s History Month” Display

WED, 3/11 @ 12:30pm
Scrabble Club

TUES, 3/24 @ 12:30pm
Spring Picture Painting Class
MONTEGUT

WED, 3/11 @ 10:30am  TUES, 3/17 @ 10am
Homemakers  
Easter Wreath
WED, 3/11 @ 4pm  
Spring Planting

NORTH

Mondays @ 6pm  
Cardio Line Dancing
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm  
Chess Club
Wednesdays @ 6pm  
Resume Connection Class: Learn how to complete a resume, fill out an application, and get helpful hints on what to do at a job interview.

Saturdays @ 10am  
Movie Saturdays
Mondays, 3/2, 3/16, & 3/30 @ 6pm  
Microsoft Word Class

THURS, 3/19 @ 6pm  
Adult Craft
MON, 3/23 @ 1pm  
RELIC: Readings in Literature and Culture. Dr. Paul Leslie will host this discussion series, which will center around WWI and include topics such as the coming of the war, decisive battles and leaders, and the making of a peace. Books are “All Quiet on the Western Front” by Erich Maria Remarque and “A Farewell of Arms” by Ernest Hemingway and can be picked up at the North Branch Library. Call to register.

EAST HOUMA

Every Day @ 10am - 5pm  
Anytime Craft-- Ask @ Front Desk
Mondays @ 10am  
Recipe/Coupon Exchange
Tuesdays @ 10am  
Adult Yoga
Wednesdays @ 7pm  
Computer Q & A: Any tech questions? Whatever your computer needs, get your questions answered!

THURSDAYS @ 6:30pm  
Walk This Weigh Exercise
Fridays @ 10am  
Family Fitness Friday
Fridays, 3/6 & 3/20 @ 4pm  
Adult Bingo
SAT, 3/14 @ 3pm  
Women’s History Month: Women Inventors, fun facts, and ice cream making.
FRI, 3/20 @ 3pm  
Coffee, Cake & Conversation
SAT, 3/21 @ 3pm  
Adult Canvas Painting
SAT, 3/28 @ 3pm  
Spring “Spoon” Craft

CHAUVIN

WED, 3/4 @ 1pm  
Mexican Train Dominos
THUR, 3/5 @ 1pm  
Crochet Fun!
MON, 3/9 @ 10am  
Relax @ The Chauvin Library: Come work on a jigsaw puzzle!

DULARGE

Tuesdays @ 10am  
Oil Painting with Gail LeCompte
Registration required.

Wednesdays @ 1pm  
Mexican Train Dominos

Thursdays @ 10am  
Sew/So Good Quilters

MON, 3/23 @ 10am  
Easter Fabric Wreath

MAIN LIBRARY

TUES @ 6:30pm
3/3 The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
3/9 Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chaverine

DULARGE BRANCH

MON @ 11am

3/9 Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker by Jennifer Chaverine

3/23 The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Easter Fabric Wreath
Sensory Story Time is a program designed to engage children ages 3-7. It is ideal for autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration challenges, or children who have difficulty sitting still. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Sundays, 3/15 @ 3pm**
**Sensory Story Time**

**Tuesdays, 3/6 & 3/20 @ 2pm**
**Sensory Story Time**

**Fridays, 3/6 & 3/20 @ 4pm**
**Dancercise**
Work up a sweat at our all ages dance class.

**Mondays, 3/1 @ 3pm**
**Yoga for Kids**

**Mondays, 3/2 @ 4pm**
**Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party**
Join us for a special story time, crafts, and treats celebrating one of our favorite writers.

**Wednesdays, 3/4 | FRI, 3/13 | WED, 3/18 | FRI, 3/27 @ 4pm**
**Pokémon Gym**
Meet other Pokémon fans & have fun. Bring your cards to build decks, trade, & battle.

**Crafternoons!**
**THURS, 3/5 @ 4pm**
**Pot-O-Gold Slime**
**PreK-6th**

**THURS, 3/12 @ 4pm**
**Rainbow Shamrocks**
**PreK-6th**

**THURS, 3/26 @ 4pm**
**Paper Flowers**
**PreK-6th**

**Saturdays, 3/7 @ 11am & 3pm**
**Lego Robotics**

**Sundays, 3/8 @ 3pm**
**Escape the Library for 4th grade and up**
Work together as a team to solve clues and unlock the mystery before the time runs out.

