



The

PageTurner

TERREBONNE PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM

JANUARY 2026



LET THEM EAT KING CAKE!

Jan 17 @ 10 am | South Regional Branch

Join us at the library for a delicious King Cake Tasting & Vote as we celebrate Carnival season in the most indulgent way possible, sampling a variety of generously donated king cakes from several local bakeries and casting your vote to help crown the **Best King Cake Overall**, because the best king cake truly deserves a crown.

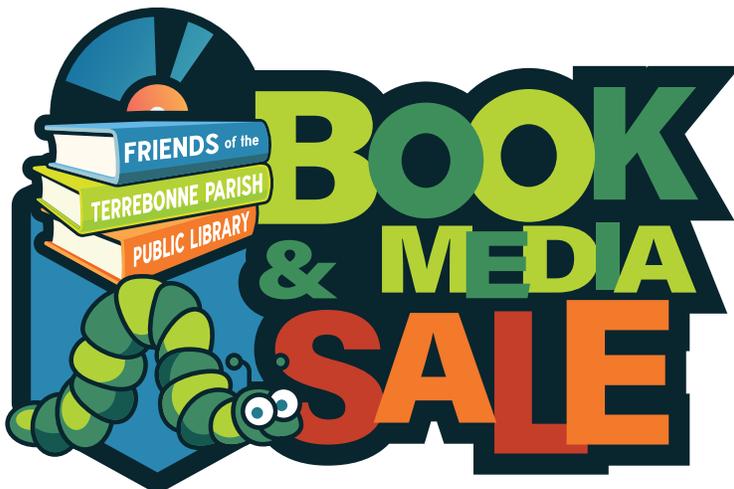
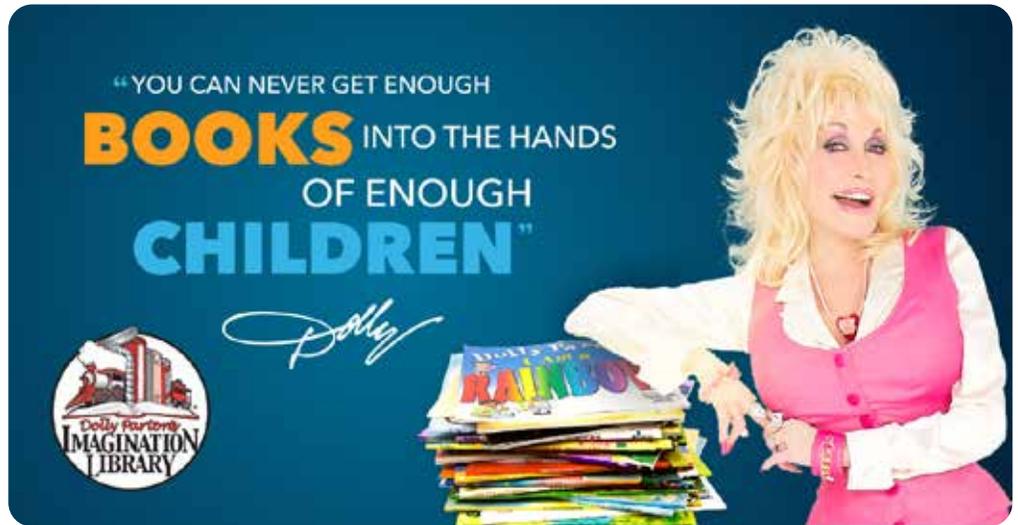
Sample king cakes generously donated by several local bakeries and help us crown the Best King Cake Overall. From classic flavors to creative twists, your taste buds get the final say!

Taste. Vote. Celebrate Carnival season early! Supplies are limited, so come early and bring your king cake spirit!

