

THE BOOKMARK

October 2024 Newsletter of St. John the Baptist Parish Library

October marks the season of ghoulish good times at St. John the Baptist Parish Library. Get into the spirit of the spooky season with in-person programs and grab-and-go kits at every library branch. Children can join our monsteriffic friend, Dubi, for a family-friendly Halloween puppet show, followed by haunted gingerbread house decorating. River Parish Community Theatre is bringing your favorite villains to the library for a special story time, while St. John Parish 4-H invites youth to participate in a Fall Cookery and Pumpkin Painting Party. Teens and adults can try their hand at the thriftd ghost painting trend. Other haunted programs this month include glowing jack-o-lanterns crafts, spooky snacks, monster masks, and much more!

St. John the Baptist Parish Library is also celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through October 15 with an assortment of programs to recognize the culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx individuals. Join us to make Mexican folk art, a Day of the Dead Calavera, and decorate talavera tiles. The Library offers weekly English as a Second Language classes and Spanish for Beginners classes, in addition to a large collection of books and e-books in Spanish.

Ready for more frightful fun? STEM NOLA is returning to all library branches in October for a lesson on force and motion, which invites kids to make and race their own cars. We're expanding our health programming for adults with new whole body wellness classes featuring low-impact exercises for beginners. Look inside for our full October calendar!



Carve out time for a good book!

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of the history and culture of Hispanic and Latino communities, which includes people with heritage from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. It is celebrated from September 15 through October 15.

RESOURCES

Explore the Hispanic Heritage Month collection on Hoopla



Discover more than 800,000 e-books and 73,000 audiobooks in Spanish on Odilo



Learn about the culture, language, food, and history of Spanish-speaking countries using AtoZ World Culture



ACTIVITY TABLE

Mexican Folk Art: Make an Aztec Sunburst

Ages 0-5: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own Aztec sunburst art.

All Library Branches: October 1-5

GRAB & GEAOX KITS

DIY Day of the Dead Calavera

Teens & Tweens: In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, teens and tweens are invited to visit any of our branches from October 7-12 and pick up a grab & geaux kit to design and paint a colorful Calavera, decorative skulls used in the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) and the Roman Catholic holiday All Souls' Day.

Reserve: October 7-12

VISIT OUR BRANCHES

Decorate Your Own Guitar

Ages 6-11: Decorate your own guitar using vibrant colors to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The guitar is perhaps the most iconic instrument in Mexican music.

Edgard: Monday, October 7 at 4:30 PM

Reserve: Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30 PM

Garyville: Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30 PM

LaPlace: Thursday, October 10 at 4:30 PM

Decorate Talavera Tiles

Ages 8-11: In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens and tweens can design and paint a custom Talavera Tile coaster. Talavera Tiles are decorative tiles often found in intricate white with blue designs.

Garyville: Sept. 30 & Oct. 2 from 4-6 PM

LaPlace: October 1 & 3 from 4-6 PM

Edgard: Sept. 30 & Oct. 2 from 4-6 PM

Reserve: October 1 & 3 from 4-6 PM



LANGUAGE CLASSES

Spanish for Beginners

Adults: This class is for English speakers beginning their journey into the Spanish language. We will use a library resource to follow lessons on basic vocabulary and phrases. For more information or to register, contact Carolyn Mendoza at 985-652-6857 ext. 1501.

LaPlace: Wednesdays at 4:45 PM



ESL Classes

Adults: In partnership with New Orleans-based The New Neighbor Project, St. John the Baptist Parish Library hosts English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adult patrons. Call coordinator Carolyn Mendoza at (985) 652-6857 ext. 1501 or go to www.thenewneighborproject.org/esl-classes for more information and to register.

**LaPlace: 6 PM
Wednesdays**



Clases de Inglés

Adultos: En asociación con The New Neighbor Project, con sede en Nueva Orleans, la biblioteca parroquial de St. John the Baptist ofrece clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) para clientes adultos. Llame a la coordinadora Carolyn Mendoza al (985) 652-6857 ext. 1501 o visite thenewneighborproject.org/esl-classes para obtener más información y registrarse.

LaPlace: Miércoles a las 6 PM

Six Must-Read Books for Hispanic Heritage Month

Check out these audiobooks on Libby



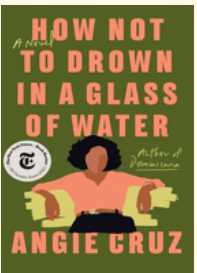
“Monstrilio by Gerardo Sámano Córdova

After the death of their young son, a grieving family makes a desperate choice that leads them into a strange adventure.



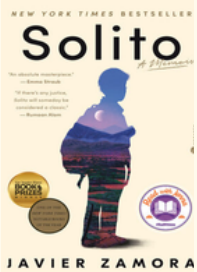
“With the Fire on High” by Elizabeth Acevedo

This novel follows Emoni Santiago, a young Afro-Latina teen balancing high school, motherhood, and her dreams of becoming a chef.



