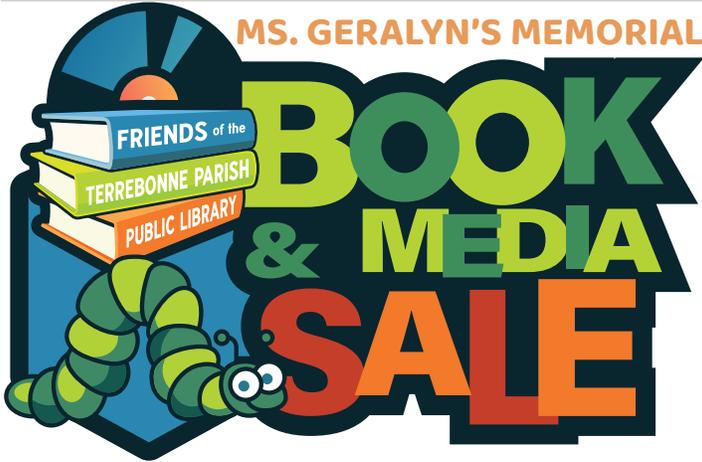




# The PageTurner

TERREBONNE PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM

AUGUST 2025



## MS. GERALYN'S MEMORIAL

# BOOK & MEDIA SALE

The Friends of the Terrebonne Parish Library are proud to host Ms. GERALYN Dunkelman's Memorial Choice Book Sale, a four-day fundraising event celebrating the life, generosity, and legacy of one of the community's most devoted supporters.

Ms. GERALYN Dunkelman was a beloved mother, wife, educator,

and longtime advocate for literacy and learning. In her memory, her son Andrew recently raised over \$1,000 through social media for the Friends of the Library. These generous donations helped bring dynamic summer reading performers to three branches of the Terrebonne Parish Library System.

### Book Sale Schedule:

- **Thursday, August 14 | 4 PM – 8 PM (Friends Only Night)**
- **Friday & Saturday, August 15-16 | 8 AM – 5 PM**
- **Sunday, August 17 | 2 PM – 5 PM**

The event will kick off with the return of "Friends First Night" on Thursday, August 14 from 4 PM to 8 PM. Current and new Friends of the Library members will have first pick of a curated selection of coffee table books, hardcover titles, and collectible sets. Annual memberships start at just \$5 per person, and patrons can sign up at the door. Accepted forms of payment include PayPal, credit/debit cards, and cash.

All proceeds from the book sale support library programming, events, and special initiatives that benefit readers of all ages across Terrebonne Parish.

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

**AUGUST 4, 2025**  
**3 - 5 PM | MAIN LIBRARY**



The Office of the Governor, Louisiana Youth for Excellence is hosting a Back-to-School event statewide starting July 2025 and concluding

August 2025. This event will provide children with school supplies, and families with resources and supports from the local community.



## DOWNTOWN HOUMA MAKERS MARKET

## SPECIAL SATURDAY MARKET

**August 16 | 10 am – 2pm @ Main Library**

Join us for a lively Special Saturday Market on August 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Main Library! This special event brings together local makers, artists, and small businesses for a one-of-a-kind shopping experience in Downtown Houma. Browse a variety of handcrafted goods, homemade treats, unique gifts, and locally produced items while supporting talented vendors from our community. Whether you're looking for artisan crafts, fresh products, or just a fun way to spend your Saturday, this market offers something for everyone. Come shop, mingle with neighbors, and enjoy a day of local creativity and community spirit!

Inside: ACT Math Prep Camp, Genealogy series, Creature Club 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)  
Aug 18 @ 3 pm (Main)
-  **FAMILY STORYTIME**  
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm (Main)  
Wednesdays @ 10 am (Main)  
Aug 20 & 27 @ 6 pm (South Regional)  
Aug 19 @ 2 pm (Dulac)
-  **PEEK-A-BOO STORYTIME**  
Tuesdays @ 10 am (Main)  
Thursdays @ 2 pm (North)  
Aug 21 & 28 @ 10 am (South Regional)



### LEGO MANIA!

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm (Dularge)  
Aug 2 @ 2 pm (East)

Visit [www.mytpl.org](http://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



### NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Aug 3 - 16 @ All branches

After a summer packed with page-turning adventures, we're feeling a little like this ... ready for a nap right on top of the bookshelves! We're taking a quick break to rest, recharge, and wrangle all these wandering books back into place so finding your next read will be a breeze. Thanks for letting us catch a quick 'book nap' before fall reading kicks in! Thanks to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program!



