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TERREBONNE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2025



FOR THE LOVE OF READING CHALLENGE

PUSH YOUR LIMITS AND DISCOVER NEW GENRES!



Get ready to embark on a reading adventure like never before! The **For the Love of Reading Challenge** is your chance to push your limits, dive into new stories, and explore genres you may have never considered before. This challenge is designed to inspire, excite, and ignite your imagination.

By stepping outside your comfort zone, you'll not only strengthen your reading skills but also gain new perspectives and experiences through the power of storytelling.

As you read, mark off spaces on your Bingo card. The more you read, the closer you get to victory! Will you take on the challenge and read your way to **Bingo**?

Get ready for the spotlight! Winners from the Adult, Teen, and Children categories will be the chosen ones to reveal the 2025 Summer Reading Program theme and logo!

Join us from **February 1 – 28** and let your reading journey begin!



DOWNTOWN HOUMA MAKERS MARKET

SATURDAY, FEB 22 10 AM – 2 PM @ MAIN LIBRARY

The market features local farmers and creators who sell a variety of fresh produce, prepared/cooked foods, artisan good and home decor. The market is **FREE** to attend and open pending weather.

Questions? Contact Emily Loney @ 985-876-5861 ext. 233.

Get the latest info on Facebook: @DowntownHoumaMakersMarket.



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

**TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY
9 AM – 12 PM @ MAIN LIBRARY**

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** group, in partnership with **Catholic Charities**, is returning this year to provide free tax preparation assistance for individuals and families who need help filing their taxes. This valuable service is designed to ensure that everyone can file their taxes accurately and on time—without the burden of expensive tax preparation fees.

Appointments & Process:

Appointments for tax assistance will continue to be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons should plan ahead and arrive early to secure their spot.

Steps to Complete Your Tax Filing:

- **Gather Your Documents** – Bring all necessary tax documentation, including W-2s, 1099s, Social Security statements, identification, and any other relevant paperwork.
- **Drop Off Your Documents** – Visit the Main Library on a Tuesday between **9:00 AM and 12:00 PM** to submit your tax documents.
- **Pick Up Your Filed Documents** – You will receive a phone call when your tax filing is complete. Pick-up times will be available between **3:00 PM and 4:30 PM** on the same day.

This service will be available on the second floor of the **Main Library** every Tuesday in February.

Inside: Mad Hatter's Tea Party • Learn Cajun French • Shrek-A-Thon • Storytimes, Crafts, and more!

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STORYTIMES



PRE-K STORYTIME

Thursdays @ 10 am (Main)



TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays @ 10 am (Main)

Tuesdays @ 10 am (North)

Wednesdays @ 10 am (East)



SENSORY STORYTIME

Mondays @ 6 pm (Main)

Feb 9 @ 3 pm (Main)



FAMILY STORYTIME

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm (Main)

Wednesdays @ 6 pm (South Regional)

Feb 14 @ 10:30 am (Dularge)



PEEK-A-BOO STORYTIME

Tuesdays @ 10 am (Main)

Thursdays @ 2 pm (North)

Thursdays @ 10 am (South Regional)



LEGO MANIA

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm (Gibson)

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm (Dularge)

Feb 1 @ 2 pm (East)

Visit www.mytpl.org for complete event details, locations, and to register, or use your device's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Registration opens about a month in advance and is required where indicated.



FEATURED PROGRAMS

* Registration Required



*MAD HATTER TEA PARTY Feb 13 @ 10 am (Main Library)

A very special storytime will take place at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Come dressed in your most outrageous party outfit for a tea-rrific time. Space is limited; please register online.

*MAD HATTER'S VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY TEA PARTY

Feb 15 @ 3 pm (Main Library)

Don't Be Late for a very important date! Join the Children's Departments for a wonderland of enchantment and imagination. Space is limited; please register online.



SPACE S.T.E.M. Ages 4 - 10 | 4 pm

Explore the wonders of the universe with fun, hands-on activities that will spark curiosity and excitement about space, science, and discovery! Blast off to learning at your local branch!