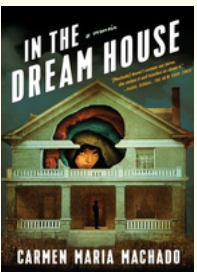
“Monstrilio” by Gerardo Sámano Córdova

Told in a series of interviews with a social worker during the Great Recession, this novel follows Cara Romero, a Dominican immigrant.



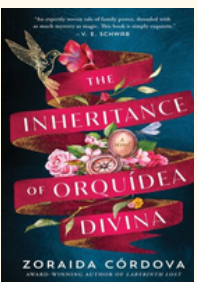
“Solito” by Javier Zamora

In this heartwrenching memoir, Javier Zamora, a nine-year-old boy, makes the dangerous trek from El Salvador to the United States to reunite with his parents.



“In The Dream House” by Carmen Maria Machado

Carmen Maria Machado’s *In The Dream House* is a brilliant memoir that uses unique narrative techniques to explore abusive relationships.



“The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina” by Zoraida Córdova

When the Montoya family receives a mysterious letter to their grandmother Orquídea Divina's funeral, they expect to inherit her fortune. Instead, they find magic and mystery

HISTORY

Hispanic Heritage Month was established to honor Latinx contributions and highlight new ones going forward. Latino American countries started gaining their independence between the years of 1804 and 1826. The French colony of Haiti was the first Latin country to gain its independence on January 1, 1804, followed by Colombia becoming the first Spanish country to gain independence on July 20, 1810.

The history of Hispanic Heritage Month traces back to 1968, where it began as a smaller celebration known as Hispanic Heritage Week. It became a month-long celebration after being signed into law by President Reagan in 1988. September 15 was chosen as the start of Hispanic Heritage Month as a tribute to the anniversary of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua’s Declaration of Independence from Spain.

Today, Hispanic Heritage Month reminds us of how much strength we draw as a country from our roots and values as a nation of immigrants. Hispanic and Latinx individuals now make up approximately 19% of our country’s total population, impacting every facet of American culture.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ON TUMBLEBOOKS



Elevate storytime with unique, animated picture books designed for young readers. Find Tumblebooks at www.stjohnlib.com/resources.





SPOOKTACULAR FUN FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Bare Necessities: Intro to Sewing

Ages 8-12: St. John the Baptist Parish Library and St. John Parish 4-H present Bare Necessities, a free monthly life skills program for children in third through sixth grade. A child does not have to be enrolled or have previous experience in 4-H to participate. The October session is "Introduction to Sewing" with guest instructor Randie Bailey.

Reserve: Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 PM

4-H Fall Cookery & Pumpkin Paint Party

Reserve: Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 PM

Fall Cookery Contest: Calling all inspired chefs! Join us for our Fall Cookery Contest on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. This contest is open to both 4-H members and Cloverbud members. Drop off your dishes for judging between 5 and 5:30 PM. Scan the QR code to find more information about the Fall Cookery guidelines and the online registration portal.



Scan to register for both the Fall Cookery and the Paint Party.

Pumpkin Paint Party: In conjunction with the Cooking Contest, we will also host a Pumpkin Painting Party while the dishes are being judged. This is a free event open to the public. You do not have to be a member of 4-H or participate in the Cooking Contest to participate in the pumpkin paint party. Each individual is responsible for bringing their own pumpkin; all paint supplies will be provided.



Scan to register for the Pumpkin Paint Party only.

All About Alligators: Live Animal Encounter

All Ages: With alligator season underway, what better time to learn about these mysterious beasts? Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will give a hands-on presentation about alligators - how they live, what they eat, and lots of interesting facts. We will get to explore furs as well, and even see a live alligator!

Reserve: Tuesday, October 22 at 6 PM

Adventures in STEM with STEM NOLA



Ages 6-11: Explore a hands-on experiment with STEM NOLA, a leading innovator in STEM education. *This program is made possible by Marathon Petroleum's Garyville Refinery.* **Registration is required. Call 985-652-6857 ext. 1106 or scan the QR code to register using the online calendar.**

October Activities: Force and Motion

Children will make moving cars while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, friction, and drag.

Reserve: Thursday, 10/3 at 6 PM

Edgard: Wednesday, 10/9 at 6 PM

Garyville: Wednesday, 10/16 at 6 PM

LaPlace: Tuesday, 10/22 at 6 PM



Storytime at the Library

Ages 0-5: Join us for weekly storytime and introduce a love of reading to you child! Each session includes stories, rhymes, finger-plays, and sing-alongs.

Reserve: Mondays at 10:30 AM

Edgard: Tuesdays at 4 PM

LaPlace: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Garyville: Thursdays at 10:30 AM



Toddler Time

Ages 1-2: This special story time at the Reserve Branch is designed especially for wiggly toddlers.

Reserve: Thursdays at 10 AM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ages 0-5: The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge helps young children develop pre-reading skills and promotes parent and child bonding. To keep track of the books read, Reading Logs are available in print at our Library branches or through the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten app. Children will receive incentives for each 100-book milestone!

