

THE BOOKMARK



DECEMBER 2023



Season's
Readings!

2ND ANNUAL JINGLE JAM: SANTA'S COMING!

There's snow place like the Library when December rolls around. St. John the Baptist Parish Library is making spirits bright with a line-up of holly jolly programs, including the Second Annual Jingle Jam! During this night of free festive fun, families will enjoy a very merry puppet show sing-a-long in addition to music, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa Claus and his daughter. Take a picture with Santa, make holiday slime, mail letters to the North Pole, decorate an edible Christmas tree cone, and enjoy light refreshments and holiday music! Jingle Jam will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 in Edgard, Dec. 12 in LaPlace, Dec. 13 in Garyville, and Dec. 14 in Reserve.

The excitement doesn't end there! Join us for a cozy pajama storytime featuring "The Cajun Night Before Christmas," and experience the magic of the season by crafting snow globes, beautiful centerpieces and ugly Christmas beanies. Holiday-themed activity tables can be found at our branches all month long. Look inside to discover programs for all ages.

St. JOHN the BAPTIST PARISH
 LIBRARY

Also be sure to subscribe to the new St. John the Baptist Parish Library YouTube channel for DIY crafts, cooking videos, book talks, and Dubi's "25 days of Christmas" video series!



A Note from Library Director Andrea Tullos: Help us plan for the future



Planning is essential to sustainable growth and advancement. We plan our grocery trips to make sure we stay within our budgets and purchase items that will feed our families nutritiously. We plan our vacations to ensure that we get the maximum 'fun' or 'experience' from our time off and our vacation dollars. We plan parties, we plan in business and yes, we plan in Libraries.

Beginning in January 2024, we will begin our Strategic Planning process for St. John the Baptist Parish Library System. Why? Overall, we want to ensure that our future services are directly benefiting our community. And just as we plan for personal expenses, we want to make sure that we have a well thought out plan to maximize our library 'experience' within our budget.

The library will engage with all of St. John residents to help us make a plan that will drive lasting impact. We will be including the members of our community by asking for your input. Surveys, community meetings, & stakeholder discussions are some of the ways that we will gather your ideas and wishes for our plan. The blueprint of our Strategic Plan will be informed through your input. It will allow us the opportunity to define the path forward in line with your specific needs and good ideas. When we roll out our Plan, it will be a comprehensive look at how your library can strengthen a thriving community.

The best way forward for a true reflection of our community is to have your participation. We Need You! Make sure you share your ideas, your thoughts and comments to help us prepare a strong inclusive relevant Strategic Plan for your library. Look for more opportunities beginning in early 2024.

What programs would you like to see?



Scan the QR code to participate in a brief survey. All submissions are anonymous.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Online resources are included with your library card. Learn more at stjohnlib.com

- AtoZ the USA
- AtoZ World Culture
- Britannica e-Books
- EBSCOhost
- Gale Literature Criticism Online
- Homework LouisianaLearning Express 3.0
- LinkedIn Learning
- Louisiana Public Library E-book Collection
- Pronunciator
- Teen Book Cloud
- TumbleBook Library
- Typing.com
- World Book Online



CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

- "Jingle Bells" was the first song played in space.
- The Christmas tree tradition started in Germany in the 1600s. Trees were decorated with lighted candles.
- The first Elf on the Shelf was named "Fisbee."
- The reindeer names Donner and Blitzen come from "Dunder and Blixem," which translates to "Thunder and Lightning."
- "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" was recorded by a 13-year-old girl.
- Sweden celebrates Christmas with a giant straw goat.



HOLIDAY-INSPIRED PROGRAMS



Teens & Tweens

HOLIDAY MOVIE: GREMLINS

Move over, Rudolph! Take a break from the ordinary and watch an unconventional holiday classic. Stop by the Library for a screening of the 1984 comedy horror film "Gremlins."

11 AM: 12/16 (Edgard & Garyville)

2 PM: 12/16 (LaPlace)

UGLY CHRISTMAS BEANIES

Sweaters aren't the only ugly Christmas accessory. Get in the festive spirit and decorate your own ugly Christmas beanie to wear to holiday parties. We'll provide the materials, and you'll supply the creativity.

5 PM: 12/13 (Edgard)

3:30 PM: 12/14 (Reserve)

6 PM: 12/18 (LaPlace), 12/20 (Garyville)

Adults

CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECES

Create a beautiful Christmas centerpiece that can add a little holiday cheer to your table!

6 PM: 12/4 (Garyville), 12/6 (Edgard), 12/7 (LaPlace)

3 PM: 12/5 (Reserve)



Children



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Get cozy and join us for a special pajama storytime. We will be reading "The Cajun Night Before Christmas." Young children **ages 0-5** and their parents or caretakers can interact in a comfortable setting through stories, rhymes, and sing-alongs.

