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ST. CHARLES PARISH LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024



BOOK A LIBRARIAN



**Schedule a free one-on-one session with a
St. Charles Parish Library staff member!**

Read more on page 3.



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Bookpage is published monthly to share information about St. Charles Parish Library events, materials, and services.

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HOLIDAYS AND CLOSURES

Mardi Gras Feb. 12-13

Staff Training Mar. 1 (Closing at 12pm)

Good Friday Mar. 29

ON THE COVER

Schedule a Book A Librarian session to get personalized help with exactly what you need. Read more on page 3.



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BOOK A LIBRARIAN



Do you need computer, smartphone, or email help?

Schedule a free Book A Librarian session with a St. Charles Parish Library staff member for an hour of one-on-one assistance with technology questions and using library services! We'll work with you to schedule a meeting time and location that is convenient for you.

Examples of things we can help with include:

- Using the library catalog to request books and DVDs
- Downloading eBooks and audiobooks
- Using an eReader
- Getting a free email address
- Learning basic email, computer, and Internet skills
- Using Microsoft Word
- Providing basic smartphone and mobile device help



Visit www.myscpl.org/book-a-librarian, call your local branch, or visit any library location and ask a staff member to help you sign up for a session.



Celebrate Black History Month with our February Beanstack challenge! This month, learn more about Black history, celebrate Black authors and illustrators, and explore Black history through the arts.

After joining the challenge, you will have the month of February to log your minutes and complete activities, earning badges along the way. To earn your completion badge, log a total of 180 minutes of reading! The activities in this challenge are optional, but you will earn digital badges for each one you complete.

This challenge is for all ages. Join at myscpl.beanstack.com from February 1 - 29.

FEATURED FIVE

CONTEMPORARY ADULT ROMANCE



Seven Days in June
Tia Williams



Black Candle Women
Diane Marie Brown



The Wedding Date
Jasmine Guillory



Honey & Spice
Bolu Babalola



The Neighbor Favor
Kristina Forest

ADULTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

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 February 13)

Paper Crafting Workshop

Create greeting cards, gift tags, party decor, scrapbook pages, and more.

PARADIS BRANCH

Monday, February 5 at 1:00pm

Spring Welcome Signs ^R

Join us as we create a combination Easter and spring welcome board.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Monday, February 26 at 6:00pm

BOOK DISCUSSION

Page Meets Stage ^R

We will discuss *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede after watching *Come From Away* at the Lafon Performing Arts Center.

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.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 29 at 6:00pm



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, February 9 at 11:00am | Theme: *Tea Party Recipes*

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Monday, February 19 at 6:00pm | Theme: *Recipes from the library's magazine collection*

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

Small Changes, Healthy Habits Series ^R

Small Changes, Healthy Habits, is a four-part program to help adults improve their health and nutrition through small changes! Any habit begins with small changes. This program shows you how to make small changes throughout your day to lead to lifelong healthy habits.

Session 1: February 1 - Small Changes and Physical Activity

Session 2: February 8 - Pantry Makeover

Session 3: February 15 - Grocery Store Tour

Session 4: February 22 - Cooking and Knife Skills

This workshop will be conducted by Rinalda Roquin, Area Nutrition Agent with the LSU AgCenter.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursdays at 6:00pm

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 February 13)

^R Registration opens 14 days prior to events.

MOVIES

Movie Thursday: *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*

Join us for a showing of *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*. We'll decorate heart-shaped magnets and enjoy pink snacks and beverages to celebrate Valentine's Day!

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

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 1 at 10:00am

SOCIAL

Game Day

Feeling competitive? Join us for a friendly competition!

We will have a variety of games to choose from!

HAHNVILLE BRANCH

Monday, February 19 at 2:00pm

Mardi Gras Bingo

The good times will keep rolling with Mardi Gras bingo!

Join us for the chance to win some library swag.

ST. ROSE BRANCH

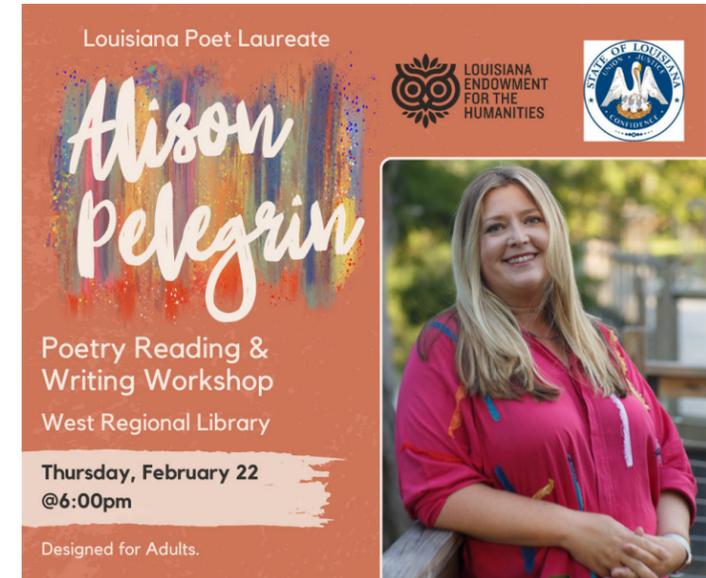
Monday, February 19 at 6:00pm

Senior Social Hour

Join us for games, activities, refreshments, and good conversation.