Stop by any branch for information on how to participate. For more information, contact Trina Smith at tcsmithstjohnlib.com.



GHOULISHLY GOOD PROGRAMS

Dubi says BOO! LIVE & Haunted Gingerbread House Decorating

Family: Looking for fun Halloween snack ideas for your next get-together or just looking to feed the kids something other than candy? Come make Healthy Halloween snacks with us! We'll provide some healthful ingredients (fruit, cheese, and maybe a little candy) and show you how to make them into Halloween-themed snacks.

Edgard: Monday, October 14 at 6 PM

Reserve: Saturday, October 19 at 1 PM

LaPlace: Saturday, October 26 at 1 PM

Garyville: Monday, October 28 at 6 PM

Let's Make Spooky Snacks

Family: Looking for fun Halloween snack ideas for your next get-together or just looking to feed the kids something other than candy? Come make Healthy Halloween snacks with us! We'll provide some healthful ingredients (fruit, cheese, and maybe a little candy) and show you how to make them into Halloween-themed snacks.

LaPlace and Garyville: Monday, October 14 at 10 AM

Reserve and Edgard: Tuesday, October 15 at 10 AM

Glowing Jack-o-lantern Craft

Ages 6-11: Using plastic cups, markers, sharpies, and LED lights, make glowing jack-o-lanterns to decorate your house for Halloween!

LaPlace: Monday, October 21 at 4 PM

Edgard: Wednesday, October 23 at 4 PM

Garyville: Thursday, October 24 at 4 PM

Reserve: Monday, October 28 at 4 PM

Villains Academy Spooky Storytime

Ages 0-5, 6-11: Get ready for a thrilling adventure this Halloween season with River Parish Community Theatre. Your favorite villains are breaking into the library to share a spooky story with you!

Reserve: Saturday, October 12 at 3 PM



Pumpkin Patch Contest & Decorating

All Ages: Are you among the many people who got pumpkin seeds from the library this summer and grew them at home? As promised, we're having our pumpkin judging in October. Winners will be recognized for various categories. Once the fanfare ends, we'll decorate our pumpkins. Even if you didn't grow it yourself, anyone is welcome to bring a pumpkin to decorate with us!

Reserve: Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM

GRAB & GEUX KITS

Creepy Notebooks & Inkpens

Teens & Tweens: Turn an ordinary notebook into a spooky creation that you can use for this creepy holiday season.

LaPlace: October 14-19

Halloween Crystal Ball

Teens & Tweens: Pick up a grab and geaux kit with everything you need to create a spooky crystal ball.

Edgard: October 21-26

Thrifty Ghost Grab & Geaux

Teens & Adults: Stop by the Garyville Branch to pick up a ghost painting kit inspired by the thrifty ghost art TikTok trend.

Garyville: October 21-26

ACTIVITY TABLES

Drop in any time and get crafty with self-guided activity tables at every branch.

Painted Monster Rocks!

Ages 6-11: Using acrylic paint pens, rocks, and googly eyes, patrons will draw scary monster faces!

All Library Branches: October 7-12

Fall Wagon Wheel Trees

Ages 0-5: Using tacky glue, wagon wheel pasta, and a brown crayon, decorate your own womping wagon wheel handprint tree!

All Library Branches: October 14-19

Paper Bag Monster Masks

Ages 0-5: Make an amazing monster mask using a variety of craft materials.

All Library Branches: October 21-26

Hanging Handprint Bat Craft

Ages 0-5: Using construction paper, glue, googly eyes, and markers, children will trace their hands and make a hanging handprint bat craft!

All Library Branches: October 28-31

VISIT OUR BRANCHES

TECH CLASSES

Computer Basics

Adults: Need to sharpen your computer skills? Get help setting up your email account and ask our helpful staff questions about your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Pre-registration is required. Please call your local library branch for assistance.

Garyville: 11 AM Tuesdays -
Call 985-535-6868 to register.

Edgard: 1 PM Wednesdays -
Call 985-497-3453 to register.

Reserve: 11 AM Saturday, October 12 & October 26 -
Call 985-536-4107 to register.

Snap Smarter: Intro to Photo Editing

Teens & Adults: Learn how to make the photos on your camera roll pop with this introduction to photo editing. We'll be using Polarr software to explore essential editing techniques such as adjusting exposure, retouching images, modifying colors, and enhancing specific areas with masks. We'll explore some of the best editing apps available for your phone, and learn key differences between free and paid versions of each app. Please register using the online calendar.

Garyville: Wednesday, October 9 at 6 PM

LaPlace: Monday, October 14 at 6 PM

College Essay Writing

Teens and Adults: In this class, students will learn the basics of writing essays, such as crafting a solid intro paragraph with a smooth transition and excellent thesis statement. An emphasis on a good use of strong nouns and verbs will be employed. Students will have the confidence to produce good writing assignments for college courses.