4 PM: 12/4 (Reserve)

5 PM: 12/6 (LaPlace)

6 PM: 12/11 (Garyville), 12/20 (Edgard)

Traditional storytimes are held at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Mondays in Reserve, Tuesdays in Edgard, Wednesdays in LaPlace, and Thursdays in Garyville (excluding the pajama storytime weeks listed above).

Storytime "grab & geaux" bookbags are available all month!

WE'RE GOING ON A REINDEER HUNT!

Get ready for a Christmas adventure as you create your own map and binoculars because...we're going on a reindeer hunt! This activity is recommended for children **ages 6 to 11**.

4 PM: 12/5 (LaPlace), 12/6 (Reserve & Garyville), 12/7 (Edgard)

THE NUTCRACKER POPSICLE STICK PUPPETS

Kids **ages 6 to 11** will read a story about The Nutcracker and make puppets with popsicle sticks! Many Nutcracker audiobooks, e-books, and movies are available on Hoopla, Libby, and Tumblebooks!

4 PM: 12/11 (Reserve & LaPlace), 12/14 (Garyville & Edgard)

DIY SNOWGLOBES

Kids **ages 6 to 11** can capture the spirit of the season by making their own holiday snowglobes.

4:30 PM: 12/18 (LaPlace), 12/19 (Reserve)

4 PM: 12/19 (Edgard & Garyville)

Activity Tables

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH WITH DREIDELS

Let us celebrate Hanukkah by decorating Dreidels at all branches **December 11-16**. Hanukkah means dedication in Hebrew, and the Jewish holiday, also known as The Festival of Lights, represents joy. This craft is for children **ages 0 to 5**.

"THE POLAR EXPRESS" SHAPE TRAIN CRAFT

Read the book "The Polar Express" and color, cut, and glue your own train with shapes at all branches **December 1-22**! The book is also available in Libby. You can also listen to the movie soundtrack on Hoopla while you build your train! This craft is perfect for kids **ages 0 to 5**.

MAKE A KUFU HAT TO CELEBRATE KWANZAA

Kids **ages 6 to 11**, stop by any Library branch **December 18-28** and help us celebrate Kwanzaa by making a construction paper Kufi Hat. Kwanzaa is a week long celebration honoring African culture and heritage.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Stop by any Library branch **Dec. 1-22** to write a special letter to Santa! The friendly Library staff will ensure your letter is delivered to the North Pole in time for Christmas Eve!

Family

JINGLE

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**CELEBRATE
THE
HOLIDAYS
WITH US AT
THIS VERY
MERRY
EVENT!**

Ho, ho, ho! St. John the Baptist Parish Library is hosting its Second Annual "Jingle Jam" holiday event. Families that attend can expect an evening of **FREE** festive fun for all ages including a very merry puppet show sing-a-long, music, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa Claus. Light refreshments will also be available. Celebrate with us at your local library branch!

**6 PM: 12/11 (Edgard), 12/12 (LaPlace), 12/13 (Garyville),
12/14 (Reserve)**

- Take a photo with Santa & meet his elves
- Pin the ornament on the Christmas tree
- Holiday Slime Station
- Create gumdrop structures
- Decorate Christmas tree cones
- Write and mail letters to Santa



**Meet
SANTA
CLAUS**

**Dub's
WORLD
OF
HOLIDAYS
LIVE!**

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

CELEBRATE THE RENAISSANCE ERA: A BEYONCÉ & TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE

Teens and Tweens: Celebrate the Renaissance and Eras tours by creating beautiful hand fans and friendship bracelets inspired by mega-famous musicians Beyoncé and Taylor Swift! Keep for yourself or trade with friends as you listen to music from the hit tours.

6 PM: 12/4 (Edgard), 12/5 (LaPlace), 12/6 (Garyville), 12/7 (Reserve)

FUN WITH FILM: LITE BRITE STOP MOTION

Teens and Tweens: Fun with Film is a recurring monthly STEAM program in which we explore the science of cinematography by creating visually stunning works of art. Join us as we watch a different short film each month and then apply the new techniques we observed. For December, we will make a stop motion video using a mini lite brite!

4 PM: 12/4 (Garyville), 12/5 (Edgard)

5 PM: 12/19 (LaPlace)

3:30 PM 12/21 (Reserve)

SMALL SCALE/ HOME WINE-MAKING WITH THE LSU AGCENTER

Adults: Learn the ins and outs of small-scale and at-home wine-making with Andre' Brock, horticulture extension agent for the LSU AgCenter.

12/12: 10:30 AM (LaPlace), 2 PM (Garyville)

ESL CLASSES

Adults: In partnership with New Orleans-based The Neighborhood Project, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library hosts English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Call coordinator Carolyn Mendoza at (985) 536-4107 or go to www.thenewneighborproject.org/esl-classes for more information and to register.

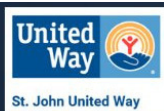
6 PM Wednesdays in LaPlace

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THE ONLINE CALENDAR

Computer Basics, Digital Learning: Online Safety, and ChatGPT classes are on hold for the month of December. Computer classes will resume in January.