NORCO BRANCH

Monday, February 26 at noon



Louisiana Poet Laureate Writing Workshop

Alison Pelegrin, Louisiana's Poet Laureate, will host a poetry reading and writing workshop at the West Regional Library in Luling on Thursday, February 22 at 6pm.

After reading a selection of her poetry and a question and answer session, Pelegrin will provide the attendees with writing prompts and exercises. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share the writing created during the workshop.

Pelegrin is a Covington resident and is Writer-in-Residence at Southeastern Louisiana University. Her work has appeared in *Bennington Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Ninth Letter*, and as printable broadsides at *Broadsided*.

Funding for this Louisiana Poet Laureate program has been provided by the State of Louisiana and administered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Thursday: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days 10am (A) EAST • Storytime 10:30am (C) NORCO • Storytime 10:30am (C) HAHNVILLE • Art Squad Advanced with Becca Hillburn 5:30pm (T) EAST ^R • Small Changes, Healthy Habits Series 6pm (A) EAST ^R • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) ST. ROSE 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Coast Farmers' Market 8am to noon (Aa) EAST • Children's Matinee 10am (F) PLANETARIUM • Saturday Matinee 2pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM
4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper Crafting Workshop 1pm (A) PARADIS 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) EAST • Storytime 10:30am (C) PARADIS • Teen Time: Xbox 4pm (T) ST. ROSE • Flying Needles 5pm (A) WEST • Yoga 6pm (A) EAST • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) WEST • Nerd Night 5:30pm (T) WEST • Pajama Stories 6pm (C) EAST 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) NORCO • Storytime 10:30am (C) HAHNVILLE • TACOS - Teen Advisory Council of Students 4pm (Tw,T) PARADIS • Teen Hangout! 5:30pm (T) EAST • Heart Thumbprint Necklace 6pm (C, Tw) WEST ^R • Small Changes, Healthy Habits Series 6pm (A) EAST ^R • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) ST. ROSE • Cookbook Club 11am (A) PARADIS 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Coast Farmers' Market 8am to noon (Aa) EAST • Children's Matinee 10am (F) PLANETARIUM • Saturday Matinee 2pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM
11	12 Library Closed Mardi Gras Holiday	13 Library Closed Mardi Gras Holiday	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) WEST • Valentine Cookie Bar 2pm (C) HAHNVILLE ^R • Paint Your Heart Out 2pm (C) EAST ^R • Nerd Night 5:30pm (T) WEST 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) NORCO • Storytime 10:30am (C) HAHNVILLE • Thursday Thrills: Tote Tango 4:30pm (Tw,T) PARADIS ^R • Art Squad: Air Plant Art 5:30pm (Ages 10+) EAST ^R • LEGO Battle Bots 6pm (C,Tw) WEST ^R • Small Changes, Healthy Habits Series 6pm (A) EAST ^R • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) ST. ROSE • LEAP Into Some Fun! 2pm (C) NORCO 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Coast Farmers' Market 8am to noon (Aa) EAST • Children's Matinee 10am (F) PLANETARIUM • Saturday Matinee 2pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM
18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Day 2pm (A) HAHNVILLE • Virtual Escape Room: Animal Shelter Shenanigans 5:30pm (Tw,T) ZOOM ^R • Mardi Gras BINGO 5:30pm (A) ST. ROSE • Cookbook Club 6pm (A) EAST 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) EAST • Storytime 10:30am (C) PARADIS • Teen Time: Shakes and S'mores 4pm (T) ST. ROSE ^R • Flying Needles 5pm (A) WEST • Yoga 6pm (A) EAST • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) WEST • Fantasy Core Shrinky Dinks 4pm (T) NORCO • Nerd Night 5:30pm (T) WEST 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) NORCO • Storytime 10:30am (C) HAHNVILLE • Homeschool STEM Day 1:30pm (F) PARADIS ^R • Teen Hangout! 5:30pm (T) EAST • Nerd Night Jr. 5:30pm (Ages 10+) WEST ^R • Louisiana Poet Laureate Writing Workshop 6pm (A) WEST • Small Changes, Healthy Habits Series 6pm (A) EAST ^R • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) ST. ROSE 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Coast Farmers' Market 8am to noon (Aa) EAST • Crafty Market Morning 9am to 11am (F) EAST • Children's Matinee 10am (F) PLANETARIUM • Kids' Craft Drop-In 11am to 1pm (F) PARADIS • Saturday Matinee 2pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM
25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Social Hour Noon (A) NORCO • Monster Monday 6pm (F) PARADIS ^R • Family Fun Night 6pm (F) ST. ROSE ^R • Spring Welcome Signs 6pm (A) EAST ^R 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) EAST • Storytime 10:30am (C) PARADIS • Flying Needles 5pm (A) WEST • Yoga 6pm (A) EAST • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) WEST • Nerd Night 5:30pm (T) WEST • LEGO Club 6pm (Ages 5-11) EAST 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime 10:30am (C) NORCO • Storytime 10:30am (C) HAHNVILLE • The Tween Scene: Giant Games 4pm (Tw) ST. ROSE • Teen Hangout! 5:30pm (T) EAST • Nerd Night Jr. 5:30pm (Ages 10+) WEST ^R • Page Meets Stage Reading and Discussion Group 6pm (A) EAST ^R • Evening Showing 6:30pm (Aa) PLANETARIUM 		