LaPlace: 6 PM Thursdays

NEW

Whole Body Wellness

Adults: Visit the Reserve Branch and be engaged in life changing, low-impact fitness activities. In this beginner's class, we will follow along various videos for whole body fitness, focusing on topics such as walking, sittercise, line dancing, and strength exercises.

Classes will be held weekly beginning in January 2025.

Reserve: Wednesday, October 9 at 10 AM
Wednesday, October 16 at 10 AM

Craft Community: Busted Canvas Art

Adults: Have you seen the viral busted/exploding canvas trend? Create a 3D effect by cutting parts of a canvas to reveal another canvas underneath. We're customizing this art project to complement your fall décor! Grab your friends, enjoy light refreshments, and leave with a unique work of art. Registration is required with an active library card. Each individual in a group must register separately.

Reserve: Thursday, October 17 at 6 PM

Garyville: Monday, October 21 at 6 PM

LaPlace: Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM

Edgard: Monday, October 28 at 6 PM



Scan to register!



Laser Cut Your Pie!

All Ages: Bring your own sweet potato or pumpkin pie to the Reserve Library's MakerSpace to engrave a Halloween design on it! This is one sweet introduction to using the library's Epilog Laser Cutter/Engraving machine, which in addition to pastries, can also be used to cut leather, metal, acrylic, wood, and other materials.

Reserve: Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM

Musical Legends of the River Parishes

Adults: The River Parishes played a significant role in the development of music around the world. Join Theron Oubre and Willma Harvey from Louisiana's River Parishes Tourist Commission to discover the origins of musical legends from St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James parishes. Afterward, we'll map out an itinerary to immerse ourselves in the fascinating history of these talented musicians.

LaPlace: Tuesday,
October 15 at 5 PM

~ LOUISIANA'S ~
RIVER PARISHES



Adults: Louisiana's "Lawyers in Libraries" week of service is held annually during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. With the help of library staff and the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice staff, volunteer attorneys will provide patrons with brief, limited legal services and resources at no charge. Ask lawyers questions about bankruptcy, civil lawsuits, custody, divorce, evictions, food stamps, social security, successions, and more. Sign up at...

Edgard: Monday, October 21 from 5-7 PM
Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM - Noon

LaPlace: Tuesday, October 22 from 5-7 PM
Saturday, October 26 from 11 AM - 1 PM

Garyville: Wednesday, October 23 from 5-7 PM
Friday, October 25 from 9 - 11 AM

Reserve: Thursday, October 24 from 5-7 PM
Saturday, October 26 from 3 - 5 PM



Weekly trainings are held at the Reserve Branch MakerSpace. Contact Kevin Travis at 985-536-4107 ext. 3106 for more info.

Learn to Use the Button Maker

All Ages: Transform your designs into wearable buttons!

Oct. 1 & 3: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM
Sept. 30 & Oct. 2: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM

Experiment with Makey-Makey Circuit Kits

Kids & Teens: Build circuits to control a computer with everyday objects such as Play-Doh and bananas.

Oct. 7 & 9: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM
Oct. 8 & 10: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM

Learn to Use the 3D Scanner

Teens & Adults: Scan objects to create digital 3D models that can be used with the 3D printers in the MakerSpace.

Oct. 14-17: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM

Learn to Code with Edison Robots

Kids & Teens: Edison Bots are a helpful tool to teach the basics of coding to students of all ages.

Oct. 21 & 23: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM
Oct. 22 & 24: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM



Preserve & Prosper: The Art of Canning

Adults: Canning is a method of food preservation in which fresh food is processed and sealed in air-tight containers, resulting in a long shelf life. Hear from a canning expert on how you can pick up this fruitful hobby.

Garyville: Tuesday, October 8 at 10 AM

Plants & Pastries: Succession Planting & Maximizing Your Space

Adults: You have planted all of your root vegetables and lettuce, now what? If you haven't ever tried succession planting, now is the time to learn how! This will ensure you have vegetables to harvest at more than one time interval.

Reserve: Monday, October 21 at 10 AM

Seed Library

All Ages: Are you an avid gardener? Looking to plant for the first time? Have seeds to share? We invite you to participate in our Seed Library. Thanks to donations from area residents and Tractor Supply Company, each library branch has FREE seeds to give away. Patrons may stop in at any branch and "check out" a variety of seeds with a library card. Anyone with extra seeds at home to give away is encouraged to make a donation.

All Library Branches: All Month Long



Halloween Thrifted Ghost Painting Class

Teens & Adults: In this take on the thrifted ghost trend, we will turn ordinary landscape artwork into spooky spectacles by adding our own ghosts, bats, witches, black cats and other Halloween-inspired creatures.

LaPlace: Wednesday, October 23 at 6 PM



Scan to register!

BOOK CLUBS & AUTHOR TALKS

Los Libros Book Talks with Carlos Diaz

Adults: Are you looking for your next quick read? Carlos Diaz, our Reference Associate, shares book talks on St. John the Baptist Parish Library's Facebook page and YouTube Channel! Were you intrigued by his book talk? Check out the book from the library or the Hoopla or Libby app. Then, visit the LaPlace Branch to discuss the book with Carlos and fellow patrons.