### SENSORY SUNDAYS

Aug 17, 24, 31 @ Main Library

Looking for a peaceful place to unwind? Join us for Sensory Sundays at the library—an inclusive, welcoming experience specially designed for individuals who prefer a calm and quiet environment.

Each Sunday, we transform our Children's Department into a low-stimulation zone featuring dimmed lighting, soft sounds, and gentle, hands-on activities such as coloring, fidget toys, puzzles, and sensory bins. Whether you're neurodivergent, easily overwhelmed by crowds and noise, or just looking for a slower-paced experience, Sensory Sundays provide a soothing setting where you can relax, create, and explore at your own pace.

All ages are welcome. No registration required—just drop in and enjoy a serene start to your week.



### GUIDED STORYWALK

Aug 7 @ Bayou Black Park

Join us for a Guided Storywalk® on Thursday, August 7, at 10 AM at Bayou Black Park. Families will take a fun and engaging stroll along the park's walking path while reading *The King of Kindergarten* together, with story pages displayed along the way. This interactive outdoor event encourages a love of reading, promotes movement, and provides a wonderful opportunity for children and caregivers to connect with a story in a unique and memorable setting.

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## MAIN

### STORYWALK®

**Bayou Black Park — All month**  
Take a fun stroll through the pages of *The of Kindergarten* with our interactive StoryWalk®—perfect for families who love books and a little movement!

### CRAFTERNOONS

**Wednesdays @ 3 - 5 pm**  
Get crafty at the library every week creating an unique craft for all ages.

### GUIDED STORYWALK®

**Aug 7 — 10 am @ Bayou Black Park**  
Take a fun stroll through the pages of *The King of Kindergarten*.

### SENSORY SUNDAY

**Aug 17, 24, & 31 (All day)**  
A calm, quiet space with dim lighting and gentle activities, designed for those who prefer a more relaxed environment.

### CREATURE CLUB

**Aug 18 @ 3:30 pm**  
**Reptiles in our Backyard: Louisiana Native Snakes, Lizards, and More!**  
Get ready to meet some of Louisiana's scaly neighbors! We'll explore native reptiles—like snakes, lizards, and turtles—and learn how to tell the difference between harmless and venomous species. Kids will discover cool reptile facts, how to safely observe wildlife, and what to do if they spot a snake in the wild.

### 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

Aug 23 @ 2 pm

## DULAC

### SEA TURTLE CANVAS PAINTING CRAFT

Aug 7 @ 3:30 pm

### COMMUNITY BINGO

Aug 13 @ Noon

### PAINTED COASTERS CRAFT

Aug 14 @ 3:30

### PAINT Poured CANVAS CRAFT

Aug 21 @ 3:30

### SUNSET SAILBOAT MOSAIC PAINTING CRAFT

Aug 28 @ 3:30

## SOUTH REGIONAL

### CRAFTERNOONS

Aug 20 & 27 @ 3 pm

## DULARGE

### LEGO FREE PLAY

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm

### BINGO

Aug 4 @ 1 pm

### BACK TO SCHOOL STORYTIME & CRAFT

Aug 5 @ 3:30 pm

### PETE THE CAT TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

Aug 8 (While supplies last)

### DOG TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

Aug 26 (While supplies last)