Feb 5 - East Branch: Edible Constellations

Feb 10 - South Regional Branch: Mini Planetariums

Feb 11 - North Branch: Edible Constellations

Feb 27 - Main Library: Galaxy Sun Prints



GRAB BAG FRIDAY Fridays, while supplies last (East Branch)

Stop by to pick up your surprise weekend craft, filled with fun and creativity to enjoy at home. Each bag contains a unique craft activity designed to spark imagination, encourage hands-on learning, and provide a delightful experience for crafters of all ages. A perfect way to add a little extra joy to your weekend.

MAIN

SUSTAINABLE THROWS

Sundays @ 3 pm

Every Sunday, come and create a sustainable craft that you can either keep or toss during the Mardi Gras parades. (Feb 2, 9, and 16).

CRAFTERNOONS

Wednesdays @ 3 – 5 pm

Get crafty at the library every week creating an unique craft that is fun for all ages.

OPEN PLAY

Feb 1 @ 2 pm

Open Play: Join us for a drop-in open play time! We have fun, educational toys and books available for self-directed play. For kids ages 0 to 5 with their caregivers

SURPRISE CRAFT

Feb 8 @ 2 pm

Join the craft-tastic fun where the whole family gets to unleash their creativity! But shhh... the surprise awaits behind the door—what could it be?

SEW MUCH FUN

Feb 11 & 25 @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun book-themed sewing project!

PRESIDENT STORYTIME

Feb 17 @ 11am

Southdown Plantation

Join us in the President room at Southdown Plantation for a unique and special Presidential story time hosted by the Terrebonne Parish Library.

*S.T.E.M. – THE THREE LITTLE PIGS HOUSE CHALLENGE

Feb 22 @ 11 am

Can you build a house that can withstand wolf's huffing and puffing?

DULAC

HOBBY CLUB

Jan 16 @ 3 pm

Stop by after school to bead, crochet, or work on a provided craft.

DIY VALENTINE CARDS

Feb 6 @ 3 pm

COMMUNITY BINGO

Feb 12 @ Noon

SCRABBLE HEART PHOTO HANGER

Feb 13 @ 3 pm

DIY MARDI GRAS MASK

Feb 20 & 27 @ 3 pm

DULARGE

VALENTINES STORYTIME & CRAFT

Feb 14 @ 10:30 am

EAST



MONTHLY DISPLAY: JERRY PINKNEY

All Month

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

All Month

COLORING PACKETS

Mondays (While supplies last)

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Fridays (While supplies last)

Stop by to get your surprise weekend craft. While supplies last.

GROUNDHOG TRIVIA & SCAVENGER HUNT

Feb 4 @ All day

CHILDREN'S BOOK BINGO

Feb 6 @ 6 pm

TISSUE PAPER HEART CRAFT

Feb 10 @ 6 pm

ART CLUB: CLAY BEAD BRACELETS

Feb 11 @ 6 pm

PAPER DOG HEADBAND CRAFT

Feb 20 @ 6 pm

NORTH

BLACK HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

All month

Exciting scavenger hunt available all month long, where you'll search for hidden clues, learn fascinating facts about influential Black leaders, and uncover inspiring stories that have shaped history!

MOVIE TIME!

SOUL – Feb 1 @ 1 pm

BLIND SIDE – Feb 22 @ 1pm

SNOWMAN CUP CRAFT

Feb 3 (While supplies last)

GNOME VALENTINE CARD CRAFT

Feb 10 (While supplies last)

MOVABLE SNOWMAN CRAFT

Feb 17 (While supplies last)

MARDI GRAS SHOEBOX FLOAT CRAFT

Feb 18 @ 10 am

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE LITERACY NIGHT

Feb 24 @ 6 pm

MARDI GRAS MASK CRAFT

Feb 24 @ (While supplies last)

GIBSON



TAKE N MAKE CRAFT: LOVE BUG HEADBAND

All month (While supplies last)

SOUTH REGIONAL

WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

All Month

CRAFTERNOONS

Wednesdays @ 3 – 5 pm

Get crafty at the library every week creating an unique craft that is fun for all ages.

