



St. JOHN the BAPTIST PARISH
LIBRARY

THE BOOKMARK

MAY 2023

GET CAUGHT READING

May is officially "Get Caught Reading Month," but it's celebrated throughout the year. The Association of American Publishers launched a nationwide campaign to promote the idea that reading books is an enjoyable activity and an effective method for a person to gain knowledge and positively impact the world.

Why not take the time to explore new genres or select a book from an author you've never read before? Our branches and digital libraries have new books in stock for all ages.

So, visit your favorite library branch, and if you "Get Caught Reading," claim a prize from our treasure chest and have your picture taken to be shared on our social media platforms.

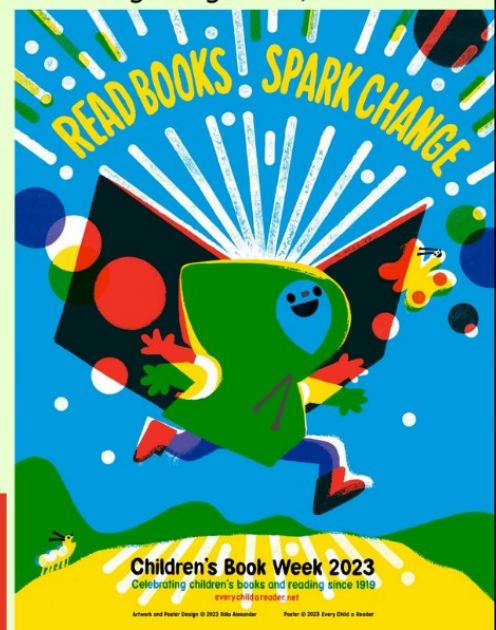
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week (May 1st-7th) is the annual celebration of children's books and reading. It was established in 1919 and is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. The program is administered by Every Child a Reader, and the Children's Book Council is the anchor sponsor. Every Child a Reader is a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love of reading in children and teens across America.

St. John the Baptist Parish Libraries will host engaging programs and activities throughout the week to highlight the "Read Books, Spark Change!" slogan to support the organization and celebrate Children's Book Week. Visit us anytime to create an "Itsy Bitsy Book," or visit us Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:00 PM to create a "Pop Up Book" of your unique design. On Wednesday or Thursday, bring your early learners to Storytime held at the Edgard, Reserve, and Garyville branches. Don't forget to pick up a few new books on your next visit!

Please call any branch for more details using the information on page 12.

THE OFFICIAL 2023 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK POSTER BY RILLA ALEXANDER, AN AWARD-WINNING ARTIST, AUTHOR, AND ILLUSTRATOR. THE POSTER FEATURES THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SLOGAN, "READ BOOKS, SPARK CHANGE," WHICH SPEAKS TO BOOKS' POWER TO INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH LIBRARY

VISIT OUR BRANCHES

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 0-5

Storytime with Mrs. Regina

Join Mrs. Regina for storytime as she entertains, amuses, and educates children with animated book reading. This program is for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Afterward, stay and explore the library and meet new friends! Wednesdays at the Edgard Branch at 10:30 AM. For more info, call Mrs. Regina at (985) 497-3453.

Storytime with Ms. Trina

This weekly program allows early learners and their caregivers to interact with Ms. Trina. Join her on Wednesdays at the Reserve Branch at 10:30 AM. For more info, call Ms. Trina, our Children's Librarian, at (985) 536-4107.

Storytime with Mrs. Dawn

Join Mrs. Dawn in the Little Orange Corner at the Garyville Branch. Little ones and their caregivers can come on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Can't make it? Call to schedule a storytime! For more info, call Mrs. Dawn at (985) 535-6868.

Storytime Book Bags

Are you a parent looking to up your storytime game? Visit the Garyville Branch to check out a storytime book bag with a book, activity, and songs! Contact Donna at (985) 535-6868 for more information.

Available All Month

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 6-11

DIY Pop-Up Books

Join us on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:00 PM at ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES to celebrate Children's Book Week, May 1-6, by making your own Pop-Up Book! A pop-up book is any book with three-dimensional pages, often with features that "pop up" as the page is turned. Creating a pop-up book is also called paper engineering. Call Trina at (985) 536-4107 for more information.

