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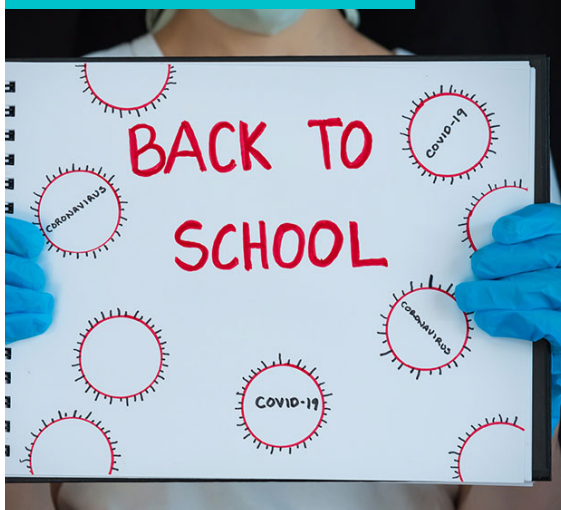
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DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a new mission to champion the power of a library card as Library Card Sign-up Month Honorary Chair. Wonder Woman makes a perfect ambassador to support the value of learning and the role libraries play in transforming lives and strengthening communities through education.

Celebrate by getting your very own library card. Visit our website (stjohn.lib.la.us), fill out an application to receive an e-card or take a trip to your local branch to receive a full service library card. There is nothing more empowering than getting your own library card. It gives you access to technology, resources, and services to pursue your passions and dreams. It is also the most important school supply, so make sure that your children have access for the back to school season.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Going back to school will look totally different for children and educators. Desks will have to be 6 feet apart, face coverings will have to be worn, teachers instead of students will have to move from classroom to classroom, outdoor spaces will have to be used more often, and assigned seats will be given on buses. Returning to school during the COVID-19 pandemic may not feel like normal, but having safety plans and necessary resources can help. Remember that the library is always here to help serve the community. Our resources and friendly staff are here to make things easier.



National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

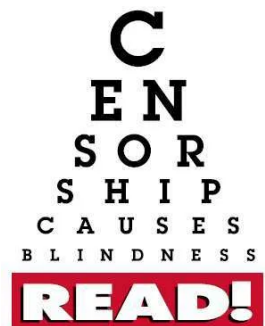
Hispanics have had a profound, positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Today, 57.5 million people or 18% of the American population are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library System will be celebrating the importance of Hispanic and Latino Americans through virtual stories and crafts for the entire month (September 15 to October 15).

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstore and libraries. It highlights the value of free and open access to information. The 2020 theme, "Censorship is a dead end, Find your freedom to read," promotes the right to read.

The top 10 most challenged books of 2019 are 1) *George* by Alex Gino, 2) *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susa Kuklin, 3) *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller, 4) *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg, illustrated by Fiona Smyth, 5) *Prince & Knight* by Daniel Haack, illustrated by Stevie Lewis, 6) *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas, 7) *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, 8) Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier, 9) *Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling, and 10) *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson illustrated by Henry Cole.





VIRTUAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS (ADULTS)

"Emergency Preparedness Tips"

Dawn Monica, library associate at the Norris J. Millet, Sr. Library (LaPlace) will be offering emergency preparedness tips for hurricane season. Each week a video will be uploaded to our social media accounts showcasing plans of action that will help patrons prepare for hurricane season. For more information, call (985) 652-6857.



"Fall Backyard Garden"

Marilyn Scott, library assistant at the Norris J. Millet Sr. Library will create a video explaining how to create a fall vegetable garden in your backyard. She will use four fall crops that are easy to maintain. For more information, call (985) 652-6857.

"Make Shoppe"

Our Program Coordinator, Rona Joseph, will host her monthly Make Shoppe on ZOOM for a virtual crafternoon from the comfort of your home. Connect with friends, old and new, while social distancing. All supplies will be provided for pickup. For more information, call (985) 652-6857, ext. 1502.



"Obscure Reading"

Olivia Boudreaux, library assistant at the Leroy D. Williams Library (Reserve) will create a video monthly showcasing interesting books that our library system has to offer. This will also be a way for patrons to learn more about our staff. For more information, call (985) 652-6857.