Teen



TEEN PICK A CRAFT OR BOARD GAME

Thursdays @ 3 pm (Dularge)

"BOARD TOGETHER" SATURDAYS

Thursdays @ 1 pm (South Regional)

Looking for a fun and creative way to spend time with friends? Choose from a variety of crafts to unleash your artistic side or pick a board game for some friendly competition. You can also bring your favorite game from home and teach others how to play! Come hang out, meet new friends, and enjoy a relaxed, fun-filled evening!



GAMING LAB (North)

Our Gaming Lab features the PS5, X-Box, Nintendo Switch, VR Headsets, and Gaming PCs. The Lab is open during normal business hours (see hours on page 8.)

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SHREK-A-THON

Thursdays @ 7 pm (Main Library)

Grab your favorite pillow and blanket, and get ready for some laughs at our Shrek-A-Thon! Every Thursday, the Youth Services Department will be screening a Shrek movie. It's going to be a fun time filled with friends, cozy vibes, and of course, lots of giggles and the occasional

guffaw! Can't wait to see you there! Popcorn and juice will be provided. (Feb 6, 13, 20, 27)



MARDI GRAS PHOTO BACKDROP

All Month @ North Branch

Gather your friends, family, and ya mom an'em and head over to our North Branch to get into the Carnival spirit! Take your own photos using our FREE Mardi Gras backdrop!



TEEN CRAFT: L.O.V.E. PAINTING

Feb 13 @ 3 pm (Dularge Branch)

Who wouldn't "love" this gift from the heart for Valentine's Day? It's so easy to make and best of all, the result will leave your heart (and home) filled with L-O-V-E.



LEARN TO PLAY DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Feb 12 @ 6 pm (Main Library)

Join us in the Creative Lab and dive into the magic as we learn to conjure up unforgettable characters to take on epic quests. **For adventurers age 16 and up.**

DULAC

HOBBY CLUB

Tuesdays @ 3 –4:30 pm

Stop by after school to bead, crochet, or work on a provided craft.



SEWING OR SCRAPBOOKING

Wednesdays @ 10 am

DIY VALENTINE CARDS

Feb 6 @ 3 pm

Join us for a fun and creative workshop where teens can design and craft their own unique Valentine's Day cards using a variety of colorful paper, stickers, stamps, and other decorative supplies

SCRABBLE HEART PHOTO HANGER

Feb 13 @ 3 pm

DIY MARDI GRAS MASK

Feb 20 & 27 @ 3 pm

DULARGE

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Feb 13 @ 3 pm

GIBSON

*VALENTINE GNOME PAINTING

Feb 11 @ 10 am

MONTHLY DISPLAY: JERRY PINKNEY

All Month

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS

All Month @ While supplies last

COLORING PACKETS

Mondays @ While supplies last

Stop by every Monday to grab a fun-filled packet of coloring sheets to take home and let your creativity shine!

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Fridays @ While supplies last

Stop by and grab a surprise weekend craft. Hurry, though—these mystery craft bags are available while supplies last, so don't miss out!

LEGO MANIA

Feb 1 @ 2 pm

LEGO maniacs wanted! Let your imagination run wild and explore your engineering skills as you play with LEGOS!

TISSUE PAPER HEART CRAFT

Feb 10 @ 6 pm

ART CLUB: CLAY BEAD BRACELETS

Feb 11 @ 6 pm

Join us for a hands-on Art Club session where you'll learn how to design, shape, and string together colorful clay bead bracelets, allowing you to express your creativity and make a unique accessory to wear or share!

NORTH

PRESS YOUR T-SHIRT OR CANVAS BAG

Feb 3, 10, & 17 @ 10 am

Create your own custom T-shirt or canvas bag for Mardi Gras or Black History Month using vibrant designs and creative techniques!