## EAST

### MARIA TALLCHIEF COLORING PAGES AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Fridays

### LEGO BRICK MATH

Fridays

### LEGO MANIA

Aug 2 @ 2 pm

### PENCIL PICTURE FRAME CRAFT

Aug 5 @ 6 pm

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT

Aug 7

### APPLE PAPER PUPPET CRAFT

Aug 14 @ 6 pm

### 3-D TURTLE CRAFT

Aug 19 @ 6 pm

### PAPER BACKPACK CRAFT

Aug 21 @ 6 pm

### PAPER WEAVING CRAB CRAFT

Aug 26 @ 6 pm

### SCHOOL BUS CRAFT

Aug 28 @ 6 pm

## NORTH

### BACK TO SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT

All month

### MOVIE SATURDAYS

Saturdays @ 2 pm

### TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

Aug 4, 11, 18, & 25 (All day)

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Aug 5 @ 10 am

## GIBSON

### TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: CLIFFORD EARS HEADBANDS

(All month)

### BACK TO SCHOOL STORYTIME & CRAFT

Aug 5 @ 10 am



# Teen

## ACT prep camp



Train your brain to be a better test-taker

### ACT MATH PREP CAMP

Aug 30 @ 9 am (East)



Get ready to boost your ACT score with our ACT Math Prep Camp on Saturday, August 30, at 9 AM! During this free, hands-on session,

students will take a mini practice test and review the answers while learning valuable test-taking strategies. A certified high school math teacher with over 20 years of experience will guide participants through problem-solving techniques, calculator tips, and key math concepts commonly found on the ACT. This interactive workshop is designed to build confidence, strengthen skills, and help students perform their best on test day.



### 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.)

Visit [www.mytpl.org](http://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.



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### BEGINNER BEATS

Aug 9 @ 2 pm (South Regional Branch)

Discover the world of music creation at our Beginner Beats workshop on August 9, at 2 PM at the South Regional Branch. Perfect for aspiring musicians and curious beginners, this free, hands-on session introduces the fundamentals of composing and modern music production. Participants will explore rhythm, melody, and beat-making while getting an introduction to popular digital audio tools used by today's music producers. With guided instruction, you'll learn how to layer sounds, experiment with loops, and start building your own tracks. No prior experience is needed—just bring your creativity and excitement to learn the basics of making music from scratch.



### K-POP N' CHILL

Aug 12 @ 6 pm (East)

Calling all K-pop fans around the bayou! The beats are hot, the vibes are cool, and the love for K-pop is real! Whether you're a multi-stan, a rookie to the scene, or an OG fan, Join us for an evening of K-Pop music, video quizzes, and bracelet making.



### TEEN PICK A CRAFT OR BOARD GAME

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm (Dularge)

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.

## MAIN

### TEEN HANGOUT

Aug 21 @ 6 pm

Looking for a chill place to hang with friends, play games, and relax? We've got you covered!

## NORTH

### GAMING LAB

Mon - Thur 10 am - 8 pm

Fri - Sat 10 am - 4 pm

### TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

Wednesdays

## EAST

### K-POP N' CHILL

Aug 12 @ 6 pm

Join us for an evening of K-Pop music, video quizzes, and bracelet making.

## DULARGE

### THURSDAY TEEN PICK A CRAFT OR BOARD GAME

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

### BINGO!

Aug 4 @ 1 pm

## GIBSON

### PUPPY PAW PRINT BUTTON ART

Aug 5 @ Noon

## DULAC

### SEA TURTLE CANVAS PAINTING CRAFT

Aug 7 @ 3:30 pm

### COMMUNITY BINGO

Aug 13 @ Noon

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## SUNSET SAILBOAT MOSAIC PAINTING CRAFT

Aug 28 @ 3:30

## SOUTH REGIONAL

### BEGINNER BEATS

Aug 9 @ 2 pm

Learn the basics of composing and modern music production.



Fire Engine Operators Will Buklew and Kevin Gibson ot caught reading about emergency vehicles along with Captain John Hickman.

# Adult

**SENIOR PLANET**  
FROM AARP

## IPHONES

**Aug 6 at 10am (Main Library)**

If you're curious about what an iPhone can do and why it's so popular, come to this introductory lecture. You'll learn about the latest iPhone and what to consider if you're thinking of buying one.