WINTER
Cookery Contest

Thursday, December 21, 2023
Regala Park Gym - Reserve, LA

Open to 4-H and Cloverbud members, the Winter Cookery Contest will feature Louisiana commodities (pecans, rice, sweet potatoes), poultry, and sugar dishes. The registration deadline is December 1. Learn more at www.lsuagcenter.com/stjohn4h

HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICE

St. John the Baptist Parish Library will be closed Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 29-Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



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CARLOS DIAZ

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AND
Crafts
Tutorials



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STORY
TIME!

Book Inspired
Recipes

First Chapter
Friday



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'LOS LIBROS BOOK TALK & DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you looking for your next great quick read? Then, visit our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#) to watch this video series where Carlos Diaz, our Reference Associate, talks about mystery novels readily available for checkout in the library. This month's featured books are "Trust" by Hernan Diaz (December 8) and "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver (December 22).

Were you intrigued by his Book Talk? Check out the book from your local library or the Hoopla or Libby app on your phone or tablet. Then, visit the **LaPlace Branch** to discuss the book with Carlos and fellow patrons.

Discussion Group:

5 PM December 14 - "Trust"
5 PM December 28 - "Demon Copperhead"

DUBI'S 25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Children **ages 0-5** can join Dubi for his magical, musical countdown to Christmas! Tune in daily to the official St. John the Baptist Parish Library Youtube [Channel](#) beginning December 1 at 12 PM for a classic holiday song sung by Dubi and a recommended book that you can checkout from the library or digitally.

Each day, there will also be a letter hiding in the background. Find all the letters to make the mystery phrase and claim a prize from the library!

Merry
Christmas



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

6 PM - December 5

[Let's Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard](#)

1 PM - December 12

[Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education: An Author Talk with Stephanie Land](#)

Register for these author talks and more at libraryc.org/stjohnlib



SCAN THE QR CODE for our new YouTube channel

SEASONAL SELECTIONS

Find it at our branches

The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas /

James Patterson and Tad Safran

Murder on the Christmas Express / Alexandra Benedict

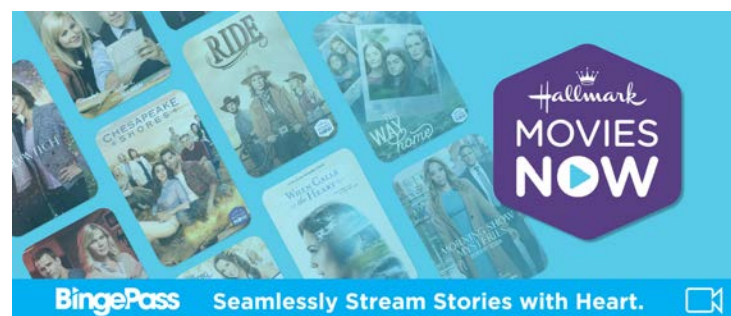
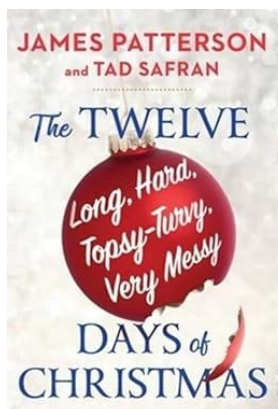
We Met in December / Rosie Curtis

The Twelve Dogs of Christmas : A Novel / Susan Wiggs

Let it Crow! Let it Crow! Let it Crow! / Donna Andrews

The Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street / Karen White

Her Holiday Secret / Jolene Navarro



Hoopla: Seamlessly Stream Stories with Heart

Stream feel-good films and series for free with your library card! This BingePass gives you unlimited access to the entire Hallmark Movies Now on-demand library for seven days. Enjoy exclusive Hallmark Originals, along with 1,500+ hours of ad-free content from Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

December 16 is National Wreaths Across America Day



Each December, more than 2 million wreaths are placed in local, national, and military cemeteries across the country in an effort to remember and honor veterans for their monumental sacrifice. Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/About/LocationAndGroupSearch to find wreath-laying ceremonies planned this month for Southeast Louisiana.

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Have a Happy New Year!



LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

LAPLACE BRANCH AT THE NORRIS J. MILLET, SR. LIBRARY

2920 HWY. 51 | LAPLACE, LA 70068

(985) 652-6857

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

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

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - BRANDY BARNES

ROLAND BORNE, SR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY (EDGARD)

2979 HWY. 18 | EDGARD, LA 70049

(985) 497-3453

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

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - SAM BETHEL

LEROY D. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (RESERVE)

170 WEST 10 ST. | RESERVE, LA 70084

(985) 536-4107

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - CAROLYN MENDOZA

FRAZEE-HARRIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (GARYVILLE)

111 HISTORIC FRONT ST. | GARYVILLE, LA 70051

(985) 535-6868

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

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY | CLOSED

SUPERVISOR - DAWN SCHEXNAYDER

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.

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