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 = Adults**
- T = Teens**
- Tw = Tweens**
- C = 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.



TEENS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Squad: Air Plant Art [®]

Come chill and make your very own air plant art. Participants will get to choose their own air plant, paint rocks and create a display for their new plants!

Ages 10 and up.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 15 at 5:30pm

Art Squad Advanced with Becca Hillburn [®]

Art Squad Advanced lets you develop your artistic skills, learn different art techniques, and get real instructions from professional comic artist Becca Hillburn.

From discussing color theory to how to put together a portfolio, this program is designed to refine your artistic skills, whether you enjoy art as a hobby or want to turn art into a career.

Ages 13 and up.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 1 at 5:30pm

Fantasy Core Shrinky Dinks

Come and create fantastical themed shrinky dink art! Display it as a keychain, jewelry, or as a unique piece of art!

NORCO BRANCH

Wednesday, February 21 at 4:00pm

Thursday Thrills: Tote Tango [®]

Let your creativity fly. We will be decorating tote bags using your own design on a Cricut.

For tweens and teens.

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, February 15 at 4:30pm

FOOD & COOKING

Teen Time: Shakes and S'mores [®]

Satisfy your sweet tooth with some tasty treats! Enjoy a milkshake and create a classic (or not-so-classic) indoor s'more.

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00pm

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Nerd Night: Baldur's Gate: Descent into Avernus

Welcome to Baldur's Gate, a city of ambition and corruption. You've just started your adventuring career, but already find yourself embroiled in a plot that sprawls from the shadows of Baldur's Gate to the front lines of the planes-spanning Blood War!

Nerd Night is designed for teens ages 13 and up.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesdays at 5:30pm (except February 14)

Nerd Night: A Perilous Joy Festival - A D&D Valentine's Adventure

This one-shot adventure takes place during the Joy Festival, a holiday celebrating friendships. After a postman tasked with delivering candy grams goes missing, the characters are tasked by the town of Creepingvale to track down the missing postman and deliver the candy grams in his stead.

This adventure will take the characters deep into a swamp known as the Tarbloom, where they'll have to contend with environmental hazards, monsters, and some very questionable characters.

Nerd Night is designed for teens ages 13 and up.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 14 at 5:30pm

Virtual Escape Room: Animal Shelter Shenanigans [®]

The secretary of the animal shelter you volunteer at has gone on vacation for the week and left all the adoption applications locked in a box!

Unlock the box before closing time so the animals can find their forever home, but make no bones about it -- it's going to be a "ruff" day!

Registration closes early so that supplies can be delivered.

For tweens and teens.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Monday, February 19 at 5:30pm

[®] Registration opens 14 days prior to events.

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Teen Time: Xbox

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

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Tuesday, February 6 at 4:00pm



SOCIAL

Teen Hangout!

Come hangout in the Teen Room! Compete with your friends on the Switch, play board games, and enjoy some snacks!

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 8, 22, and 29 at 5:30pm

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

TACOS

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, February 8 at 4:00pm

PLANETARIUM

105 Lakewood Drive in Luling | 985-785-8471

EVENING SHOWS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm

Winter Stargazing highlights the stars and constellations of winter. You and your family will learn to find your way around the winter night sky using the stars as guides.

After the show, we will take out the telescope for a special viewing session, weather permitting.

