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TERREBONNE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2025



20TH ANNUAL JAMBALAYA WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 5
9 am - 5:45 pm
Main Library



Join us for an unforgettable day of creativity, connection, and craft at the Jambalaya Writers' Conference, an annual event that brings together

authors, aspiring writers, and passionate readers from across the region. This year's conference is packed with exciting opportunities.

Keynote Speaker: Tom Piazza – Acclaimed author and Emmy-winning writer, Piazza is renowned for his poignant storytelling and insights into Southern culture.

Lunch & Listen • Blind Auditions • Editor and pitch sessions
Workshops & Panels

Jambalaya is BACK! facebook.com/jambalayawriters

Register now and be part of this milestone event:
www.mytpl.org/jwc

Presentations by Scott Campbell, Farren Clark, Katherine Conner, Pat Crochet, Lindsey Duga, Ariel Francisco, Ed Hammerli, Abram Himmelstein, David Middleton, Antoine Mitchell, Holly Naquin, Jon Paul Olivier, and The Southern Writers.



TOM PIAZZA
Keynote Speaker

The Terrebonne Parish Library System invites the community to witness the beautiful transformation of butterflies as part of an engaging, educational program. All Terrebonne Parish Libraries will house living caterpillars, allowing visitors to observe the incredible life cycle of a butterfly up close.

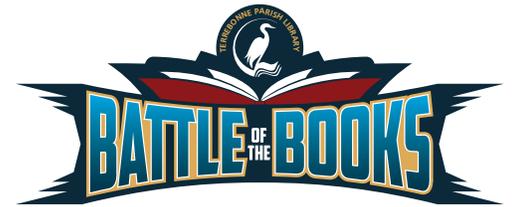
The celebration culminates with the La Mariposa Butterfly Release and Picnic at the Main Library! This special event will feature a story time and an outdoor walking parade, where the butterflies that have grown in the library will be released into the community garden.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch and enjoy learning, nature, and fun. This event is free and open to the public.

For additional dates and times of butterfly release events at other library locations, please visit the library's calendar at mytpl.org or contact your favorite library branch.

La Mariposa

Butterfly Release and Picnic
APRIL 12 @ 11 AM | MAIN LIBRARY



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Saturday, April 26 @ 10 am
Houma Municipal Auditorium

The Terrebonne Parish Library System, in partnership with Synergy Bank, is thrilled to announce the return of its highly anticipated Battle of the Books competition. The Battle of the Books is a fast-paced, tournament-style competition where student teams test their knowledge of books from the competition's reading list. Modeled after popular game shows like College Bowl and Family Feud, the event challenges participants to earn points by answering trivia questions with speed and accuracy.

Spectators are encouraged to cheer on their favorite teams and enjoy the excitement of this literary showdown.

Students at each participating school have been grouped into teams that first compete in schoolwide battles. The top two teams from each school will advance to the area-wide championship. In addition to book knowledge, teams will also be judged on:

- Best Team Costume – Showing creative flair with fun, themed outfits.
- Sportsmanship – Demonstrating teamwork and positive attitudes.
- School Spirit – Bringing energy and pride to the competition.

This event is **free** and open to the public.

Inside: Bunny Hunt, Wellness Wednesdays, Tuesday Markets are BACK, Dungeons & Dragons, and more!

Youth



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)
Apr 13 @ 3 pm (Main)



FAMILY STORYTIME
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm (Main)
Wednesdays @ ??? (Main)
Tuesdays @ 6 pm (East)
Wednesdays @ 6 pm (South Regional)
April 14 @ 10:30 am (Dularge)
April 22 @ 10 (Gibson)



PEEK-A-BOO STORYTIME
Tuesdays @ 10 am (Main)
Thursdays @ 2 pm (North)
Thursdays @ 10 am (South Regional)

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK WITH US!

Apr 21 – 25 @ Main Library

Mon 21 – Lego Challenge: Race against the clock as you tackle challenge cards and test your skills.

Tue 22 – Earth Day Activity

Wed 23 – S.T.E.M.: Pollinators. In this yummy food activity, learn how important pollinators work!

Thu 24 – Sew Much Fun: Registration required*

Fri 25 – Fairy Houses Craft: Registration required!**Call 985-876-5862 to register

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



BUNNY HUNT

Apr 6 & 19 @ All day (Main Library)

Bunny Hunt: Oh no! Mr. McGregor has turned into a bunny-busting villain and scared all the fluffballs away! Hop on over to the Children's Department and go on a veggie-fueled scavenger hunt for clues to track down those sneaky bunnies. And guess what? There's a prize waiting for you at the finish line of your epic search! Let the bunny rescue mission begin!

photo backdrop for capturing the moment. This event is FREE. We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!



