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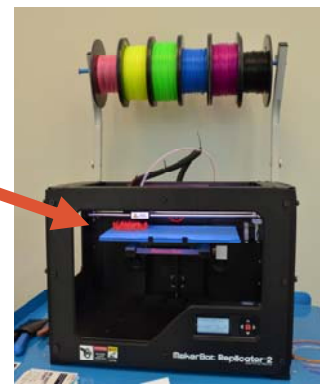
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# Idea Lab Opens This Month!

Livingston Parish Library is opening the doors of our Idea Lab—a place where cutting-edge technology is made available for public use—on **Monday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m.** Official lab hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. One-on-one sessions with a library staff member are also available.

Located at our Denham Springs-Walker Branch, the Idea Lab will feature:

- 3D printing
- 3D scanning
- Virtual Reality
- Sewing Machine
- Button Maker



*PRINT MASTERS— The library's 3D printers work by melting plastic filament. Then they layer the melted plastic over and over to create a finished design. The lab has two 3D printers.*



*FLYING HIGH— Lauren soars over buildings in virtual reality.*

Don't know how to use a 3D printer or a sewing machine? Never experienced virtual reality before? No problem! Our staff are happy to show you how to use the technology available in our Idea Lab. We'll even help you figure out how to create your first project or guide you through virtual reality.

"The biggest benefit of building the Idea Lab, with its VR, 3D printing, or robotics, is getting technology in the hands of our patrons, who otherwise would not have access to it," Library Director Giovanni Tairov says. "This also allows for hands-on, self-paced learning, and a deeper understanding of STEM concepts."

Visit our new Idea Lab soon and let us help bring your idea to life. We can't wait to see what you make!

- Patrons interested in creating projects or learning about new technology can check out all of the lab's services at [mylpl.info/ideallab](http://mylpl.info/ideallab).
- To learn more about Digital Services Librarian Jennifer Oglesby, turn to **Page 8**. She runs the Idea Lab!

## Dec. Closings



Friday, December 1  
 Sunday, December 24  
 Monday, December 25  
 Tuesday, December 26  
 Sunday, December 31

*Visit [mylpl.info/calendar](http://mylpl.info/calendar) for a full listing of all library events in December!*

# The Adult Section



## Get Creative

### Writers Circle

The Denham Springs-Walker Branch's Writer's Circle meets **Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Published and unpublished writers of all genres are welcome. The group provides a forum for sharing writing, a venue for learning more about the writing craft, and more.

### Sit and Sew

Sit and Sew at the Main Branch— hours of uninterrupted sewing! Bring a sandwich and a project or two. Spend some creative time with friends. This month's session is **Monday, Dec. 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** You're a part of our community, and we would love for you to come and stitch with us.

### Coloring & Coffee

Coloring is a relaxing activity, even for adults. Ages 18 and up are invited to come out to the Denham Springs-Walker Branch for some free time to color, listen to music, and socialize on **Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We'll supply intricate coloring sheets and implements.

Questions? Please call the branch hosting your preferred event for more information.

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## Family Christmas Sing-Along

Brighten your spirits this holiday season by joining in a festive sing-along for the entire family at the library! Wear your Christmas jammies and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate while singing your favorite carols.

**A-S:** Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Please call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 686-4130 for more information.

## WATCH INSTANTFLIX MOVIES!

The library provides unlimited access to InstantFlix, a FREE streaming movie service that allows users to watch award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. With thousands of films to choose from across more than 50 countries, InstantFlix offers a viewing experience you can't get anywhere else. This service is compatible with any Internet-enabled computer, phone, or tablet and also available on Roku, Xbox, and Apple TV with your library card number.



Try out InstantFlix today at [bit.ly/LPLinstantflix](http://bit.ly/LPLinstantflix). Don't forget that the last four digits of your library card number are your PIN!