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY CELEBRATION

Jan 22 @ 10 am | Main Library

Join the Library and TAFE for a special celebration honoring the Queen of Country, **Dolly Parton**, and the incredible impact she has made on childhood literacy through her beloved Imagination Library free book program. We are placing books into the hands of young readers around the world. Enjoy a delightful story time featuring Imagination Library books, along with a special breakfast, come together to celebrate reading, learning, and the joy of sharing stories.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK & MEDIA SALE

Jan 10 @ 9 am - 4 pm | East Branch

The Friends of the Terrebonne Parish Library are excited to announce their upcoming Book Sale, a one-day fundraising event taking place at the **East Branch (778 Grand Caillou, Houma)**.

On **Saturday, January 10**, shoppers can take advantage of a special \$5 Bag Sale—purchase a paper bag for \$5 and fill it to the brim with books and other sale items.

All proceeds from this book sale help fund library programs, events, and special initiatives that support readers of all ages throughout Terrebonne Parish.

Inside: Book clubs galore, Creature Club, DND One-shot, Flash Fiction Workshop, and MORE!

Youth



STORYTIMES



PRE-K STORYTIME

Thursdays @ 10 am (Main)
Tuesdays @ 10 am (North)



TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays @ 10 am (Main)
Tuesdays @ 10 am (North)
Wednesdays @ 10 am (East)
Thursdays @ 10 am



SENSORY STORYTIME

Mondays @ 6 pm (Main)



FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays @ 10 am (Main)
Thursdays @ 5:30 pm (Main)
Wednesdays @ 6 pm (South Regional)
Thursdays @ 5:30 pm (North)
Jan 6 & 20 @ 2 pm (Dulac)



PEEK-A-BOO STORYTIME

Tuesdays @ 10 am (Main)
Thursdays @ 2 pm (North)
Thursdays @ 10 am (South Regional)



LEGO FREE PLAY

Jan 17 | Main Library (All day)

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



CREATURE CLUB CELEBRATES NATIONAL BIRD DAY

Jan 5 @ 4:30 pm | Main Library

Our incubator is filled with eggs and—fingers crossed—you'll get to

meet newly hatched baby quail during this event. Kids will learn about native and exotic birds, explore how eggs develop, and enjoy hands-on time with our tiny quail chicks. It's a fun, feathery way to kick off the new year!



GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Jan 16 & 30, 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.



SUSTAINABLE THROWS

Jan 24 @ 3 pm | Main Library

Tired of plastic waste? So are we! Join the Library's Sustainable Throws arts and crafts room event. We'll be creating unique, eco-friendly throws that focus on reducing plastic waste by using reusable and biodegradable items.



BEGINNING CROCHET FOR FAMILIES

Jan 3 @ 2 pm | Main Library

Join us for Beginning Crochet for Families, a welcoming class designed to introduce the basics of crochet in a fun, supportive setting. Participants of all ages will learn simple stitches and techniques while creating their first crochet project together. All supplies are provided—just come ready to learn and enjoy a creative afternoon on January 3 at 2 pm.

MAIN

STORYWALK®

All month (Starting Jan 2)

Visit all month long at the Mechanicville Park to walk through the story Henry and Leo by Pamela Zagarenski.

CRAFTERNOONS

Jan 7 @ 3 - 5 pm

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

PLAY-DOH FREE PLAY

Jan 10 (All day)

LEGO FREE PLAY

Jan 17 (All day)

WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Jan 31 (All day)

We're celebrating our beautiful coast! The Library, Restore and Retreat, and partner organizations are teaming up for a special event packed with; Coastal Storytimes, Marine-themed Crafts, Wetland Games.

EAST

WINTER ACTIVITY PACKETS

Tuesdays @ 6 - 8 pm

HEADBAND CRAFT

Thursdays @ 6 pm

Jan 8 - Tiger headband
Jan 15 - Elephant headband
Jan 22 - Zebra headband
Jan 29 - Cow headband

WINTER COLORING PAGES

Jan 9 & 23 (While supplies last)

WINTER TODDLER STORYTIME

Jan 17 @ 10 am

SPANISH STORYTIME

Jan 24 @ 2 pm

MARDI GRAS SCAVENGER HUNT

Jan 31 | All day

SOUTH REGIONAL

PETITE KREWE DANCE PARTY

Jan 24 @ 6 pm

Let's kick off the Mardi Gras season with a kids dance party!