Book Talk: Friday, October 11 (Virtual)

"Nightbitch" by Rachel Yoder

Discussion Group

LaPlace: Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5 PM



Book Talk: Friday, October 25 (Virtual)

"James" by Percival Everett

Discussion Group

LaPlace: Thursday, Oct. 31 at 5 PM

The Literary Lounge Book Club with Javalyn

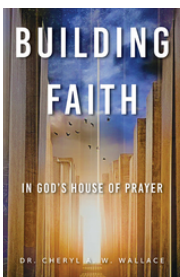
Adults We'd love to have you join our book club! This month's pick is **"The Seventh Veil of Salome" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia**. About the book: "A young woman wins the role of a lifetime in a film about a legendary heroine—but the real drama is behind the scenes in this sumptuous historical epic." Check out the book from the library, Hoopla, or the Libby app, and discuss with us! You can also hear from the author during this month's Virtual Author Talk series. For more information, contact Javalyn LeBlanc at 985-536-4107.

Reserve: Thursday, October 17 at 5 PM

Meet Local Author Dr. Cheryl Wallace

Adults Join us for a book talk with Cheryl Wallace, author of "Building Faith in God's House of Prayer."

About the author: Dr. Cheryl A. W. Wallace has ministered as a prayer warrior throughout the nation and world for over forty years. She earned a doctorate in the Prophetic Ministry, and a PhD in Christian Counseling from the International College of Ministry. Her first book, "My House Shall Be Called the House of Prayer," discusses effective tools for victorious prayer.

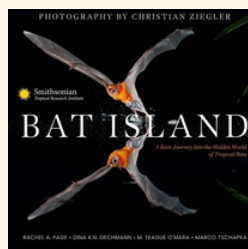


- **Garyville:** Monday, October 14 at 6 PM
- **Edgard:** Wednesday, October 16 at 6 PM
- **Reserve:** Saturday, October 5 at 2 PM
- **LaPlace:** Monday, October 21 at 6 PM



CHAT WITH BEST-SELLING AUTHORS

Adults: St. John the Baptist Parish Library showcases a Virtual Author Talk series featuring bestselling authors from around the world. Participants can ask authors questions during a live Q&A! Scan the QR code to register to watch the live event or catch the replay at any time. Visit www.libraryc.org/stjohnlib for more information.



Smithsonian Researchers:

Journey into the hidden world of tropical bats

October 2 at 1 PM



Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia:

Liberating Latin American genre fiction

October 9 at 6 PM



Bestselling author Lori Gottlieb:

Examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves

October 22 at 1 PM

CARVE OUT READING TIME WITH LIBBY

Download the Libby app for iOS, Android, and Amazon devices to access e-books and audiobooks!

New Books at Your Library

- “Robert B. Parker’s Broken Trust” by Mike Lupica
- “Treasure State” by C. J. Box (Large print)
- “First Lie Wins” by Ashely Elston (Large print)
- “Bridesmaid Undercover” by Meghan Quinn
- “Ana Maria and the Fox” by Liana De La Rosa
- “Primetime Romance” by Kate Robb
- “Froggy for President!” By Jonathan London (Juv.)
- “Let’s Be Friends Seamos Amigos” by Rene Colato Lainez (Juv. bilingual)
- “Big Door Prize” by M. O. Walsh
- “On Call: A Doctor’s Journey in Public Service” by Anthony Fauci
- “Tom Clancy Shadow State” by M. P. Woodward
- “Murder in a Cup” by Lauren Elliott
- “Ghost Station” by S. A. Barnes
- “In the Form of a Question” by Amy Schneider



Sign up for a Library Card today!



Scan to download registration forms online

Library cards are free to individuals who live, work, or attend school in St. John the Baptist Parish. Non-residents can obtain a card for a \$5 annual fee. A library card unlocks a world of possibilities, from books and other physical resources inside our branches to genealogical databases, educational courses, and an ever-expanding digital library at your fingertips with any mobile device.

Visit any of our branches to sign up for a library card or renew an expired card. By law, juveniles ages 17 and younger must have a parent or guardian come into the library, present an ID, and sign the application. All library cards require a form of identification. For more information, visit www.stjohnlib.com.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH

With summer heat waves finally giving way to cooler weather, it’s the perfect time of year to get cozy, grab a cup of tea or coffee, and fall into a good book. October is National Book Month, a time to reflect on the importance of reading and literature. Here are five benefits of reading from National Day Calendar:

- 1. Reading provides mental stimulation.** Studies have also shown that it can slow, or even prevent altogether, diseases like Alzheimer's and Dementia.
- 2. It reduces stress.** Take a well-deserved break and sit down with a book.
- 3. It provides you with knowledge,** and that's something that can never be taken away from you.
- 4. Reading expands your vocabulary.** The more you read, the more you get exposed to new words and expressions.
- 5. Last but certainly not least, it's free entertainment!** When you read a book, your mind creates its own images of each character and setting, meaning the story is just a little bit different for everyone who reads it.