Mother's Day Flowerpot Craft

Join us on Monday, May 8th, at ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES as we celebrate Mother's Day by making a beautiful Mother's Day Flower Pot Greeting craft for all to enjoy. Call Trina at (985) 536-4107 for more info.

Let's Make A Kite!

May is the perfect month to spend time outdoors! Join us at ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES on Monday, May 15th, at 4:00 PM to share stories and learn about kites. Then, build and decorate your very own for some kite-flying fun! Kites from almost anything - paper, plastic bags, nylon, fabric, etc. Call Trina at (985) 536-4107 for more info.

ACTIVITY TABLES AT ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES

May 1st-6th

Itsy Bitsy Books

Fun with STEM:
Straws &
Connectors

ACTIVITY TABLES AT THE GARYVILLE LIBRARY

May 1st - 13th

Mother's Day
Cards

May 1st - 20th

Pet Scavenger
Hunt

Teacher's
Appreciation
Crafts

VISIT OUR BRANCHES

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Harry Potter Fun

Join the Reserve Branch Staff on May 2nd at 4:00 PM in creating magical wands for International Harry Potter Day on May 2nd.
For more info, call Brandy Barnes at (985) 536-4107.

Game Night: Are You In It To Win It?

Are you bored at home? Then, join us for a great evening of fun games, happy faces, loud laughter, and tasty snacks to celebrate National Library Week! Take advantage of this opportunity to have fun with your friends and maybe even meet a new friend or two! Held at ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES on May 16th at 5:00 PM.
For more info, call Brandy Barnes at (985) 536-4107.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

***Computer Basics ***

Adults who want to improve their computer skills can visit the Garyville Branch. You can get help setting up your email account, and with any other computer questions you may want to be answered. Mondays, May 1st, 8th, and 15th at 5:00 PM or Tuesdays, May 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 11:00 AM. Registration is required. For more info, call Dawn or LaDean at (985) 535-6868.

***'Los Libros Book Club ***

Intrigued by Carlos's book talks on Facebook? Read the selected books, then visit the Reserve Branch on May 3rd ("The Nightingale"), May 17th ("Daddy: Stories"), and June 7th ("Afterparties") at 6:00 PM to discuss the book with him and fellow patrons.
For more info, contact Carlos at (985) 536-4107.



Small Changes, Healthy Habits

A Program with the LSU AgCenter

Do you want to improve your health one step at a time? Join Rinalda Rocquin of the LSU AgCenter as she conducts **Small Changes, Healthy Habits** to help adults improve their health and nutrition! Nutrition Education Reinforcement Items are provided along with food demonstrations at each session.

****Attendance at each session is requested as each session is unique!****

- Session 1: Habit Formation & Physical Activity - **May 3rd**
- Session 2: Healthy Kitchen Makeover - **May 10th**
- Session 3: Grocery Store Tour - **May 17th**
- Session 4: Cooking & Knife Skills - **May 24th**

WEDNESDAYS IN MAY - 1:00 PM

Frazee-Harris Memorial Library
111 Historic Front Street
Garyville, LA 70051

**PROGRAM IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE**



For more information or to register,
call Rinalda Rocquin at 985-785-4473.

PICK UP A GRAB AND GEAUX

Kids: Ages 0-5

DIY Bluey Puppet

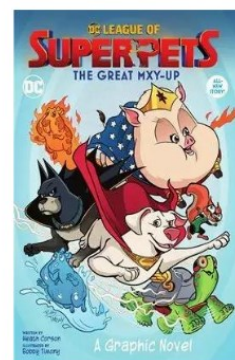
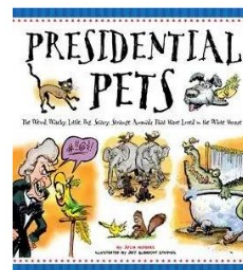
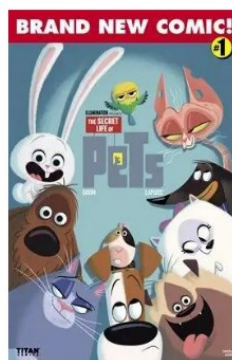
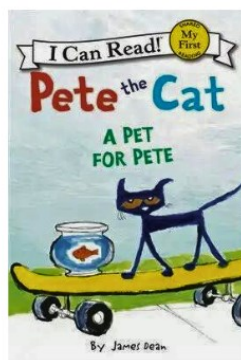
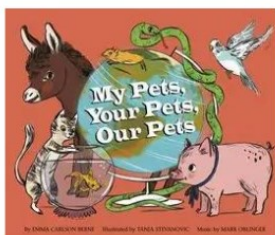
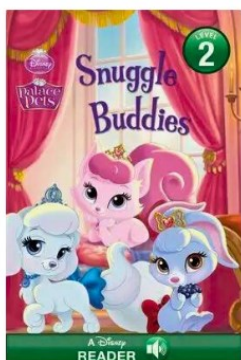
Did you know that May is National Pet Month? Celebrate by making a puppet of everyone's favorite dog: Bluey! Grab & Geaux kits are available May 1st - 6th. Call Jenna for more info.