**Wednesdays, 3/11 & 3/25 @ 4pm**
**Chess Club**

**Sundays, 3/21 @ 11am & 3pm**
**Lego Club**

**Saturdays, 3/28 @ 11am**
**MoboRobo: Robots on the Go!**
Robotics Lab for PreK and up. Learn how to build robots, complete robotics challenges and more with our cubelet robots. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. (Registration is required.)

**Sundays, 3/22 @ 3pm**
**Family Movie Matinee: The Addams Family [PG]**

**Sundays, 3/29 @ 3pm**
**Game Day:** Join us for all ages gaming fun. Choose from one of the library’s board games or bring your own to share.

**Wednesdays, 3/17 @ 3pm**
**Leprechaun Craft**
**PreK-4th**

**Wednesdays, 3/18 @ 4pm**
**Mason Jar Lid Sun Catchers**
**5th-12th**

**Wednesdays, 3/19 @ 4pm**
**Lego Afternoon**
**Pre K-4th**

**Tuesdays, 3/3 @ 1:30pm**
**Dr. Seuss Story Time & Craft**

**Tuesdays, 3/17 @ 1:30pm**
**St. Patrick’s Day Story Time & Craft**
**DULARGE**

Wednesdays @ 10:30am
Toddler Time

Thursdays @ 4:30pm
Legos

MON, 3/2 @ 4:15pm
Dr. Seuss Story/Craft Time

TUES, 3/10 @ 4:15pm
“I Care” Reading Program

TUES, 3/17 @ 4:15pm
St. Patrick’s Day Story/Craft Time

**DULAC**

WED, 3/4 @ 4pm
Lego Club: Towers

WED, 3/11 @ 4pm
STEM Challenge: Pi in Real Life!
Celebrate Pi Day by experimenting with circle measurements!

WED, 3/18 @ 4pm
Acrylic Painting

WED, 3/25 @ 4pm
Sew Your Own Scrunchies

**NORTH**

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm
Chess Club

Saturdays @ 10am
Movie Saturdays

WED, 3/4 & 3/18 @ 6pm
Wii Time! Mario Kart

SAT, 3/7 @ 3pm
Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party Story Time

SAT, 3/14 @ 1pm
Wii Gaming

SUN, 3/15 @ 2pm
Take-N-Make Craft

SUN, 3/15 @ 3pm
Lego Robotics

WED, 3/18 @ 10am
Drive-In Story Time Shamrocks

SAT, 3/28 @ 3pm
Marbled Shamrocks Activity

**MONTEGUT**

MON, 3/2 @ 4pm
Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

WEDNESDAYS, 3/4 & 3/18 @ 4pm
Lego Club

MON, 3/9, 3/16, & 3/23 @ 2pm
Toddlers Story Time

MON, 3/9 @ 4pm
Melted Crayon Art

WED, 3/11 @ 4pm
Spring Planting

MON, 3/16 @ 4pm
Lucky Slime

MON, 3/23 @ 4pm
DIY Bird Feeders

WED, 3/25 @ 4pm
Pom-Pom Garlands

MON, 3/30 @ 4pm
S.T.E.M. Afternoon

TUES, 3/31 @ 4pm
Women’s History BINGO

**EAST HOUMA**

Every Day Any Time
Anytime Craft—Ask @ Front Desk

Mondays @ 6pm
Zen Coloring Fun

Fridays @ 10am
Family Fitness Fridays

WED, 3/4 & 3/18 @ 6pm
Wii Time! Mario Kart

SAT, 3/7 @ 3pm
Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Celebration!
Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with the movie “Horton Hears A Who.”
Refreshments will be served. (All Ages)

SAT, 3/14 @ 3pm
Women’s History Month: Women inventors, fun facts, and ice cream making. (All Ages)

TUES, 3/17 @ 6pm
Leprechaun Craft for Kids

SAT, 3/28 @ 3pm
Spring “Spoon” Craft

**CHAUVIN**

All Month
Celebrating Women’s History Month
All ages can write a “Thank You” note to a woman who inspires them.