*INTRO TO CRICUT

Feb 5 @ 6 pm

MARDI GRAS PAINTING

Feb 8 @ 1 pm

*VALENTINE CANDY BOUQUET WORKSHOP

Feb 13 @ 3 pm

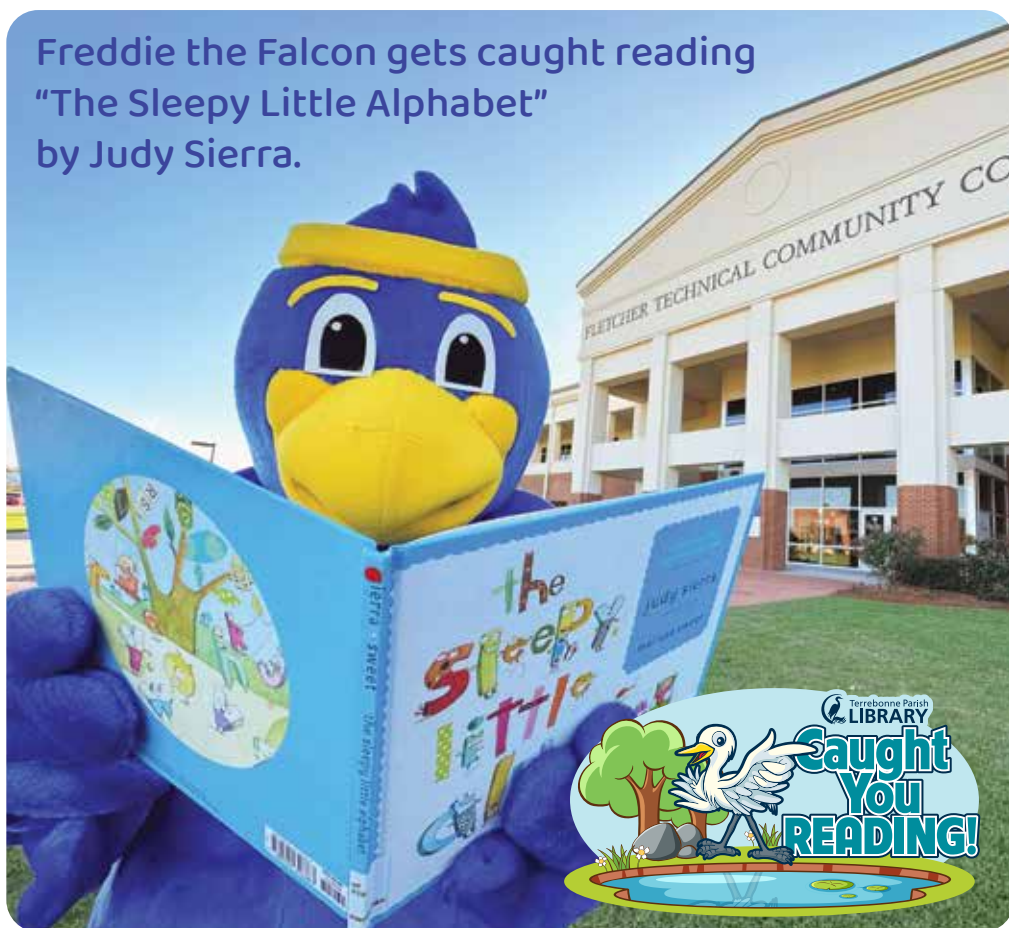
for a fun and creative workshop where you'll learn how to design and assemble a beautiful candy bouquet, perfect for gifting to a loved one or treating yourself to something sweet and festive!

TEEN LOUNGE

Mon - Thu @ Noon - 8 pm

Fri - Sat @ 9am - 4 pm

Freddie the Falcon gets caught reading
"The Sleepy Little Alphabet"
by Judy Sierra.



Adult



Mometrix
TEST PREPARATION

FREE TEST PREP HELP

Feb 24 @ 6 pm (Main Library)

Are you preparing for an exam and looking for resources to help? Learn how to use Mometrix in this one-hour session. This eLibrary offers study materials for over 1500 standardized exams, including college entrance, graduate school, finance, nursing and medical, civil service, K-12, teacher certification exams, and more.



Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons

Feb 12 @ 6 pm (Main Library)

Join us in the Creative Lab and dive into the magic as we learn to conjure up unforgettable characters to take on epic quests. **For adventurers age 16 and up.**

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KING CAKE TASTING

Feb 22 @ 11:30 am (South Regional)

Join us for a mouthwatering King Cake Tasting Extravaganza! Indulge in the sweetest flavors as our community comes together to sample and vote for the best King Cake in town!



UNDERSTANDING THE 2025 CHANGES IN MEDICARE/ MEDICAID

Feb 6 @ 10 am (Main Library)

Gain a clear understanding of the changes made to your medical plan this year. Bring your questions and get expert answers and guidance for the year.



INTRO TO THE INTERNET: THE BASICS

Feb 20 @ 10 am (Main Library)

Join us for the Introduction to Internet Basics workshop – your gateway to mastering the online world! Whether in-person or virtual, this exciting session is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to boost their confidence in

navigating the web. You'll learn how to use web browsers, discover powerful search engines, and pick up essential tips and tricks for effective online searching. Don't miss out – get ready to unlock a world of information!

Brought to you by AT&T and the Public Library Association.



FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

Feb 8 @ 2 pm (East Branch)

A welcoming environment for French speakers of all levels, from beginners to fluent speakers, to engage in meaningful conversations, practice their language skills, and connect with fellow

language enthusiasts. Whether you're looking to improve your fluency, gain confidence in speaking, or simply enjoy discussing various topics in French.

MAIN

BOOK CLUB FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Feb 4 @ 6 pm

Circulo de Lectores para Personas que Aprenden Inglés: Practice your English. Bring your phone or tablet & a friend!

CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH

Feb 4 @ 7 pm

Practice your Spanish conversation skills. Topics will be available.

BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Feb 4 @ 5 pm

Break away from your weekly work routine and enjoy a night of board gaming with fellow gamers.

PUZZLED FOLK (OF THE JIGSAW VARIETY)

Feb 6 @ 6 pm

GENEALOGY 101

Feb 17 @ 6 pm

Connect with your roots & become a family detective. In this session, you'll learn how to gather family stories, start a family tree, use online tools, and examine genealogical records.

BOOK SOCIETY

Feb 25 @ 6 pm

This month we will discuss Mrs. Nash's Ashes by Sarah Adler. Check mytpl.org for title availability.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Feb 26 @ 6 pm

A Murder in Hollywood: The Untold Story of Tinseltown's Most Shocking Crime by Casey Sherman

DULAC

SEWING OR SCRAPBOOKING

Wednesdays @ 10 am

DIY VALENTINE CARDS

Feb 6 @ Noon

SCRABBLE HEART PHOTO HANGER

Feb 13 @ Noon

DIY MARDI GRAS MASK

Feb 20 & 27 @ Noon

DULAC FRENCH TABLE

Feb 21 @ 10:30 am

SNOWFLAKE WATERCOLOR MOSAIC

Jan 30 @ Noon

DULARGE

*OIL PAINTING WITH GAIL LECOMPTE

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am - 2 pm

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesdays @ 1 pm

SEW/SO QUILTERS

Thursdays @ 9 am (Members Only)

BINGO

Feb 17 @ 2 pm

GIBSON

SEW HAPPY CLUB

Thursdays @ 9 am - 1 pm

Patrons bring their own supplies.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Wednesdays @ 9 am

*VALENTINE GNOME PAINTING

Feb 11 @ 10 am

BOOK CLUB

Feb 17 @ 9 am

Take My Hand by Dolen Perkin-Valdez.

NORTH

CARDIO LINE DANCING

Mondays @ 6 pm

OPEN LAB FOR CREATIVES

Tuesdays @ 3 - 7 pm

Thursdays @ Noon - 4 pm

DIAMOND PAINTING

Tuesdays @ 2 pm

B.Y.O.B.

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

PRESS YOUR T-SHIRT OR CANVAS BAG

Feb 3, 10, & 17 @ 10 am

Create your own T-Shirt for Mardi Gras or Black History Month.

