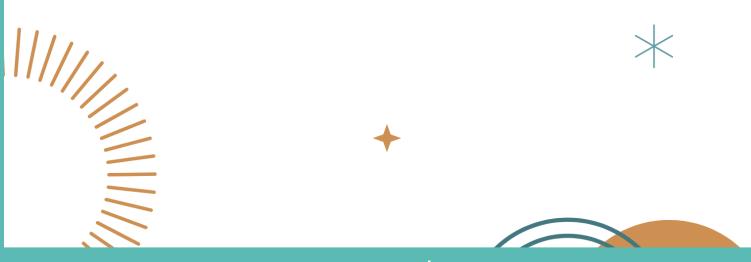


SEASON'S GREETINGS

WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



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DECEMBER 2023

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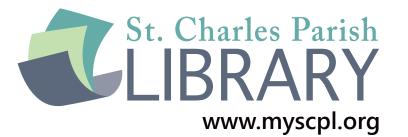
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HOLIDAYS AND CLOSURES

Christmas Dec 25-26 New Year's Eve Holiday Dec. 29 New Year's Day Holiday Jan 1

ON THE COVER

Happy holidays from your St. Charles Parish Library.





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DECEMBER READING CHALLENGE



The end of the year is a wonderful time to reflect on all that you've experienced and learned over the past 12 months.

Let our December Beanstack challenge help you reflect on 2023, think about your goals for 2024, and get some holiday reading done.

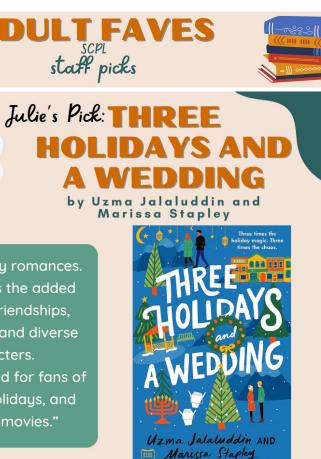
Whether you're celebrating the holidays with friends and family or enjoying some quiet time alone, take a moment to cozy up with a good book and set an intention for the coming year.

This Beanstack challenge is a combination of logging minutes and activities, so log both your reading and activities to earn badges all month long. Complete the challenge by earning any 6 badges!

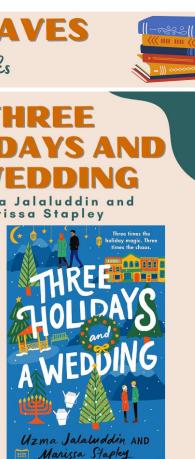
Join the challenge at myscpl.beanstack.com from December 1 - 31.







"I love holiday romances. This one has the added appeal of friendships, community, and diverse characters. Recommended for fans of romance, holidays, and Hallmark movies."



FEATURED

New Adult Fiction



The Other Mothers Katherine Faulkner



Raiders of the Lost Heart Jo Segura



Rebecca, Not Becky Christine Platt & Catherine Wigginton Greene







This Spells Love Kate Robb

Adults

CRAFTS

Second Chance Crafts

Second Chance Crafts is your opportunity to do a craft that you may have missed earlier in the year.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Monday, December 4 at 6:00pm

Flying Needles

This knitting and crocheting group is open to anyone who wants to learn a new craft or share their talents.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY Tuesdays at 5:00pm (except December 26)

Wax Candle Painting ⁽²⁾

We will use melted wax from colored tea light candles to paint larger candles.

HAHNVILLE BRANCH Monday, December 18 at 2:00pm

FOOD & COOKING

Cookbook Clubs

Choose a recipe from the selected theme and prepare it for the meeting. Everyone will share information about their dish.

PARADIS BRANCH Friday, December 15 at 11:00am | Theme: Cookie Exchange

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY Monday, December 18 at 6:00pm | Theme: Cookie Exchange

German Coast Farmers' Market

Visit for fresh local produce, food vendors, and items from local artisans. Then stop into the library!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY Saturdays from 8:00am to Noon

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Yoga with Sara Lyon

Join Sara Lyon for a gentle yoga class introducing yoga postures, breathwork, and mindful meditation.