Kids: Ages 6-11

DIY Paw Print Art

May is National Pet Month! Celebrate with us by making a painting with your pet's paws! Grab & Geaux kits are available May 1st - 6th. Call Jenna at (985) 535-6868 for more information.

READ THESE BOOKS ON HOOPLA



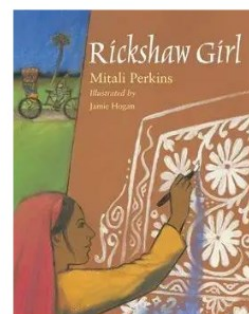
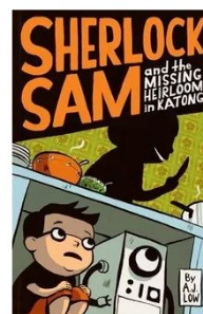
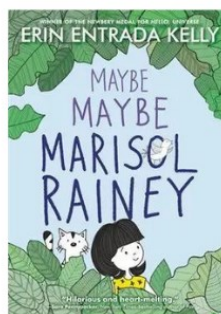
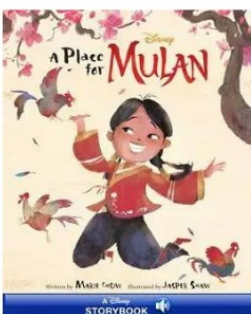
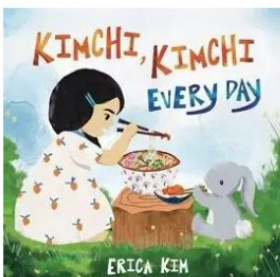
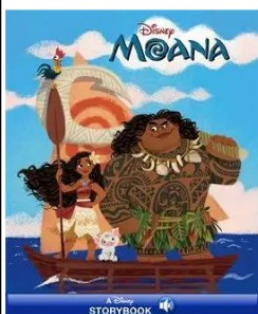
DIY Hand Fans

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning about this culture and making a hand fan! Pick up a Grab & Geaux kit at your local branch from May 15th - 20th. Call Jenna at (985) 535-6868 for more information.

DIY Paper Leis

The month of May is dedicated to celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage! Celebrate with us by making your own paper lei! Grab & Geaux kits are available at your local branch from May 15th - 20th. Call Jenna for more information.

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GRAB & GEAUX KITS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL BRANCHES

Teens / Tweens

Star Wars Fun!

Celebrate May The Force Be With You Day (May 4th) with a fun and easy BB-8 perler bead cord holder. Afterward, follow the link to code your own BB-8 game. Most supplies are provided to complete this project; an iron is needed. So, pick up a Grab & Geaux kit May 1st - 6th at any library branch! For more info, call Brandy at (985) 536-4107.

A Card For Mom

Show Mom how much you love her with a beautiful 3-D card and a hug she can carry in her pocket. All supplies are provided to complete this project, so grab a kit at any library branch today! Available May 1st - May 13th. For more information, call Brandy.



WATCH



Fun With Your Little One

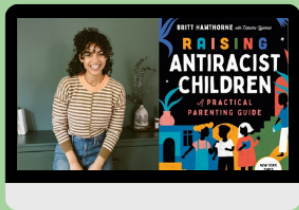
On May 1st, watch this informative Facebook video promoting the Five Early Literacy Practices: Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Phonological Awareness, Narrative Skills, Vocabulary, and Letter Knowledge. These are practical skills to help early learners with reading. For more info, call Trina (985) 536-4107.

First Chapter Fridays

Kids aged 8 to 11 are invited to join us on Facebook on May 12th for virtual First Chapter Fridays, where the first chapter from a fantastic, high-interest children's book is read. This month's selection is "Maybe A Mermaid" by Josephine Cameron.