GALE PRESENTS



Excel
ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

A high school diploma opens up opportunities for more in life: more money, more career choices, more education, and more confidence. Give yourself the chance to not only have more but do more for your future.

How to begin:

1. Visit stjohnlib.com/adult-high-school
2. Decide if online learning is right for you.
3. Enroll in a 2-week Life Skills course and finish with a passing grade.
4. Wait to be contacted by the library staff to discuss your application.

Please note: To be eligible for this program, you must be 18 – 30 years old, reside in St. John the Baptist Parish, have successfully completed the 8th grade, and have a library card in good standing or be willing to get one.

Imagine Life as a **GRADUATE**

**Earn Your High School Diploma Online.
Our Community Is Behind You.**

Learn what *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School* offers:

- An accredited high school diploma (not a GED)
- Free tuition for qualifying adults
- 100% online, 24/7 access to courses
- A self-paced schedule that lets you complete the program in up to 24 months
- The chance to graduate sooner with transfer credits from previous high schools and passed portions of the GED®, HiSET®, or TASC
- Unlimited one-on-one tutoring sessions and support from success coaches
- Course translation and read-aloud tools for English language learners
- Free college credits through ACE (American Council on Education) courses

For more information, contact our Excel Adult High School Coordinators:

- Andree Fisse, Lead Coordinator
- Raquel Parks, Assistant Coordinator

They can be reached at
ExcelHS@stjohnlib.com

Interested individuals are invited to join us for a Pizza Party / Open House:

Tuesday, October 22 at 5 PM
Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library (Reserve)



Watch us grow: A look into our strategic plan



The following focus areas, developed by consultants, staff, and the community, will guide our growth through the next three years.

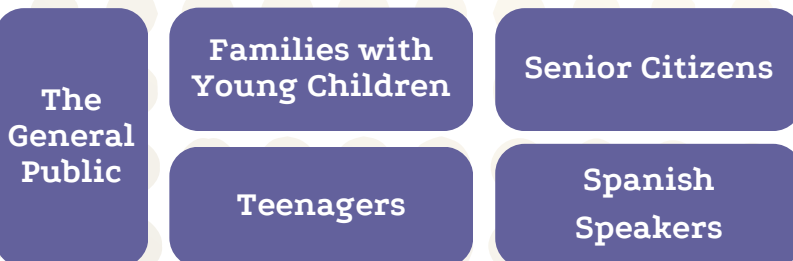
Programming

Priorities for 2025-2027

- Expand art activities for seniors and youth
- Career development courses or workshops (Resume writing, interview prep, applying for jobs online, etc.)
- Expand ESL/Spanish offerings
- Ask a Librarian program with focus on tech support
- MakerSpace courses and open studio time
- Cooking classes
- Tutoring
- Family Book Club
- Community gardens
- Additional language classes (ASL, etc)
- Skill development workshops (Photoshop, Canva, coding, etc.)
- Trivia Nights
- Government Aid Application Support
- Author Talks
- Financial Literacy Courses
- Nature/Outdoor Skill Development (Hunting, fishing, etc.)
- Outdoor field trips
- Nutritional classes with exercise component
- Movie Nights

Marketing & Outreach

Areas of Focus



Facilities

- Involve community members in the design of the LaPlace and Edgard branch renovations, ensuring the building amenities match their needs and aspirations
- Build facilities that prioritize accessibility
- Create maintenance plans for each facility

COMMUNITY INPUT BOARDS SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Help us plan for our library's future in St. John the Baptist Parish. We are interested in your input on what should be included in the rebuilding of the **LAPLACE** library! Visit the LaPlace Branch to view inspiration photos and add green dots to your favorite concept images.

Internal Operations

- Revamp onboarding & training
- Improve efficiency & communication
- Team building activities
- Track library's progress



Get ready for a hauntingly good time with hoopla's Halloween for Kids collection! From spooky stories to lighthearted frights, there's something to thrill every Halloween fan.