Supported by the United Way of St. Charles and Creative Family Solutions.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 6:00pm (except December 19 & 26)

HOME & GARDEN

Poinsettia Workshop [®]

Join us for a Poinsettia Workshop where you can learn how to care for and grow these beautiful plants.

LSU AgCenter experts will guide you in perennializing techniques so you can enjoy your poinsettias year-round.

Take home your very own poinsettia plant and spread Christmas cheer all year long!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00pm

MOVIES

Movie Thursday: Elf

Get in the holiday spirit with a showing of *Elf* (PG). We'll be making custom ornaments while we watch the movie.

Tacky Christmas sweaters are encouraged!

Light snacks and beverages will be served.

Doors open at 10:00am, and the movie begins at 10:30am.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, December 7 at 10:00am

Social

Senior Social Hour

Join us for a light lunch and good conversation during our end of the year celebration.

NORCO BRANCH

Monday, December 11 at noon

That's a Wrap! Holiday Gift Wrapping

Need time and a private place to wrap your gifts? Let's wrap up your holiday season and *sleigh* that to-do list without checking it twice!

Bring your holiday gifts to one of our holiday gift wrapping locations where we will provide wrapping paper and supplies, festive music, hot cocoa, and light snacks.

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Monday, December 18 at 5:00pm

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, December 21 at 3:00pm

Registration opens 14 days prior to events.

PAGE MEETS STAGE

Watch Rhinestone Cowgirls and Read She Come By It Natural

Take part in a collision of books and performances during the next installment of our Page Meets Stage program! Participants will watch a peformance of *Rhinestone Cowgirls* at the Lafon Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 19 at 7:30pm and then discuss the performance and the book She Come By It Natural by Sarah Smarsh at the East Regional Library during a follow up conversation on Thursday, January 25 at 6pm.

Registration opens December 1 for this Page Meets Stage program. The book, show ticket, and dinner are included as a part of this free community program. Space is limited to 20 people, and registration is required, so grab your spot to join us.

To register, visit our event calendar and scroll to the program date, January 25. From there you can click "Page Meets Stage Reading and Discussion Group" and fill out our registration form.

This program is free and open to the public, and the reading materials will be provided for you to keep.

Information regarding book pick-up will be provided at the time of registration. One complimentary show ticket will be given to participants when they pick up their book. This program is for adults.

View all of the upcoming shows at the Lafon Performing Arts Center and learn more about *Rhinestone Cowgirls* at www.lafonartscenter.org.

This program is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the RAC. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment of the Arts.













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DECEMBER 20

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All events are free and open to the public.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

LOCATION

- East Regional in Destrehan
- West Regional in Luling
- Hahnville
- Norco
- Paradis
- St. Rose
- Online

AGE GROUPS

- A=AdultsT=TeensTw=TweensC=Children
- F = Family
- Aa = All Ages

All activities are subject to change.

Check www.myscpl.org for more information and schedule changes.



Registration is required for some events.

Online registration opens 14 days before the event.



FFNS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Squad: Perler Beads

Add a little pizzazz to your keychain or backpack with your very own Perler bead creation!

Ages 10 and up.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY Thursday, December 21 at 5:30pm

Art Squad Advanced with Becca Hillburn ⁽⁾

Cyanotype is one of the oldest photographic printing processes in the history of photography.

Join us to see how we use UV light to make our very own prints!

Ages 13 and up.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, December 7 at 5:30pm

Nailed It! Art Edition

Compete with your friends and have fun replicating an art piece using limited crafting materials to see whose is the most identical!

NORCO BRANCH Wednesday, December 20 at 4:00pm

Nerd Night: Button Bonanza

Buttons, buttons everywhere and plenty more to make!

Use our button makers to create different size buttons to add to your backpacks, totes, and lanyards.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Thursday Thrills: Home for the Holidays Escape Room

After breaking down in a small town right before the holidays, you have to wait for the mechanic to fix your car.