MON, 3/2 @ 4pm
Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

TUES, 3/10 @ 4pm
Lego Club

THURS, 3/12 @ 4pm
Spring Craft

MON, 3/16 @ 4pm
After-School Board Games

**STORY TIMES**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

Mondays
Toddler Story Time @ 10am
for 19 months to 3 years

Toddler Story Time @ 6pm
for 19 months to 3 years

Tuesdays
Babygarten @ 10am
for newborns to 18 months

Family Story Time @ 6pm
for 4-8 year olds

Wednesdays
PreK Story Time @ 10am

Thursdays
Toddler Story Time @ 2pm

**DULAC**

Mondays
Toddler Tales @ 10am

**EAST HOUMA**

Wednesdays, 3/4 & 3/18
Peek-a-Boo Readers @ 10am
for newborns to 18 months

**NORTH**

Mondays
Family Story Time @ 6pm
for 18 months to 3 years

Tuesdays
Peek-a-Boo Story Time @ 10am
for newborns to 18 months

Wednesdays
Toddler Story Time @ 10am
for newborns to 18 months

Thursdays
PreK Story Time @ 2pm
for newborns to 18 months
During March 2020, Terrebonne Parish libraries are celebrating the achievement of women throughout history. Join us in the celebration by participating in our system-wide programs.

Check out our Women’s History programs below!

BOURG BRANCH // WED, 3/25 @ 11am // Young At Heart Ladies Day
CHAUVIN BRANCH // All Month // Write a “Thank You” note to a woman that inspires you.
DULAC BRANCH // TUES, 3/10 @ 4pm // Women’s History Month Bingo
DULARGE BRANCH // MON, 3/30 @ 4pm // Women’s History Month Activity for Teens
EAST HOUMA BRANCH // SAT, 3/14 @ 3pm // Women’s History Month: Women Inventors, fun facts, and ice cream making.

GIBSON BRANCH // All Month // Women’s History Month Interactive Display
MAIN LIBRARY // All Month // Women’s History Month Scavenger Hunt
MAIN LIBRARY // TUES, 3/17 @ 6pm // Revolutionary Women TED TALK
MONTEGUT // TUES, 3/31 @ 4pm // Women’s History Month Bingo
NORTH BRANCH // All Month // Women’s History Month Photo Booth
TEEN PROGRAMMING

MAIN

Thursdays, 3/5 & 3/19 @ 6pm
ECHO Teen Gaming Group

Wednesdays, 3/11 & 3/25 @ 4pm
Chess Club: Put your chess playing skills to the test. Never played before? No worries! We will be happy to teach you.

Thursdays, 3/12 & 3/26 @ 6:30pm
Writers Unite! Creative writing for teens

SUN, 3/15 @ 3pm
Create! All Ages Craft. Join us for Create! an open-ended art lesson and craft. Each month we pick a new medium. This month we will be doing puffy paint paintings.

SAT, 3/28 @ 3pm
Teen Anime and Manga Club for grades 7th-12th. Do you love anime and manga? Want to meet more people your age who love it, too? Come watch some of the newest anime as they’re released in Japan and learn new manga drawing techniques with our Teen Anime and Manga Club!

SUN, 3/29 @ 3pm
Game Day: Join us for all ages gaming fun. Choose from one of the library’s board games or bring your own to share.

BOURG

TUES, 3/10 & WED, 3/18 @ 4pm
Mason Jar Lid Sun Catchers

DULARGE

Thursdays @ 4pm
Craft Time/Board Games

GIBSON

WED, 3/18 @ 4pm
Duct Tape Pencil Pouch Craft
WED, 3/25 @ 4pm
Canvas Button Tree Craft

NORTH

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm
Chess Club

Wednesdays @ 2:30pm
Teen Hangout

Wednesdays @ 6pm
Resume Connection Class: Learn how to complete a resume, fill out an application, and get helpful hints on what to do at a job interview.