DULARGE

LEGO FREE PLAY

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm

SNOWMAN STORY & CRAFT

Jan 5 @ 12:30 pm

DULAC

AFTER SCHOOL SEWING

Wednesdays @ 3 pm

AFTER-SCHOOL SEWING

Wednesdays @ 3 pm

DIY FRIDGE MAGNETS

Jan 8 @ 3 pm

COMMUNITY BINGO

Jan 15 @ Noon

WOODEN SNOWMAN CRAFT

Jan 22 @ 3 pm

WATERCOLOR SNOWFLAKE CANVAS

Jan 29 @ 3 pm

NORTH

S.T.E.M. - SOARING THROUGH THE SKY

Jan 24 @ 2 pm

MOVIE SATURDAY

Saturdays @ 2 pm

GIBSON

TAKE-N-MAKE CRAFT: 'I HAVE A DREAM' CATCHER

All month



We caught United Houma Nation Principal Chief Lora Ann Chaisson reading The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble, A Caldecott Medal-winning book.

Teen



(Main Library)
Xbox, Playstation, Gaming PCs, and VR Headsets. The lab is open 8:00 - 2:30 for all ages and 2:30 - until one half hour before closing for ages 13-18.

(North Branch)
Features:PS5, X-Box, Nintendo Switch, VR Headsets, and Gaming PCs. The Lab is open during normal business hours **Mon – Thur 10 am - 8 pm and Fri – Sat 10 am - 4 pm.**

(South Regional Branch Gaming Station)
Features:VR Headsets, Playstation. **Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm.**



Homework Louisiana

The expert tutors at Tutor.com can help you work through a tough homework problem, improve your writing skills, study for a test, review a difficult concept, and so much more! For more info visit tutor.com/homeworklouisiana.

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

K-POP N' CHILL



K-POP N' CHILL

Jan 13 @ 6 pm | East Branch

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, brand-new to the scene, or an OG fan, this event is for you. Join us for an evening filled with your favorite K-pop music, interactive video quizzes to test your knowledge, and

more. Come ready to meet fellow fans, share your love of K-pop, and celebrate the culture that's taking the world by storm!



DREAMCATCHER CRAFT

Jan 16 @ 10 am | Gibson Branch

Teens are invited to join us at the Gibson Branch for How to Paint a Dreamcatcher, a fun and relaxing art program designed just for them. Participants will learn basic painting techniques while creating and personalizing their own dreamcatcher design in a supportive, creative environment. All supplies are provided—just

bring your imagination and join us on January 16 at 10 am.



BOOKS & BANTER FANTASY BOOK CLUB

Jan 22 @ 6 Pm | South Regional Branch

Teens ages 15 and up are invited to join Books & Banter, our fantasy book club where readers gather to share thoughts, laughs, and lively discussion. This month's selection is *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune, a heartwarming fantasy filled with humor, magic, and found family. Meet with fellow fans on January 22 at 6 pm for great

conversation and a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.

MAIN

DR. LIVINGSTON'S ANATOMY PUZZLE!

All month

Get ready to piece together a masterpiece! All month long in Children's, we're on a quest to construct a complete creature with Dr. Livingston's Anatomy Puzzle! We're starting with the Head, then moving on to the mighty Thorax, and finally, the essential Abdomen.

T.E.E.N. ADVISORY CLUB

Jan 6 @ 6 pm

Make your voice heard, earn volunteer hours, & help plan awesome events—join T.E.E.N. and shape your library your way.

GAMING LAB

Tuesdays @ 7 pm

Need something to do? Ditch the boredom and join us for an exciting activity every single Tuesday! Come for the fun, and stay for the hangouts. Seriously, we've got something cool happening each week. Check the schedule for our next T.E.E.N. Advisory Club or Gaming Lab session! This month: PUZZLES!