STARRY NIGHT FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Apr 26 @ 6 pm (South Regional)

Enjoy a night of music, dancing, and sweet memories with your little star. The library will be transformed into a sparkling, starry setting, complete with a kid-friendly playlist, light refreshments, and a beautiful

photo backdrop for capturing the moment. This event is FREE. We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!



LEARNING LAB: WETLANDS CREATURES

Apr 28 @ 3:30 pm (Main Library)

Get ready for a wild and creative adventure with the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center! Join us for an exciting, hands-on Build Your Own Wetland Creature activity where you'll dive into the fascinating world of our local wetlands.

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GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Apr 25, 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

CRAFTERNOONS

Wednesdays @ 3 – 5 pm

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

JUST ONE MORE CHAPTER BOOK CLUB

Apr 3 @ 3:30 pm

A read-aloud book club tailored for elementary-aged children. Join us each week as we read and discuss the selected book together until we complete it.

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OPEN PLAY

Apr 27 @ All day

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

DULAC

HOBBY CLUB

Tuesdays @ 3 pm

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

ROCK ART FRAME

Apr 3 @ 3 pm

Please call 985-563-2014 to schedule.

COMMUNITY BINGO

Apr 9 @ Noon

OYSTER SHELL DECOUPAGE ART

Apr 10 @ 3 pm

EASTER CRAFT: ROUND WOOD HANGER

Apr 17 @ 3 pm

*SCHOOL BREAK SEWING

Apr 22 & 23 @ 3 pm

Please call 985-563-2014 to schedule.

DULARGE

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BOOKMARK CHALLENGE

Apr 7 – 11

Grades K-6, theme of bookmark must be books, reading or favorite characters. (Submit bookmarks by April 11th)

LEGO FREE PLAY

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm

BINGO!

Apr 21 @ 1 pm

EAST

MATTHEW HENSON SCAVENGER HUNT

All month

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC

Apr 10 @ 6pm

CONSTRUCTION TRUCK CRAFTS

Apr 17 | @ 6 pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

Apr 19 @ 2 pm

EARTH HEADBAND CRAFT

Apr 24 @ 6 pm

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Apr 25 (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!

EL DIA DE LOS LIBROS

Apr 26 @ 1 pm

A celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

NORTH

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

All Month

FAMILY MOVIE @ 10 AM

Apr 5: Trolls: Band Together

Apr 12: Peter Rabbit

Apr 19: Peter Rabbit 2

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: RAIN CLOUD

Apr 7 | (While supplies last)

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: EASTER BUNNY

Apr 14 (While supplies last)

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: UMBRELLA & RAIN DROPS

Apr 21 (While supplies last)

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: BEADED DRAGONFLY

Apr 28 (While supplies last)

SOUTH REGIONAL

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GIBSON

TAKE N MAKE CRAFT: BUNNY MASK

All month (While supplies last)

EARTH DAY STORYTIME & CRAFT

Apr 22 @ 10 am

Teen



Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons

April 16 @ 6 pm (Main Library)

Join us in the Creative Lab and dive into the magic as we learn the fundamentals of this legendary tabletop game, from building imaginative characters to mastering the rules of gameplay.

For adventurers age 16 and up.



National Library Week: Make your own Comic

Apr 10 @ 6 pm (East Branch)

Unleash your inner superhero, villain, or adventurer with a hands-on comic-making event! Whether you're a budding artist or a creative storyteller, this is your chance to design your own characters, craft exciting plots, and bring your imagination to life—one panel at a time.

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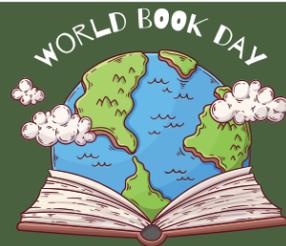
Mometrix TEST PREPARATION

FREE TEST PREP HELP

Apr 28 @ 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.



EL DIA DE LOS LIBROS – WORLD BOOK DAY

Apr 26 @ 1 pm (East Branch)

World Book Day is a day set aside every year to celebrate reading, books, authors and illustrators. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of

books and reading, especially for children and teens. Join us for music, dancing, food, arts and crafts and more. Sign up for your library card! See you there!



TEEN PICK A CRAFT OR BOARD GAME

Thursdays @ 3 pm (Dularge)

"BOARD TOGETHER" SATURDAYS

Saturdays @ 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!