Saturdays @ 10:30am
Movie Saturdays

SAT, 3/14 @ 2pm
Wii Gaming

SUN, 3/14 @ 2pm
Take-N-Make Craft

EAST HOUMA

Every Day @ 10am
Anytime Craft

Monday @ 6pm
Fridays @ 10am
Zen Coloring Fun

Wednesdays, 3/4 & 3/18 @ 6pm
Wii Time! Mario Kart

SAT, 3/14 @ 3pm
Women’s History Month: Women Inventors, fun facts, and ice cream making.

SAT, 3/28 @ 3pm
Spring “Spoon” Craft (All Ages)

DULAC

Thursdays @ 4pm
Grand Caillou Beading Circle: Learn the techniques of flat stitching. Please call 985-563-2014 to register.

TUES, 3/10 @ 4pm
Women’s History Month Bingo Game: Have fun learning facts about women in history.

TUES, 3/17 @ 4pm
St. Patrick’s Day Slime

TUES, 3/24 @ 4pm
DIY Fringe Earrings

TUES, 3/31 @ 4pm
Popsicle Stick Silhouette Painting

CHAUVIN

TUES, 3/17 @ 3:30pm
Plastic Spoon Spring Flower

MONTEGUT

WED, 3/4 & 3/18 @ 4pm
Lego Club

MON, 3/9 @ 4pm
Melted Crayon Art

WED, 3/11 @ 4pm
Spring Planting

MON, 3/23 @ 4pm
DIY Bird Feeders

WED, 3/25 @ 4pm
Pom-pom Garland

MON, 3/30 @ 4pm
S.T.E.M. Afternoon

TUES, 3/31 @ 4pm
Women’s History BINGO

NEW in TEEN fiction

What I Carry
by Jennifer Longo

Tweet Cute
by Emma Lord

The Gravity of Us
by Phil Stamper
**Staff Spotlight**

Leigh Kilgo  
Youth Services Clerk

**How long have you worked for TPLS?**  
I have worked for TPLS for a year and ten months.

**What are some of your favorite library programs?**  
I really enjoy the story times that we offer the community. It is a great way for families to interact with one another. I do a PreK story time (my favorite) along with a craft every Wednesday. I love watching kids express their creative side through art. Another one of my favorites is Lego Robotics. The kids get to build a creation that they can connect to the computer and can learn about and experience coding. There is always something fun going on here!

**If you had your own talk show, who would be your first three guests and why?**  
My first three guests would have to be children from my story time, picked randomly from a hat. They are always making me laugh and asking funny questions.

**We hear you love to read picture books. Can you tell us some of your favorites?**  
Oh wow—there are far too many, and it’s tough to only pick a few! I love choosing books that will make the children and parents/caregivers laugh. I would definitely have to pick *Not Your Typical Dragon*. Everyone knows that a typical dragon breathes fire, but Crispin has a little trouble. When he tries, he ends up exhaling whipped cream, bubbles, Band-Aids, marshmallows, and teddy bears! I love the message it sends out to children that it is ok to be different. I also love *Love Monster* and *Walrus in the Bathtub*, which is my go-to book to make them laugh. What could be funnier than finding a walrus in a bathtub?!

**What would you rather: a week-long trip to Ireland or finding the gold at the end of a rainbow?**  
Wow, that’s a tough one! I would choose finding the gold and then use that to take a trip to Ireland to sightsee and look for Leprechauns. Seeing a rainbow with a pot of gold at the end would be so magical!

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**FREE COMPUTER CLASSES // Main Library**

**MON, 3/2 @ 7-8pm:** Intro to Microsoft Power Point  
**WED, 3/4 @ 9:30 - 10:30am:** Computer Q&A  
**THURS, 3/5 @ 9:30 - 10:30am:** Intro to Email  
**WED, 3/18 @ 9:30 - 10:30am:** Computer Q&A  
**MON, 3/9 @ 7-8pm:** Intro to Microsoft Excel  
**THURS, 3/19 @ 9:30 - 10:30am:** Internet Safety  
**THURS, 3/12 @ 9:30 - 10:30am:** Google Apps  
**MON, 3/23 @ 7-8pm:** Intro to Microsoft Word

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