DULAC

AFTER-SCHOOL SEWING

Wednesdays @ 3 pm



DIY FRIDGE MAGNETS

Jan 8 @ 3 pm

COMMUNITY BINGO

Jan 15 @ Noon

WOODEN SNOWMAN CRAFT

Jan 22 @ 3 pm

WATERCOLOR SNOWFLAKE CANVAS

Jan 29 @ 3 pm

NORTH

GAMING LAB

Mon – Thur 9 am - 8 pm

Fri – Sat 9 am - 4 pm

K-POP NIGHT

Jan 22 @ 6:30 pm

CARDIO LINE DANCING

Mondays @ 6 pm

DIAMOND PAINTING

Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

EAST

GIANT SODOKU PUZZLE

Jan 5, 12, & 26 @ 1 – 8 pm

K-POP & CHILL

Jan 13 @ 6 pm

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Jan 16 & 30 (While supplies last)
Stop by to get your surprise weekend craft. While supplies last.

SOUTH REGIONAL

BOARD WITH US

Saturdays @ 2 pm

Spend time with friends playing video games combined with old-fashioned board games.

BOOKS & BANTER FANTASY BOOK CLUB

Jan 22 @ 6 pm

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune Ages 15+.

DULARGE

TEEN PICK A CRAFT OR BOARD GAME

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

TEEN CRAFT: SNOWMAN PAINTING

Jan 15 @ 3 pm

GIBSON

HOW TO PAINT A DREAMCATCHER

Jan 16 @ 10 am

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

kanopy

Adult SENIOR PLANET

FROM AARP

A.I. AND DISINFORMATION

Jan 7 @ 10 am (Main Library)

Disinformation refers to false information created to mislead people, and it's nothing new. But today's AI-powered tools and social media have made it easier and faster to create and spread disinformation. In this lecture, we'll explore how AI is used to create convincing deepfakes and clone voices, making it challenging to distinguish between real and fake content. We'll also review best practices for evaluating information and explore tech tools that can help identify content created with AI.

EMOJIS, GIFS, & MORE!

Jan 14 @ 10 am (Main Library)

We'll review what some of the most common emojis mean, where to find them on your smartphone keyboard, and when to use them. We'll also cover how to create an avatar using Bitmoji and Memoji. GIFs and Memes are additional ways to add some color to your communications, so we'll demonstrate where to find and create those as well!

FACEBOOK

Jan 21 @ 10 am (Main Library)

Curious about Facebook but concerned about privacy? Interested in learning how to set up a profile or a page? Want to learn more about Facebook Live? This lecture offers an overview of Facebook's evolution, its most popular features, and tips for getting in on the action. It will also cover privacy settings as well as the role of advertising on Facebook.

GOOGLE MAPS

Jan 28 @ 10 am (Main Library)

Visit sites around the world from the comfort of your home, get a bird's-eye-view of your childhood neighborhood, or simply get directions to your friend's house! Google Maps is a mapping application that offers satellite imagery, street maps, and street-view perspectives. It also has a route planner for your preferred transportation method, be it foot, car, bicycle or public transportation. During this lecture, you'll get an introduction to the platform and a demonstration of how to use it.

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



DND PART 1: CHARACTER CREATION

Jan 5 @ 6 pm | Main Library

The waters off Ephemeral Isle are calm and cool, soft snow falling upon the deck of the merchant ship, S.S. Ceniza. But below deck, the ship is in turmoil. There's a rumor that there's a

traitor aboard. Someone willing to do anything to make sure your cargo never reaches land. Join us for this TTRPG One-shot and play as one of the crew. You can't trust your shipmates. You can't trust your captain. You may not even be able to trust yourself...18+ Semi-premade characters: Your class determines your character and role! Note for person adding this to the calendar: Reserved seating. Limit of 6 players. 18+

DND PART 2: THE ONE-SHOT

Jan 13 @ 6 pm | Main Library

Semi-premade characters: Your class determines your character and role! 18+



INTROVERT HOUR

Jan 20 @ 6 pm | Main Library

If you're an introvert needing to form a quiet community, try out an hour or two of companionable silence with like-minded people. If you find yourself "bad at bookclubs" and never interested in the picks or sharing your thoughts, try a club with no assigned reading, no book discussions, and no pressure.