## MESSAGING APPS

**Aug 13 at 10am (Main Library)**

Text messaging has become one of the primary ways we communicate. But did you know that you can send texts over the internet? Learn about messaging apps that allow you to send texts for free when connected to WiFi. The lecture will go over the features of three widely-used apps: iMessages, Google Chat. And WhatsApp. You'll learn about sending texts and pictures, making voice and video calls, and how these apps keep your messaging secure.

## PASSWORDS, PASSKEYS & MORE

**Aug 20 at 10am (Main Library)**

Protecting your online accounts starts with strong password practices. In this lecture, we'll review password basics before exploring options like single sign-on passkeys, multi-factor authentication, and password managers. Learn why these password alternatives are safe ways to simplify your digital life and keep your personal information secure.

## TECH TIPS FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

**Aug 27 at 10am (Main Library)**

Did you know that technology is an essential part of being prepared for emergencies and natural disasters? In this session, we'll explain how technology can help you prepare. We'll discuss and demonstrate useful features of the FEMA and Red Cross apps, including setting alerts. Additionally, we'll review built-in smartphone features that can come in handy in the event of an emergency and explore how to keep phones and essential devices charged during a prolonged power outage. Finally, we'll discuss how you can use social media to get emergency and other important information from local and national authorities.

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### DND ONE-SHOT: END OF THE LINE

**Aug 4 & 11 @ 6 pm | Main Library**

All Aboard the Nightingale Express! You have a ticket. You have a destination. Join us for this DND horror one-shot, set on a train bound west. With stranger and stranger things happening as the train rattles on, can you survive to the End of the Line? (18+)

## GENEALOGY SERIES

### GENEALOGY 101

**Aug 3 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

In this session, you'll learn how to gather family stories, start a family tree, use online tools, and examine genealogical records.

### ANCESTRY.COM & FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

**Aug 10 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

In this session, you'll learn how to use these websites as tools to discover and document your ancestors.

### CENSUS & VITAL RECORDS

**Aug 17 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

In this class, you'll gain insight into using censuses and vital records to find, cite, and prove ancestors.

### FRENCH & ACADIAN GENEALOGY

**Aug 24 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

We will explore the Reverend Donald Hebert collection, which includes records from Catholic churches and the Civil Courthouse. These records include birth and marriage records of Acadian families in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes.

### NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY

**Aug 31 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

Learn how to research Native American Genealogy and the Five Tribes included in the Dawes Rolls 1898-1914: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee, and Seminole.

### AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY

**Sep 7 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library**

Learn how the Bureau helped formerly enslaved people establish schools, locate family members, and negotiate work contracts between freedmen and plantation owners. to find, cite, and prove ancestors.

## MAIN

### B.Y.O.B.

**Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm**

B. Y. O. B Build Your Own Body with Jerrlyn Duplantis, an experienced Certified Fitness Professional and Certified Personal Trainer.

### \*DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY WORKSHOP

**Aug 5 @ 5:30 pm**

To register, please contact Emily Loney at (985) 876-5861 ext. 233. In partnership with Sea Grant.

### LEAP LAW TALK: MAKING A WILL

**Aug 13 @ Noon**

Learn why making a will is important and what you need to know about drafting your own.

### BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

**Aug 5 @ 5 pm**

Break away from your weekly work routine and enjoy a night of board gaming with fellow gamers (Ages 15+)

### CAJUN FRENCH CLASSES

**Aug 7 @ 6 pm**

### STROKE PREVENTION

**Aug 12 @ 10 am**

Learn about strokes: what they are, how to recognize them, how to respond to save a life, and ways to prevent them.

### PUZZLED FOLKS OF THE JIGSAW VARIETY

**Aug 14 @ 6 pm**

Unwind from your week with a puzzle and tea in the Main Library's Creative Lab from 6-8 pm.

### CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH

**Aug 19 @ 6:30 pm**

Practice your Spanish conversation skills. Ages 18+

### NEW SOUTHERN GOTHIC BOOK CLUB

**Aug 25 @ 6 pm**

*The Fabled Earth* by Kimberly Brock. Ages 18+

### SOUTHERN GOTHIC BOOK CLUB

**Aug 25 @ 6 pm**

*God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. Ages 18+

### BOOK SOCIETY

**Aug 26 @ 6 pm**

*Lost Boy: The True Story of Captain Hook* by Christine Henry.

### TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

**Aug 27 @ 6 pm**

*Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink. Ages 18+

## 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)**

### EAGER READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

**Aug 11 @ 1:30 pm**

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

### MOVE IT MONDAYS

**Mondays @ 6 pm**

### DROP-IN TECH HELP

**Wednesdays @ 6 pm**

### TERREBONNE GENERAL MOBILE CLINIC

**Aug 1 @ 10 am**

### CANVA FOR BEGINNERS

**Aug 9 @ 2 pm (Bring your own device)**

### K-POP N' CHILL

**Aug 12 @ 6 pm**

Join us for an evening of K-Pop music, video quizzes, and bracelet making.

### ADULT BINGO

**Aug 16 @ 3 pm**

## DULAC

### SEA TURTLE CANVAS PAINTING

**Aug 7 @ Noon**

### COMMUNITY BINGO

**Aug 13 @ Noon**

### PAINTED COASTERS CRAFT

**Aug 14 @ Noon**

### DULAC FRENCH TABLE

**Aug 15 @ 10:30 am**

### PAINT POUR CANVAS ART

**Aug 21 @ Noon**

### SUNSET SAILBOAT MOSAIC PAINTING

**Aug 28 @ Noon**

## NORTH

### CARDIO LINE DANCING

**Mondays @ 6 pm**

### DIAMOND PAINTING

**Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm**

### TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT

**Mondays (While supplies last)**

**Aug 4:** Key chains

**Aug 11:** Metal serving tray

**Aug 18:** Decorative school bells

**Aug 25:** Salt and pepper shakers

## GIBSON

### SCRABBLE CLUB

**Wednesdays @ 12:30 pm**

### SEW HAPPY CLUB

**Fridays @ 9 am - 1 pm**

### PUPPY PAW PRINT BUTTON ART

**Aug 5 @ Noon**

### BOOK CLUB

**Aug 13 @ 11 am**

*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan C. Bradley.

## SOUTH REGIONAL

### CRAFTY CAJUNS

**Tuesdays @ 6 pm**

### GUITAR LESSONS

**Aug 12, 19, & 26 @ 6 pm**

Basic guitar lessons for beginners.

### \*LAGNIAPPE CREATION STATION

**Aug 18 @ 6 pm**

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

### FAMILIAL TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

**Aug 25 @ 6 pm**

Join us for a presentation that demonstrates signs of trafficking in our area, risk factors, and reporting procedures. This is a partnership with the Children's Advocacy Center.

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# 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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Sign up for our monthly newsletter through email by visiting [mytpl.org/newsletter-signup](https://mytpl.org/newsletter-signup) or by scanning:



\* Registration Required

### Open Lab for Creatives

Tuesdays @ 12 – 3 pm  
Thursdays @ 5 – 8 pm

### Starting Stitches

Thursdays @ 10 am – Noon

### Diamond Painting

Fridays @ 10 am – Noon

### \*Intro to the Cricut

Aug 6 @ 6 pm

### \*Quilting with a Long Arm

Aug 13 @ 6 pm

### \*Beginning Sewing

Aug 20 @ 6 pm

### \*Mending & Repair

Aug 27 @ 6 pm

to register, dial 985-876-5861, option 2.

## OPIOID AWARENESS: LEARN, DISCOVER AND HEAR

Aug 27 @ 5:30 pm

Join us as we raise awareness about overdose deaths and how to prevent them.

## EAST

### MOVE-IT MONDAYS

Mondays @ 6 pm

### DROP-IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

### TGMC MOBILE CLINIC

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**Did you know?**

You can use tags to make lists of books you want to read, your favorite titles, what you've borrowed, and more.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Libby.**  
The library reading app

App Store | Google Play

SCAN CODE TO LEARN MORE