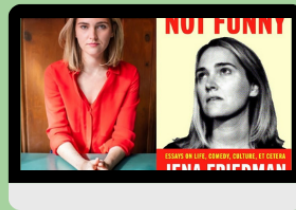
Los Libros with Carlos Diaz

May is Short Story Month! Are you looking for your next great quick read? Visit our Facebook page on May 12th and 26th to watch this video series where Carlos Diaz, our Reference Associate, talks about books he's read. This month's featured books are "Daddy: Stories" by Emma Cline and "Afterparties: A Collection of Short Stories" by Anthony Veasna So. For more information, call Carlos at (985) 536-4107.



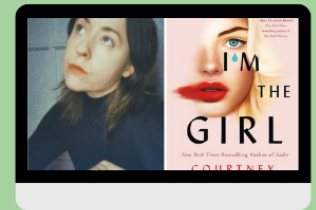
Author Talk with Britt Hawthorne **May 3rd @ 12:00 PM**

Are you committed to building an antiracist family environment for your children? Raising antiracist children is a noble goal for any parent, caregiver, or educator, but it can be hard to know where to start. Let Britt Hawthorne, a nationally recognized teacher, and advocate, guide you. In her book, Hawthorne breaks down antiracist parenting into four comprehensive sections, and in this webinar, you will learn about healthy bodies, radical minds, conscious shopping, and thriving communities. Do not miss this amazing opportunity!



Author Talk with Jena Friedman **May 10th @ 7:00 PM**

Celebrity comedian and screenwriter Jena Friedman's "Not Funny" takes on the third rails of modern life in Jena's bold and subversive style, with essays exploring cancel culture, sexism, etc. work, celebrity worship, and...dead baby jokes. In a moment where women's rights are being rolled back, fascism is on the rise, and so many of us could use a breather as we struggle to get by, Jena applies her unique gifts to pull a laugh from things deemed too raw, too precious, and too scary to joke about. Join us for what is sure to be the most entertaining hour of your day!



Author Talk with Courtney Summers **May 20th @ 1:00 PM**

Please join us for an exhilarating Saturday as we chat with NY Times bestselling YA Author Courtney Summers about her newest book. "I'm the Girl" is a masterfully written, bold, and unflinching account of how one young woman feels in her body as she struggles to navigate a deadly and predatory power structure while asking readers one question: if this is the way the world is, do you accept it? Can't join us? You can always watch the replay!



ALL

TOGETHER

NOW





Summer Reading is right around the corner!

JUNE 5TH - JULY 15TH, 2023

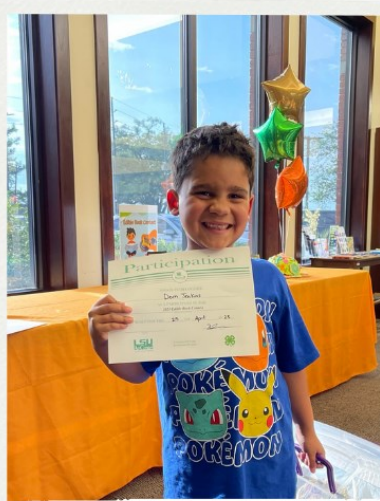
St. John the Baptist Parish Library hosts its annual summer reading program to develop a love of reading in children and combat the "summer slide of learning loss. But did you know that summer reading isn't just for kids, and not just about books?

The Summer Reading Program is an excellent way for kids, teens, adults, and families to bond and develop a love of reading and learning. This year's theme, **All Together Now**, invites patrons of all ages to explore our community together through FREE programs, workshops, storytimes, STEM activities, and live performances throughout the summer. The fun begins June 5th! So, be sure to sign up at your local library branch or online. By joining, you'll earn prizes, learn something new, and connect with others through the power of stories.

Beginning May 30th, find all program listings in our online event calendar, newsletters, and social media!



4-H EDIBLE BOOK CONTEST STEM STRUCTURES



APRIL HAPPENINGS



**DUBI'S' LET'S GO LIBRARY
MORNING MAKERS**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CHALLENGE

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, the perfect time to practice self-care. Studies reveal that 1 in 5 teenagers struggle with a mental health diagnosis, yet less than a third will seek help. Taking care of yourself has significant and beneficial effects on your mental health. Below are a few simple methods to manage your mental well-being. Take the challenge TODAY!