Introvert Hour is BYOB(ook) and held on the second Thursday of every month at the Main Library. We'll start out with 5 minutes of optional introduction and chatting, then dive right into reading.

Reading materials can be physical books, ebooks, newspapers, magazines, or audiobooks (supply your own headphones)—anything as long as you're reading.



PUZZLE COMPETITION

Jan 31 @ 10 am | Main Library

Join us for the library's Inaugural Jigsaw Puzzle Competition! Teams of four will compete to see who can complete a 500 piece puzzle the fastest! Gather your puzzle buddies and

register soon because space is limited! Only one person per team needs to register. First place prizes will be awarded.

MAIN

CREATIVE LAB OPEN HOURS

Tuesdays @ 12 – 3 pm

Thursdays @ 5 – 8 pm

BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Jan 6 @ 5 pm

Break away from your weekly work routine and enjoy a night of board gaming with fellow gamers. Bring games that you'd like to play or try one of ours. If you're new to the game selected, we'll teach you. (Ages 15+)

PUZZLED FOLKS OF THE JIGSAW VARIETY

Jan 8 @ 6 – 8 pm

Unwind from your week with a puzzle and tea in the Main Library's Creative Lab from 6-8 pm. Introverts, extroverts, and ambiverts welcomed! (Ages 15+)

INTRO TO GOOGLE SHEETS

Jan 12 @ 6 pm

Learn how to create a spreadsheet, format cells, and understand formulas.

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

Jan 14 @ 1 pm

SOUTHERN WRITERS GROUP

Jan 14 @ 7 pm

Join our inner group of eccentrics for community writing support, feedback, and regular doses of inspiration. Welcome to the Southern Writers Workshop!

LEAP LAW TALK

Jan 21 @ Noon

Join us for a virtual watch party at the Main Library as Amber Sheppard

will discuss what you need to know about workers' compensation. Workers' compensation is a system designed to provide a safety net for workers who are injured or become ill due to their job. After the presentation, you can ask questions as time allows.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

Jan 21 @ 6 pm

The Girls Who Fought Crime: The Untold True Story of the Country's First Female Investigator and Her Crime Fighting Squad by Mari K. Eder. Ages 18+

PAINTING AT THE LIBRARY!

Jan 25 @ 2:30 pm | Main Library

Painting at the Library: Come join us at the Main library for our FREE adult painting session! We love to have a relaxing, fun time where you can express your creativity or just paint the stress away.

Beginners and pros alike are welcome! This is not a step by step class; it's more of a judgement-free zone to try new things or pick up an old hobby! All materials will be supplied.

If you need accommodations please contact **Stefanny at schaisson@mytpl.org** or 985-876-5861 ext 234. We expect this program to have a waitlist; if you need to cancel your reservation please call 985-876-5861 ext 201.

INTRO TO GOOGLE DOCS

Jan 26 @ 6 pm

Learn how to create and format documents.

BOOK SOCIETY

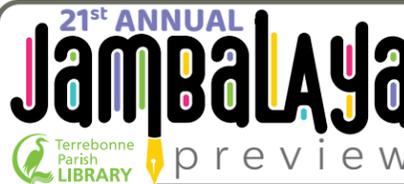
Jan 27 @ 6 pm

Old Man's War by John Scalzi.

A GUIDE TO WRITING FLASH FICTION

Jan 17 @ 10 am | Main Library

We'll look at examples, play with prompts, and go over strategies for writing very short stories with a punch. Learn the essential elements of writing flash fiction (short stories under 1000 words).