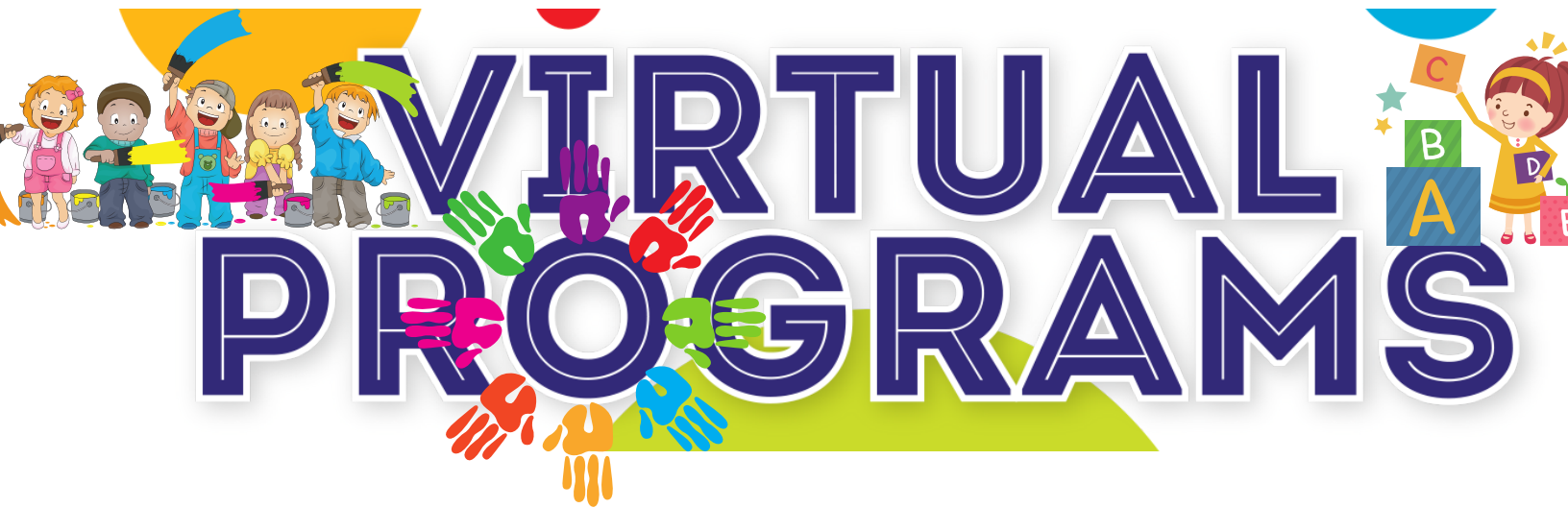


“Quick & Easy Meals”

Shanel Morris, library assistant at the Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library will be offering quick air frying cooking tips that she has learned from using the device. Each month a video will be uploaded to our social media accounts showcasing her skills. For more information, call (985) 536-4107.

“Walking For Your Health”

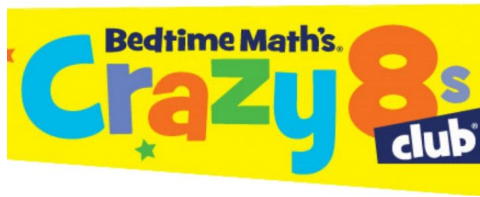
Walking is one of the easiest and free methods of reducing stress. Walking is a great way to improve or maintain your overall health. Just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, increase metabolism, and boost muscle power and endurance. Walking can also lower your risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes & blood pressure. It can improve your digestive system, alleviate joint pain, delay the onset of varicose veins, boost your immunity, help you sleep better at night, help you reach for other goals & most importantly even help you live longer! Join Lillian LeBlanc, library assistant at the Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library monthly via our social media platforms to do some exercising.



“Book Sharing”

Children from birth to age 11 will be introduced to new and amazing books weekly during this program. Trina Smith, our Children's/Outreach Librarian will be leading this program.

For more information, call (985) 652-6857, ext. 1501.

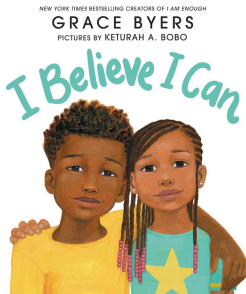


"Crazy 8s Bedtime Math Club"

Our Children's/Outreach Librarian, Trina Smith, will host this club virtually to get kids fired up about math. Children, ages 5 to 10 years will build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess all while learning math. For more information, call (985) 652-6857, ext. 1501.

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

Children, ages 3 to 10 years, will enjoy virtual stories and crafts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. A few supplies will be provided to create the crafts. For more information, call our Children's/Outreach Librarian, Trina Smith, (985) 652-6857, ext. 1501.



"I Believe I Can Book Sharing"

Children of all ages can listen to this virtual story on our social media platforms. Tiana Jones, our Circulation Lead Assistant will be hosting this program. For more information, call (985) 652-6857, ext. 2005.

"Library Card Sign-Up Month"

DeeJaye Miller, library assistant at the Norris J. Millet Sr. Library will create a video showcasing how important Library Card Sign-Up Month is for libraries. Also, why every child should have access to a library card. For more information, call (985) 652-6857.



"Library Card Sign-Up Month Craft"

Children, ages 3 to 10 years, will enjoy virtual stories and create library card holders to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month. All supplies will be provided to create the craft. For more information, call our Children's/Outreach Librarian, Trina Smith, (985) 652-6857, ext. 1501.



"Simply Paint"

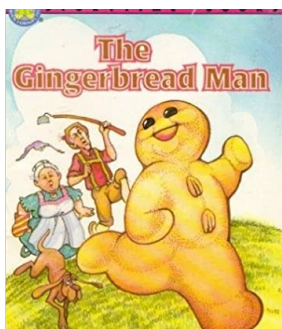
LaDean Troutt, reference assistant at the Frazee-Harris Memorial Library (Garyville) will host a simply paint session where children, ages 8 and up are able to paint a beautiful Fall themed photo. All supplies will be provided for pickup. For more information, call (985) 535-6868.

"Sixty Seconds Science"

Olivia Boudreaux, library assistant at the Leroy D. Williams Library will create a video monthly on all things science. This month's topic will be Storms. For more information, call (985) 536-4107.

"Storytime with Sing-Along"

This weekly program is a time for young children (1 to 5) and their parents or caretakers to interact in a comfortable setting. Each session will include stories, rhymes, finger plays, and sing-alongs. If you're interested in stimulating your young one's mind, join us weekly on our social media platforms! For more information, call Trina Smith, Children's Librarian, (985) 652-6857, ext. 1501.



"Storytime" (Spanish)

"The Gingerbread Man" will be read and an activity will be associated with the book. Join Carolyn Mendoza, Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library's new supervisor for this great program. For more information, call (985) 536-4107.

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