MAIN

PAINT PLANTERS CRAFT

Apr 24 @ 6 pm

DULARGE

TEEN PAINTING

Apr 17 @ 3 pm

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DULAC

HOBBY CLUB

Tuesdays @ 3 pm

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

SEWING OR SCRAPBOOKING

Wednesdays @ 10 am

Whether you're stitching something new or creating beautiful scrapbook pages, there's fun for everyone.

ROCK ART FRAME

Apr 3 @ 3 pm

Please call 985-563-2014 to register.

OYSTER SHELL DECOUPAGE ART

Apr 10 @ 3 pm

EASTER CRAFT: ROUND WOOD HANGER

Apr 17 @ 3 pm

GIBSON

*EARTH DAY ROCK PAINTING

Apr 22 @ 10 am

EAST

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GAMING LAB

All month

FAMILY MOVIE @ 10 AM

Apr 5: Trolls: Band Together

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*INTRO TO THE CRICUT

Apr 2, 16 & 30 @ 6 pm

YARN BUNNY 2 CRAFT

Apr 12 @ 1 pm

PIPE CLEANER BOUQUETS

Apr 19 @ 11 am

SOUTH REGIONAL

BOARD TOGETHER SATURDAYS

Saturdays @ 1 pm

Teens come enjoy old fashioned board games. Snacks included.

MINECRAFT ORIGAMI

Apr 19 @ 2 pm

Tweens welcomed!

Mordecai and a few friends get caught reading The Warrior Series by Erin Hunter



Adult



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS Apr 2 & 16 @ 5:30 pm (Main Library)

Weights Do the Body Good! with Jerrlyn Duplantis, an experienced Certified Fitness Professional and Certified Personal Trainer.

Weights Do the Body Good is a full body workout using bands, body weight, and dumbbells. This class bites!!!

What to bring to class: Energy and Water! A mat, towel, band, hand weights.



FRENCH CONVERSATIONS Apr 12 @ 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.

VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE TUESDAYS IN APRIL 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 service will be available on the second floor of the Main Library every Tuesday in April.

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STRESS LESS SUNDAYS Apr 13 & 27 @ 3 pm (Main)

Join us for a 3 part stress less series! How you feel can affect your ability to carry out everyday activities, your relationships, and your overall mental health. How you react to your experiences and feelings can change over time. Emotional wellness is the

ability to successfully handle life's stresses and adapt to change and difficult times. Using the NIH Wellness Toolkit we will go over how to improve your health in each area. This presentation is part of the Care & Custody Exhibit.



CAJUN FRENCH LESSONS Apr 3 @ 6 pm (Main Library)

Want to talk like a local? Join us for an engaging beginner's course in South Louisiana French, taught by the talented Tracy Shafer. Whether you're brand-new to the language or just curious,

this class is perfect for you! Lessons will be on the first Thursday of the month.

For more details, contact Stefanny Chaisson at 985-876-5861.



LEAP LAW TALK: CHILD CUSTODY AND GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS

Apr 9 @ 5:30pm (North Branch)

During this presentation, an attorney from Acadiana Legal Service Corporation will discuss what you need to know

about child custody and grandparents' rights.



TUESDAY MARKETS ARE BACK! 2:30 – 5 pm (Main Library)

Join us every week for our Tuesday Downtown Makers Markets! Fresh produce, one-of-a-kind crafts, spring items, and so much more! Hungry? Check out the food vendors! See you there!

MAIN

BOOK CLUB FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Apr 1 @ 6 pm

Circulo de lectores para personas que aprenden inglés/Book club for people learning English: Practice your English. Bring your phone or tablet. Bring a friend!

CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH

Apr 1 & 15 @ 7 pm

Practice your Spanish conversation skills. Topics will be available.

GENEALOGY 101

Apr 21 @ 6 pm

Connect with your roots & become a family detective.

BOOK SOCIETY

Apr 22 @ 6 pm

This month we will discuss *The Teller of Small Fortunes* by Julie Leong.

*ADULT SEASONAL CRAFT: SPRINGTIME!

Apr 30 @ 6 pm

For more information call Cierra at 985-876-5861.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Apr 30 @ 6 pm

This month we will discuss *The Murder of Marilyn Monroe: Case Closed* by Richard Buskin. Ages 18+.

DULAC

SEWING OR SCRAPBOOKING

Wednesdays @ 10 am

ROCK ART FRAME

Apr 3 @ 12 pm

Please call 985-563-2014 to register.