CHILDREN'S MATINEE

Saturdays at 10:00am

One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure introduces your children to the wonders of stargazing with Big Bird and Elmo!

Join Elmo and his friend from China, Hu Hu Zhu, on an imaginary trip to the Moon and learn how it differs from our home, the Earth.

SATURDAY MATINEE

Saturdays at 2:00pm

We Are Astronomers explains the science of astronomy and the work of astronomers.

You and your family will witness the beauty of the universe around us and learn about the latest space telescope that will bring those sights down to Earth.

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: Air Plant Art ^R

Come chill and make your very own air plant art. Participants will get to choose their own air plant, paint rocks, and create a display for their new plants!

Ages 10 and up.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 15 at 5:30pm

Heart Thumbprint Necklace ^R

Do you want a gift to give to your Valentine or your parent? This thumbprint heart shape necklace is great for Valentine's Day coming up!

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 8 at 6:00pm

Paint Your Heart Out ^R

Enjoy cookies and punch while you paint your heart out! Make a gift for yourself or someone you love.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00pm

Kids' Craft Drop-In

Drop in and make some crafts!

PARADIS BRANCH

Saturday, February 24 from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Thursday Thrills: Tote Tango ^R

Let your creativity fly! We will be decorating tote bags using your own design on a Cricut.

For tweens and teens

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, February 15 at 4:30pm

Valentine Cookie Bar ^R

Love is in the air! Help us sprinkle some around at the Hahnville Library. Decorate a cookie sweet enough to fill your belly and your heart.

For ages 5-11.

HAHNVILLE BRANCH

Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00pm

Crafty Market Morning

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

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Saturday, February 24 from 9:00am to 11:00am

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

LEGO Battle Bots ^R

Enhance your Edison Robot with LEGO to create a fearsome Battle Bot. Whose creation will come out on top?

For ages 5-11.

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm

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, February 28 at 6:00pm

Nerd Night Jr: A Perilous Joy Festival ^R

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, February 22 and 29 at 5:30pm

The Tween Scene: Giant Games

Check out the Tween Scene!

This month we'll be playing classic games like Connect 4 and Jenga, only GIANT!

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Thursday, February 29 at 4:00pm

LEAP Into Some Fun!

LEAP into some fun activities, crafts and games as we celebrate the Leap Year - 2024!

NORCO BRANCH

Friday, February 16 at 2:00pm



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Fun Night ^R

It's time to come and have some fun with the whole family! Design your tote bag with Sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Afterward, enjoy a snack and snap a pic of your stylish new creation at the photo backdrop!

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Monday, February 26 at 6:00pm

Homeschool STEM Day ^R

Get hands-on with a variety of STEM activities to engage in learning fun!

PARADIS BRANCH

Thursday, February 22 at 1:30pm

Monster Monday ^R

Pop on over for our Monster Making Monday! Sit for a story and snacks and create a fun little mitten monster with us!

PARADIS BRANCH

Monday, February 26 at 6:00pm

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

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, February 7 at 6:00pm

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

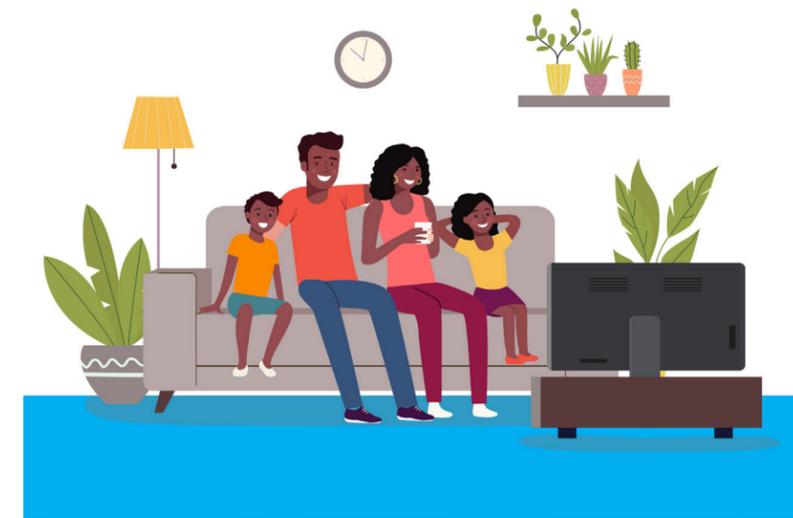
Thursdays at 10:30am

ST. ROSE BRANCH

Fridays at 10:30am

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Family Flicks and TV Picks



VISIT

West Regional Library

985-785-8471

105 Lakewood Dr.
Luling, LA 70070

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

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

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: 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

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.



Download the
St. Charles Parish Library app!