*INTRO TO CRICUT

Feb 5 @ 6 pm

MARDI GRAS PAINTING

Feb 8 @ 1 pm

MOVIE: BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE

Feb 15 @ 1 pm

BINGO FOR ADULTS

Feb 19 @ 10 am

SOUTH REGIONAL

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Feb 3 @ 2 pm

CRAFTY LADIES

Tuesdays @ 9 - 11 am

NO COOK RECIPE DEMO

Feb 11 @ 10 am

Join us and make pickled cucumbers

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Feb 18 @ 6 pm

Book club to discuss non-fiction, historical fiction, and true crime books.

*LAGNIAPPE CREATION STATION

Feb 13 @ 6 pm

Join us as we kick off an exciting new adult crafting program, where you can explore your creativity, learn new skills, and connect with fellow craft enthusiasts!

EAST

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS

All Month @ While supplies last

DEVICE HELP

Wednesdays @ 6pm

GRAB BAG FRIDAYS

Fridays (While supplies last)

Stop by to get your surprise weekend craft!

TISSUE PAPER HEART CRAFT

Feb 10 @ 6 pm

ART CLUB: CLAY BEAD BRACELETS

Feb 11 @ 6 pm

BINGO FOR ADULTS

Feb 15 @ 3 pm

LEGO MANIA

Feb 1 @ 2 pm

FOSSIL SCAVENGER HUNT

All month

Library Directory

Main Library 985.876.5861

151 Library Drive
Mon-Thurs: 8am - 9pm
Fri & Sat: 8am - 5pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

East Houma 985.876.7072

778 Grand Caillou Road
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 9pm
Fri & Sat: 8:30am - 5pm

North 985.868.3050

4130 West Park Avenue
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 9pm
Fri & Sat: 8:30am - 5pm

South Regional 985.594.9771

4377 Bayou Side Drive
Mon-Thurs: 8am - 8pm
Fri & Sat: 9am - 5pm

Dulac 985.563.2014

200 Badou Drive
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 5pm
Fri: 8:30am - 2:30pm

Dularge 985.851.1752

837 Bayou Dularge Road
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 5pm
Fri: 8:30am - 2:30pm

Gibson 985.575.2639

6400 Bayou Black Drive
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 5pm
Fri: 8:30am - 2:30pm

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* Registration Required



CREATIVE LAB
Dream. Make. Inspire.
Programs @ Main Library

Open Lab for Creatives

Thursdays @ 5 - 8 pm

Starting Stitches

Thursdays @ 10 am - Noon

Diamond Painting

Fridays @ 10 am - Noon

*Beginning Sewing

Feb 5 & 19 @ 6 pm

Crocheting for Beginners

Feb 11 @ 6 pm

*Quilting with a Long Arm

Feb 12 @ 6 pm

Sewing: Mending & Repair

Feb 26 @ 6pm

To register call 985-876-5861 ext. 201

Computer Classes @ Main Library

Intro to Google Sheets

Feb 3 @ 6pm

Intro to Google Docs

Feb 10 @ 6 pm

Intro to the Internet: The Basics

Feb 20 @ 10 am

Learn to use Mometrix

Feb 24 @ 10 am

To register call 985-876-5861 ext. 201



FAMILY FILMS IN FEBRUARY

A curated collection for your next family movie night.

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LEARN CAJUN FRENCH

Feb 20 & 27 @ Main Library

Immerse yourself in the rich language and culture of South Louisiana French with this engaging beginner's course, taught by the talented and knowledgeable Tracy Shafer. Whether you've never spoken a word of French before or you're simply curious about the unique Cajun influences on the language, this class is the perfect way to get started.

NOURISH TO PREVENT

An Educational Cancer Prevention Series

February 4 & 11 @ 1:30 pm

Terrebonne North Branch Library
4130 West Park Ave., Gray, LA

An educational cancer prevention series! Learn how to take charge of your health with the help of Becky Gautreaux, RDN, LDN, & Nutrition Agent with the LSU AgCenter.



To register contact Becky Gautreaux
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or 985-446-1316