1



Create routines that work for you

By putting yourself first every day, you'll ensure your mental health is in check.

2



Recite daily affirmation

Affirmations are positive statements that can help you to challenge and overcome negative thoughts.

3



Listen to your favorite songs

Create an emergency music playlist for times when you need some love and comfort.

4



Make a simple change

What's the one thing you can change in your day that will improve your mood?

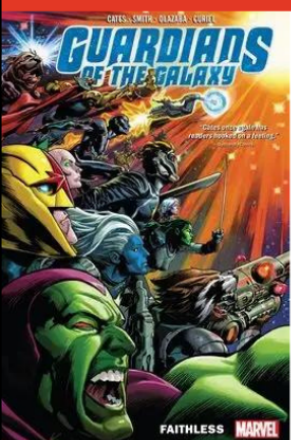
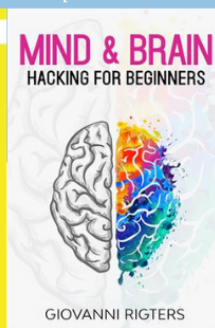
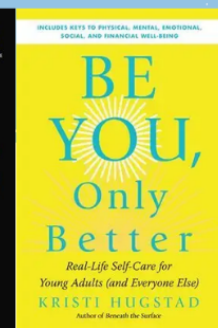
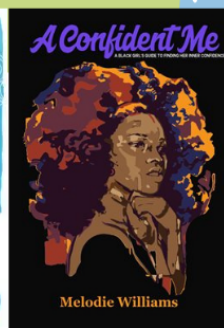
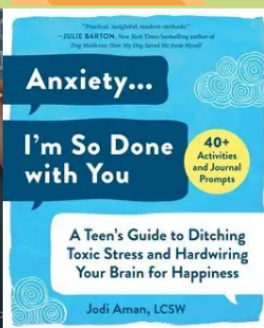
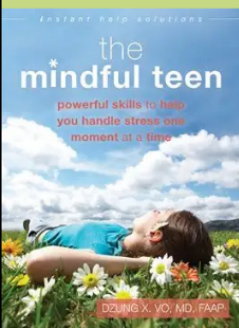
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Remember that you are loved

The human experience includes struggles and stress, so it's okay to ask for help.

STAFF PICKS



The new Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 movie is released on May 5th! Learn more about the misfit heroes - Star-Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket, and Groot on Hoopla. Download the audiobooks, comics, and soundtracks to your phone, tablet, or computer. All you need is your library card!

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THE SPACE

The place to explore your interests and build your future.

TURF BUILDING

Lawn Care and Maintenance

WITH THE LSU AG CENTER

A healthy and properly cared for lawn will resist weeds and other pest problems; thus, a minimum of pesticide products will be needed.

Join LSU AgCenter horticulturist Andre' Brock as he discusses basic lawn care and best practices to help keep your lawn in good condition all year.

- ✓ Mowing
- ✓ Pest Management
- ✓ Proper Fertilization
- ✓ Watering

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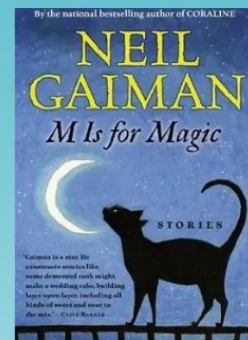
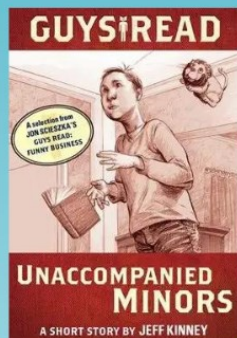
MAY IS SHORT STORY MONTH

WHY SHORT STORIES? - Short stories make the perfect introduction to a new author's work, an excellent way for readers to get a top-up from their favorite authors between novels, and a perfect impulse purchase on a phone or e-reader. Short stories are exciting, moving, and unexpected. They make you think. They are like little puzzles to be solved. Short stories can blow away the cobwebs of your thinking in a few short lines.