Writers of all levels welcome. No formal writing experience required. Marguerite Sheffer is the author of the collection *The Man in the Banana Trees* (University of Iowa Press, 2024). At Tulane University Marguerite teaches courses in design thinking and speculative fiction as tools for social change. She is a founding member of Third Lantern Lit, a New Orleans writing collective, and the Wildcat Writing Group. For more information contact **Stefanny at schaisson@mytpl.org**

SPECIAL SATURDAY MARKET

Jan 31 @ 10 am – 2 pm

Shop for a variety of handmade products at the Downtown Houma Makers Market from 10:00-2:00!

EAST

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

NEW EAST SIDE BOOK CLUB

Jan 3 @ 2 pm

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan.

GIANT SODOKU PUZZLE

Jan 5, 12, & 26 @ 1 – 8 pm

K-POP N' CHILL

Jan 13 @ 6 pm

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

GRAB BAG FRIDAY

Jan 16 & 30 (While supplies last)

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

ADULT BINGO

Jan 17 @ 3 pm

DULARGE

*OIL PAINTING WITH GAIL LECOMPTE

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am – 2 pm

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesdays @ 1 pm

SEW/SO QUILTERS

Thursdays @ 9 am

Bring Covered dish and sewing/quilting projects and supplies (Members Only)

EAGER READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan 12 @ 1:30 pm

Angels Walking by Karen Kingsbury

BINGO

Jan 26 @ 2 – 4pm

DULAC

SEWING

Wednesdays @ 10 am

Jan 7 – Lanyards

Jan 14 – Tote bag

Jan 21 – Pillowcase

Jan 28 – Zipper pouch

Continued on page 8

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 Drive
Mon-Thurs: 8am – 8pm
Fri & Sat: 8am – 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

For more content, check us out on social media:



Sign up for our monthly newsletter through email by visiting mytpl.org/newsletter-signup or by scanning:



Continued from page 7

DIY FRIDGE MAGNETS

Jan 8 @ Noon

COMMUNITY BINGO

Jan 15 @ Noon

DULAC FRENCH TABLE

Jan 16 @ 10:30 AM

WOODEN SNOWMAN CRAFT

Jan 22 @ Noon

WATERCOLOR SNOWFLAKE CANVAS

Jan 29 @ Noon

NORTH

CARDIO LINE DANCING

Mondays @ 6 pm

DIAMOND PAINTING

Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays & Fridays @ 10 am

SCRABBLE

Thursdays @ 10 am

MELTING WOOD SLICE SNOWMAN CRAFT

Jan 7 @ 10 am

*SEASONS PAINTING CANVAS CLASS: PART 1 OF 4

Jan 17 @ 9 am

MARDI GRAS BEADS WREATH

Jan 21 @ 10 am

K-POP NIGHT

Jan 22 @ 6:30 pm

GIBSON

REGISTER FOR CLASS

All month

Senior Planet lecture **Protecting your Personal Information Online.** Call 985-575-2639.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Wednesdays @ 12:30 pm

SEW HAPPY CLUB

Fridays (beginning Jan 9) | 9 am - 1 pm
Explore your creativity, learn new skills, and connect with fellow sewing enthusiasts! Bring your favorite project to work on!

SOUTH REGIONAL

DEVICE DROP IN

By appointment

Need help with your device(s). Call 985-594-9771 to make an appointment

CRAFTY CAJUNS

Tuesdays @ 10 am

MOVE & GROOVE CHAIR FITNESS

Wednesdays @ 10 am

*LAGNIAPPE CREATION STATION

Jan 12 @ 6 pm

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

Computer Classes @ Main Library

[Intro to Google Sheets](#)

Jan 12 @ 6 pm

[Intro to Google Docs](#)

Jan 26 @ 6 pm

To register call 985-876-5861 ext. 201.



* Registration Required

Dream. Make. Inspire.
Programs @ Main Library

[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](#)

Jan 7 @ 6 pm

[*Quilting with a Long Arm](#)

Jan 14 @ 6 pm

[*Beginning Sewing](#)

Jan 21 @ 6 pm

[*Reading Sewing Patterns](#)

Jan 28 @ 6 pm

To register, dial 985-876-5861, ext. 201.