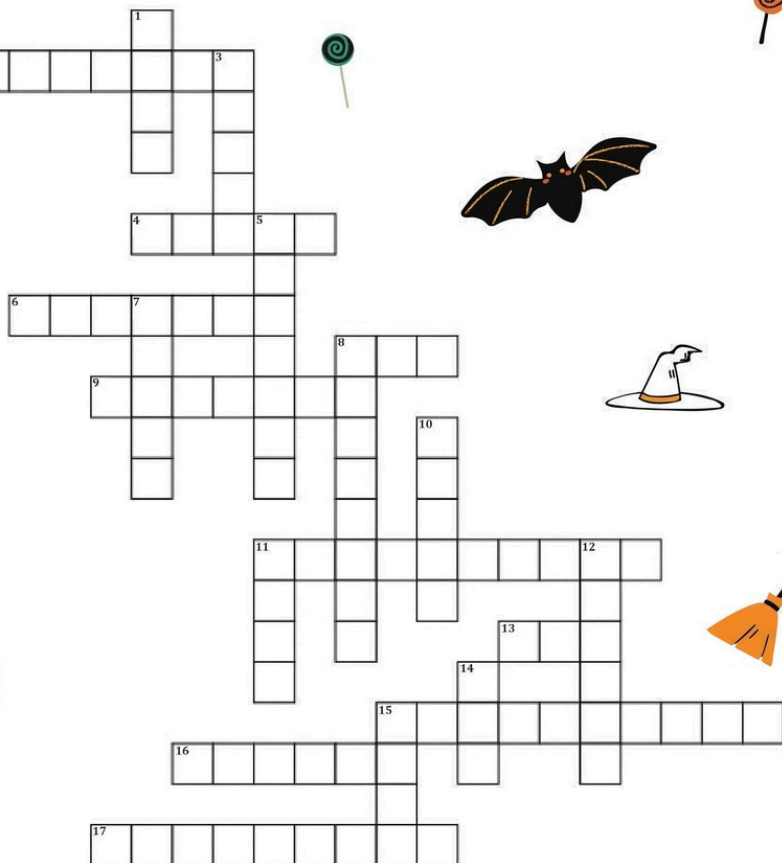


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HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

1. Halloween traditions date back to 2,000 years ago.
2. Trick or treating became popular in the United States in the 1930s.
3. Pumpkins are not always orange. They can be white, red, yellow, green, and blue!
4. Halloween was brought to the U.S. in the 19th century by Irish immigrants.
5. The name Halloween comes from All Hallows (meaning holy) Eve(ning), which refers to All Saints Day that follows on Nov. 1 in Catholicism.
6. In the 1900s, before the telephone was invented, Halloween cards were as popular as Christmas cards.

HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. The phase of the moon in which its whole disc is illuminated
4. A woman with magic powers
6. An orange vegetable used to scare the evil spirits
8. A network of fine threads constructed by a spider from fluid secreted by its spinnerets
9. A scary person who drinks the blood of living people
11. A brush with twigs at one end and a long handle
13. Enjoyment, amusement, or light-hearted pleasure
15. A flashing light used for signals and in lighthouses
16. A frightening creature that is a dead person who has been brought back to life
17. A candy shaped like a kernel of corn

DOWN

1. A tiny creature
3. The period from sunset to sunrise in each twenty-four hours
5. Something sweet
7. A practical joke or mischievous act
8. A wolf-like creature appearing at full moon
10. A person or animal whose body has been dried or otherwise preserved after death
11. A low, continuous humming or murmuring sound
12. Cylinder or block of wax or tallow with a central wick which is lit to produce light as it burns
14. An animal which makes the meow sound
15. An unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain, or harm



SEPTEMBER SMILES

St. JOHN the BAPTIST PARISH LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2024

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

<p>GRAB & GEAX KITS</p> <p>Day of the Dead Calavera: Oct. 7-12; Teens & Tweens</p> <p>Creepy Notebooks & Inkpens: Oct. 14-19; Teens & Tweens</p> <p>Ghost Painting: Oct. 23-26; Teens/Adults</p> <p>Crystal Ball: Oct. 23-26; Teens/Tweens</p>	<p>Computer Basics: 11 AM; Adults 1</p> <p>Storytime: 4 PM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens</p> <p>Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens</p>	<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 2</p> <p>Computer Basics: 1 PM; Adults</p> <p>Virtual Author Talk with Smithsonian Researchers: 1 PM; libraryc.org/stjohnlib</p> <p>Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens</p> <p>Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens</p> <p>Spanish for Beginners: 4:45 PM; Adults</p> <p>ESL Classes: 6 PM; Adults</p>
<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 7</p> <p>Decorate a Guitar: 4:30 PM; Ages 6-11</p>	<p>The Art of Canning: 10 AM; Adults 8</p> <p>Computer Basics: 11 AM; Adults</p> <p>Storytime: 4 PM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Decorate a Guitar: 4:30 PM; Ages 6-11</p>	<p>Whole Body Wellness: 10 AM; Adults 9</p> <p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Computer Basics: 1 PM; Adults</p> <p>Decorate a Guitar: 4:30 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>Spanish for Beginners: 4:45 PM; Adults</p> <p>Photo Editing Class: 5:30 PM; Teens/Adults</p> <p>Virtual Author Talk with Silvia Moreno-Garcia: 6 PM; libraryc.org/stjohnlib</p> <p>STEM NOLA - Force and Motion: 6 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>ESL Classes: 6 PM; Adults</p>
<p>Spooky Snacks: 10 AM; Family 14</p> <p>Spooky Snacks: 10 AM; Family</p> <p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Photo Editing Class: 5:30 PM; Teens/Adults</p> <p>Dubi Says BOO! + Haunted Gingerbread Houses: 6 PM; Family</p> <p>Author Visit - Cheryl Wallace: 6 PM; Adults</p>	<p>Spooky Snacks: 10 AM; Family 15</p> <p>Spooky Snacks: 10 AM; Family</p> <p>Computer Basics: 11 AM; Adults</p> <p>Storytime: 4 PM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Local Musical Legends Presentation: 5 PM; Adults</p> <p>Fall Cookery Contest & Pumpkin Painting Party: 5:30 PM; Family</p>	<p>Whole Body Wellness: 10 AM; Adults 16</p> <p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Computer Basics: 1 PM; Adults</p> <p>Spanish for Beginners: 4:45 PM; Adults</p> <p>STEM NOLA - Force and Motion: 6 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>ESL Classes: 6 PM; Adults</p> <p>Author Visit - Cheryl Wallace: 6 PM; Adults</p>
<p>Succession Planting: 10 AM; Adults 21</p> <p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Glowing Jack-o-lantern: 4 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>Lawyers in Libraries: 5-7 PM; Adults</p> <p>Author Visit - Cheryl Wallace: 6 PM; Adults</p> <p>Busted Canvas Art: 6 PM; Adults</p>	<p>Computer Basics: 11 AM; Adults 22</p> <p>Virtual Author Talk with Lori Gottlieb: 1 PM; libraryc.org/stjohnlib</p> <p>Storytime: 4 PM; Ages 0-5</p> <p>Lawyers in Libraries: 5-7 PM; Adults</p> <p>STEM NOLA - Force and Motion: 6 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>All About Alligators: 6 PM; All Ages</p>	<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 23</p> <p>Computer Basics: 1 PM; Adults</p> <p>Glowing Jack-o-lantern: 4 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>Spanish for Beginners: 4:45 PM; Adults</p> <p>Lawyers in Libraries: 5-7 PM; Adults</p> <p>ESL Classes: 6 PM; Adults</p> <p>Ghost Painting: 6 PM; Teens/Adults</p>
<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 28</p> <p>Glowing Jack-o-lantern: 4 PM; Ages 6-11</p> <p>Dubi Says BOO! + Haunted Gingerbread Houses: 6 PM; Family</p> <p>Busted Canvas Art: 6 PM; Adults</p>	<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 29</p>	<p>Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 30</p> <p>Computer Basics: 1 PM; Adults</p> <p>Spanish for Beginners: 4:45 PM; Adults</p> <p>ESL Classes: 6 PM; Adults</p>