OYSTER SHELL DECOUPAGE ART

Apr 10 @ 12 pm

EASTER CRAFT: ROUND WOOD HANGER

Apr 17 @ 12 pm

DULAC FRENCH TABLE

Apr 26 @ 10:30 am

Allons parler en français! French speakers of all levels are welcome to participate in guided conversation.

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)

GIBSON

SCRABBLE CLUB

Wednesdays @ 12:30 pm

SEW HAPPY CLUB

Fridays @ 9 am – 1 pm

Patrons bring their own supplies.

BOOK CLUB

Apr 7 @ 12:30 pm

The Golden Doves by Martha Hall Kelly.

NORTH

DIAMOND PAINTING

Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES: DEBT & CONSUMER ISSUES

Apr 4 @ 10 am

CARDIO LINE DANCING

Apr 7, 14, 28 @ 6 pm

YARN BUNNY 2 CRAFT

Apr 12 @ 1 pm

SPRING BUTTON BOUQUET CRAFT

Apr 16 @ 10 am

PLANT SWAP

Apr 22 @ 10 am

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES: WILLS & SUCCESSIONS

Apr 23 @ 10 am

*SEWING CLASS: MAKING CUTLERY HOLDERS

Apr 25 @ 9 am

Registration Required.

MOVIE: JERRY & MARGE GO LARGE

Apr 26 @ 10 am

BINGO FOR ADULTS

Apr 30 @ 10 am

SOUTH REGIONAL

CRAFTY LADIES

Tuesdays @ 9 – 11 am

COMMUNITY RESOURCE & HEALTH FAIR

Apr 10 @ 2 – 5 pm

Join us for free resources on behavioral health, healthcare, youth programs, senior citizens, veterans, bayou health plan, and more!

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Apr 15 @ 6 pm

*LAGNIAPPE CREATION STATION

Apr 17 @ 6 pm

Explore your creativity, learn new skills, and connect with fellow craft enthusiasts!

EAST

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays @ 6pm

MOVE IT MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS

Mondays @ 6 pm

TERREBONNE GENERAL MOBILE CARE CLINIC

Apr 4 @ 10 am

BINGO!

Apr 5 @ 3 pm

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Apr 25 (While supplies last)

EL DIA DE LOST LIBROS

Apr 26 @ 1 pm

SOUTHERN GOTHIC BOOK CLUB

Apr 3 @ 6 pm

The River Has Teeth by Erica Waters

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

Apr 11 @ 9 am

Join us for a free cup of coffee and casual conversation.

*EASTER CHICK CRAFT

Apr 12 @ 9 am

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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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

[*Intro to the Cricut](#)
Apr 2 @ 6 pm

[*Crocheting for Beginners](#)
Apr 8 @ 6 pm

[*Quilting with a Long Arm](#)
Apr 9 @ 6 pm

[*Beginning Sewing](#)
Apr 16 @ 6 pm

[Sewing: Mending & Repair](#)
Apr 23 @ 6 pm

[Intro to Mometrix](#)
Apr 28 @ 6 pm

The Creative Lab is a free, library-operated workspace for patrons 15 and older, offering access to tools, materials, and machines to help bring creative visions to life. Current equipment includes 3D printers, cutting machines, sewing machines and a serger, a Glowforge laser cutter, lightboxes, a laminator, and assorted handicraft and art tools.

To register call 985-876-5861 ext. 201



CARE AND CUSTODY PAST RESPONSES TO MENTAL HEALTH

Apr 7 – 22 @ Main Library

Guest curated by public historian and educator Anne E. Parsons, PhD (University of North Carolina at Greensboro). This traveling banner exhibition and companion website explore the treatment of people with mental health conditions throughout history, especially in the United States, bringing to light the tension that has existed between care and custody.

Physicians, advocates, families, and government agencies have all contributed to the shaping of mental health policies. Care and Custody examines this history to understand how the country has moved away from custodial forms of treatment, toward more inclusive approaches, and worked to protect the rights of people with mental health conditions.

Find out more by visiting www.nlm.nih.gov/careandcustody

The National Library of Medicine produced this exhibition and companion website.

Computer Classes @ Main Library

[Intro to Google Docs](#)
Apr 7 @ 6 pm

[Intro to Cyber Security](#)
Apr 9 @ 10 am

[Intro to Google Sheets](#)
Apr 14 @ 6 pm

[Intro to the Internet: The Basics](#)
Apr 16 @ 10 am

To register call 985-876-5861 ext. 201