Can you help the townsfolk finish setting up for the holidays and still get yourself home?

For tweens and teens.

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, December 14 at 4:30pm

Virtual Escape Room: Home for the Holidays ⁽⁾

After breaking down in a small town right before the holidays, you have to wait for the mechanic to fix your car.

Can you help the townsfolk finish setting up for the holidays and still get yourself home?

Registration closes early so that supplies can be delivered. For tweens and teens.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Monday, December 11 at 5:30pm

GAMING

Teen Time: Xbox

Teen Time is now every Tuesday!

Come hang out, compete with your friends, or play on your own with our Xbox.

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Tuesday, December 5 & 12 at 4:00pm

Nerd Night

Welcome to Nerd Night! Join us for an evening of fun, tabletop adventure games, video games, movies, and morel

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30pm

MOVIES

Nerd Night Movie Night: Gremlins

Join us for a holiday horror treat as we watch the classic 1980s movie *Gremlins* (PG), where a boy receives an unusual pet that leads to incredible trouble when he fails to take care of it properly.

Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30pm

Teen Time: A Very Merry Grinchmas

Take a holiday break! Join us to watch the 2000 release of How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG) as we sip hot cocoa and decorate gingerbread cookies.

Supplies are limited; first come, first served for cookies!

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Tuesday, December 19 at 3:30pm

Planetarium

105 Lakewood Drive in Luling | 985-785-8471

EVENING SHOWS

Season of Light gives you an

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm

up-close look at the traditions and customs celebrated around the world during this time of year.

You will learn about the winter solstice and our planet's seasons as well as the astronomical possibilities behind the Star of Bethlehem.

An alien named Mr. Freep nabs Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and takes him on a tour of the solar system.

Registration opens 14 days prior to events.



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Ever wondered what to do at the library after school?

You can join us to pick activities and brainstorm ideas at our Teen Advisory Council of Students!

Enjoy snacks and drinks while we discuss upcoming activities. For tweens and teens.

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, December 7 at 4:00pm

CHILDREN'S MATINEE

Saturdays at 10:00am

The Alien Who Stole Christmas returns for this holiday season!

SATURDAY MATINEE

Saturdays at 2:00pm

SpacePark360 is an action-packed show that will take you on nine different amusement park rides set on different locations around the solar system.

Planetarium seating is first come, first served. Due to the unusual lighting conditions, no one is allowed to enter once the show has started.



CHILDREN & FAMILY

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Squad: Perler Beads [®]

Add a little pizzazz to your keychain or backpack with your very own Perler bead creation!

Ages 10 and up. **EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY** Thursday, December 21 at 5:30pm

Christmas Cookies and Coloring [®]

Cookies and coloring is a great way to kick off the holiday season! Follow along with a paint by number and enjoy some holiday treats.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Friday, December 22 at 10:30am

Merry Mugmas [®]

Get into the holiday spirit with us! You'll create your own design on a holiday mug and enjoy some hot cocoa.

For tweens.

NORCO BRANCH Monday, December 18 at 4:30pm

Crafty Market Morning

Craft along with us! Take a break from the German Coast Farmers' Market and check our the craft offerings!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY Saturday, December 30 from 9:00am to 11:00am

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

LEGO Club

Calling all LEGO Builders! Build your own LEGO creations and meet new friends. Complete a new challenge each month.

For ages 5-11.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 27 at 6:00pm

Nerd Night Jr. 8

Not old enough for Nerd Night? Why wait?!

This tween-only space offers a monthly primer for the tabletop games you'll be playing at our Nerd Night for Teens.

Enjoy action-packed roleplay adventures with a PG rating. For ages 8-12.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, December 7 at 6:00pm

Tween Time!

Tween Time is happening every month! Hang out, play games, and eat snacks in a space just for tweens.

For ages 8-11.

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Thursday, December 28 at 4:00pm

Thursday Thrills: Home for the Holidays Escape Room

After breaking down in a small town right before the holidays, you have to wait for the mechanic to fix your car.

Can you help the townsfolk finish setting up for the holidays and still get yourself home?