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Orange = Virtual

Red = Reserve Branch
Blue = Edgard Branch
Black = All Branches

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>Toddler Time: 10 AM; Ages 1-2 Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens Talavera Tiles: 4-6 PM; Tweens 'Los Libros Discussion Group: 5 PM; Adults College Essay Writing: 6 PM; Teens/Adults STEM NOLA - Force & Motion: 6 PM; Ages 6-11</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Author Visit - Cheryl Wallace: 2 PM; Adults</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p>
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<p>Toddler Time: 10 AM; Ages 1-2 Iris Talk & Planting: 10 AM; Adults Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 'Los Libros Discussion Group: 5 PM; Adults The Literary Lounge Book Club: 5 PM; Adults College Essay Writing: 6 PM; Teens/Adults Busted Canvas Art: 6 PM; Adults</p>	<p>17</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Dubi Says BOO! + Haunted Gingerbread Houses: 1 PM; Family</p> <p>19</p>
<p>Toddler Time: 10 AM; Ages 1-2 Storytime: 10:30 AM; Ages 0-5 Jack-o-lantern Craft: 4 PM; Ages 6-11 Lawyers in Libraries: 5-7 PM; Adults Laser Cut Your Pie: 6 PM; All Ages Pumpkin Patch Contest & Decorating: 6 PM; Family College Essay Writing: 6 PM; Teens/Adults Busted Canvas Art: 6 PM; Adults</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lawyers in Libraries: 9-11 AM; Adults Los 'Libros with Carlos Diaz: 2 PM; Our Facebook Page & YouTube Channel</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Lawyers in Libraries: 10-12 PM Edgard 11AM-1PM LaPlace 3-5 PM Garyville Computer Basics: 11 AM; Adults Dubi Says BOO! + Haunted Gingerbread Houses: 1 PM; Family</p> <p>26</p>

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MakerSpace Workshops

Button Maker - All Ages
 Oct. 1 & 3: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM
 Sept. 30 & Oct. 2: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM

Makey-Makey Circuit Kits - Kids & Teens
 Oct. 7 & 9: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM
 Oct. 8 & 10: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM

3D Scanner - Teens & Adults
 Oct. 14-17: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM

Edison Bots - Kids & Teens
 Oct. 21 & 23: 9-11 AM / 3-5 PM
 Oct. 22 & 24: 9-11 AM / 4-6 PM

Activity Tables All Library Branches

Mexican Folk Art - Aztec Sunburst:
 Oct. 1-5; Ages 0-5

Monster Mask Rocks:
 Oct. 7-12; Ages 6-11

Fall Wagon Wheel Trees:
 Oct. 14-19; Ages 0-5

Paper Bag Monster Mask:
 Oct. 21-26; Ages 0-5

Handprint Bats:
 Oct. 28-31; Ages 0-5

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