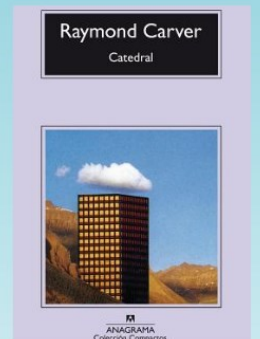
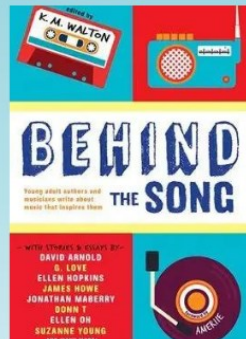
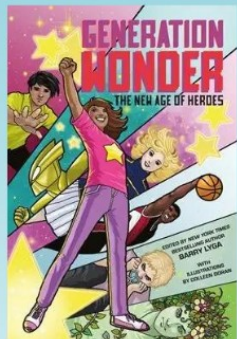
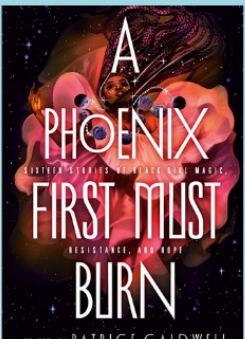
WHY THE MONTH OF MAY? - Inspired by April's National Poetry Month and thanks to the StoryADay in May writing challenge, May has become identified with the short story. It became official in May 2013 as the first organized International Short Story Month.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE? - St. John the Baptist Parish Libraries offers many short stories in our branches and eBook databases like Hoopla, Overdrive, and Odilio. All you need is your library card to get started. Continue to read and share short stories this month and year-round. Here are a few short stories to check out:

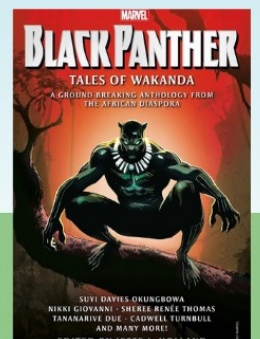
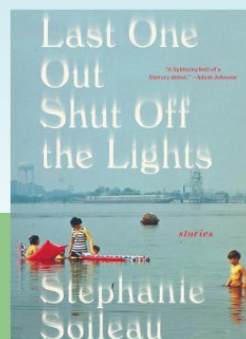
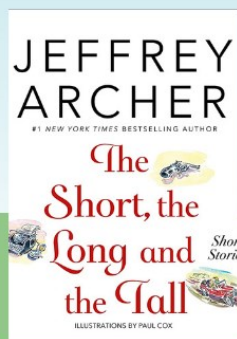
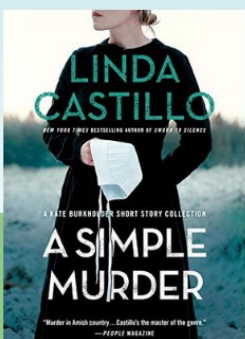
KIDS



TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS



ADULTS



LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

NORRIS J. MILLET, SR. LIBRARY (CENTRAL)

2920 HWY. 51 | LAPLACE, LA 70068

(985) 652-6857

SUPERVISOR - BRANDY BARNES

(TEMPORARILY CLOSED)

ROLAND BORNE, SR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY (EDGARD)

2979 HWY. 18 | EDGARD, LA 70049

(985) 497-3453

HOURS:

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday & FRIDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - SAM BETHEL

LEROY D. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (RESERVE)

170 WEST 10 ST. | RESERVE, LA 70084

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SUPERVISOR - CAROLYN MENDOZA

FRAZEE-HARRIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (GARYVILLE)

111 HISTORIC FRONT ST. | GARYVILLE, LA 70051

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Tuesday & FRIDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - DAWN SCHEXNAYDER

WE'RE OPEN 24/7 ONLINE AT STJOHNLIB.COM

WANT A LIBRARY CARD?

- St. John the Baptist Parish residents can obtain a library card for free if they live, work, or go to school in the parish. Proof of residency is required, such as:
 - Driver's License (current residence address)
 - State Identification Card (current residence address)
 - Checkbook with a current mailing address
 - Mail with date cancellation showing current mailing address
 - Receipt for payment of rent or utility charges.
- Youths aged 14 or older may apply for a library card with a student ID from a St. John the Baptist Parish school or a government-issued ID.
- Youths younger than 14 must have the application signed by an adult parent or legal guardian who must show proof of residency,
- Non-Residents may purchase a card for \$5.00, which is valid for 1 year.

APPLY ONLINE



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St. John the Baptist Parish Library



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