For tweens and teens.

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, December 14 at 4:30pm

Virtual Escape Room: Home for the Holidays [®]

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ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Monday, December 11 at 5:30pm

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Learn With Us Bus

Come see the Learn With Us Bus at the library!

The Learn With Us Bus provides books, toys, and games for children preschool through second grade, assistance for parents to access school forms and information, and additional community resources available to St. Charles Parish residents.

Sponsored by the United Way of St. Charles and St. Charles Parish Public Schools.

PARADIS BRANCH

Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30am

Pajama Stories

Get ready to cozy up with an evening storytime! Join us for books, songs, and gentle activities to help get in a restful mood.

This program is family friendly. Pajamas optional!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00pm

A Very Electric Christmas Page Meets Stage Storytime

Join us for a special storytime in collaboration with the Lafon Performing Arts Center and inspired by Lightwire Theater's *Very Electric Christmas* show, which will be performed at the Lafon Center later that afternoon!

Read along with us, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, make a craft, and get in the holiday spirit!

This library storytime is open to everyone; no tickets are required.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Saturday, December 2 at 11:00am

Wiggle Stories

Join the fun! Dance and shout! Come and get your wiggles out!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY Saturday, December 16 at 11:00am

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Storytime introduces the love of books and reading to young children. We use stories, music, rhymes, and fingerplays to encourage children to discover and explore the world.

Themes change weekly and playtime follows each storytime.

For children ages 0 to 5.

PARADIS BRANCH Tuesdays at 10:30am

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10:30am

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY Wednesdays at 10:30am

NORCO BRANCH Thursdays at 10:30am

HAHNVILLE BRANCH

Thursdays at 10:30am

ST. ROSE BRANCH Fridays at 10:30am

Note: There will be a storytime break from December 18 through the end of the year.

Weekly storytimes will resume January 2, 2024.

10 CHILDREN & FAMILY

ALL AGES & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Do You Want To Build a Snowman? ⁽⁹⁾

Do you want to build a snowman?

Join us for an evening of snowman art, snowman games, and snowman snacks. We are going to have "snow" much fun!

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Monday, December 4 at 6:00pm

Holiday Bingo

Feeling lucky? Test your luck by playing a special game of Holiday BINGO to kick off the holiday season!

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY [®]

Thursday, December 14 at 6:00pm

HAHNVILLE BRANCH Friday, December 22 at 2:00pm

Norco Christmas Parade

Join us before and during the Norco Christmas Parade for some holiday cheer! Stop in for some cookies and hot chocolate and stay for some fun activities!

Enjoy a scavenger hunt, make holiday cards for families in need, and add a hand to our Helping Hand Tree.

During the month of December we will also collect non-perishable food items at the Norco Branch in partnership with St. Charles Parish 4-H and the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry.

NORCO BRANCH

Sunday, December 3 from noon to 3:30pm



VISIT

West Regional Library

985-785-8471 105 Lakewood Dr. Luling, LA 70070

Monday-Thursday: 9am-8pm Friday and Saturday: 9 am-5 pm

Paradis Branch

985-758-1868

307 Audubon St. Paradis, LA 70080

Monday: 10 am-8 pm Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm Friday: 9 am-5 pm Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Hahnville Branch

985-783-2341 14996 River Rd. Hahnville, LA 70057 Monday-Friday: 9 am-5 pm

East Regional Library

985-764-2366

160 W. Campus Dr. Destrehan, LA 70047

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-8 pm Friday and Saturday: 9 am-5 pm

St. Rose Branch

504-465-0646

90 East Club Dr. St. Rose, LA 70087

Monday: 10 am-8 pm Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Norco Branch

985-764-6581

590 Apple St. Norco, LA 70079

Monday: 10 am-8 pm Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm Friday: 9 am-5 pm Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Bookmobile: Call 985-764-9643 ext. 205 or 206 for more information

Planetarium: Located at the West Regional Library Show Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm Saturdays at 10 am and 2 pm

Curbside pickup service is available from opening until 30 minutes before closing.



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