## Light Bulb Christmas Ornament

Make your very own snowman Christmas ornament with a lightbulb at our workshop for ages 18 and up. It's easy, fun, and looks great on your tree! All supplies are provided.

**A-S:** Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

**STH:** Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

**MB:** Friday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit our online event calendar to register.



Looking for more gift ideas? Check out our do-it-yourself holiday book list! Visit <http://bit.ly/diyholidaycraft> to find more DIY crafts that could make the perfect gift for a loved one.

# Hogwarts Yule Ball

Livingston Parish Library requests the pleasure of your company at our Hogwarts- inspired Yule Ball. Come celebrate a magical night! Muggle formal attire is suggested but not required. For ages 18 and up only.

**WAT:** Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m.

**DSW:** Monday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit our online event calendar to register.*



**Find something new to read with our library book lists! Visit <http://bit.ly/staffbookrecs> to find new fiction and nonfiction to delight readers of many different genres.**

## Make A Waterlily Pincushion

It's simple! Ages 18 and up are invited to make a lovely waterlily pincushion at this workshop for ages 18 and up. The finished product would make a wonderful gift with a personal touch...or keep it for yourself!

**DSW:** Thursday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 686-4140 or visit our online event calendar to register.*

## Small Business Resources

Do you own a small business or are you interested in starting one? Take advantage of these free small business resources at the library!

### Gale Small Business Builder

This brand-new resource offers step-by-step guidance for new entrepreneurs, experienced small business owners, and those starting or running a nonprofit. The database leads users through five areas of exploration in order to create business plan focused on long-term success. Visit [mylpl.info/research](http://mylpl.info/research) to get started today.

### Small Business Reference Center

This resource provides up-to-date information on relevant topics from starting a company, operations management and sales to growing or rescuing a business. The database contains nearly 400 full-text periodicals and over 450 full-text reference books. Visit [mylpl.info/research](http://mylpl.info/research) to start collecting this valuable information now,

### Small Business Consulting

Receive a private, one-hour consulting session in areas including business plans, advertising plans, inventory control, financial projections, cost analysis, and much more.

**MB:** Wednesday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*This program is sponsored by the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University. To register for a consulting appointment at the library, please call the LSBDC at (225) 664-6638.*

## Try New Things

### Chess @ Your Library

Are you a chess player looking for new opponents? Have you never played but want to learn? Adults and teens can come out to Chess @ Your Library hosted by the Denham Springs-Walker Branch to meet new people, play a few matches, or learn the basics on **Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:00 p.m.** All skill levels are welcome.

### Joyful Reads Book Club

Do you love uplifting tales of hope and faith? If so, join us for coffee and a lively discussion at the South Branch's Joyful Reads Book Club on **Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m.** This month, we are reading *The Christmas Angel Project* by Melody Carlson.

### Cookbook Challenge

Ages 18 and up can learn to cook, improve your skills, or show off your kitchen talent at the Main Branch's culinary book club. Our next meeting is **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m.** New members are always welcome.

Each month, we will each choose a recipe based on a theme. The following month, participants bring their cooked dish back for everyone to sample. *Registration is required.*

### Eclectic Book Club

Want to meet some interesting characters? Join the Denham Springs-Walker Branch Eclectic Book Club on **Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.** Discussions cover both fiction and nonfiction. This month we are reading *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. New members are always welcome.



# Kids World



## LEGO Mania

### LEGO Meets Edison Robots

Enthusiasts ages 8-18 are invited to join a group that meets monthly at the Albany-Springfield Branch to learn more about how LEGO building and simple robots can be combined using Edison technology. We meet twice on **Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 686-4130 or visit our online event calendar to register.*

### LEGO Club

Can't get enough LEGOs? Ages 5-11 can also join the Watson Branch's monthly LEGO club! LEGO Club meets **Thursday, Dec. 28 at 5:30 p.m.** Each month features a new building challenge. *LEGOs are provided by the library.*

## Snow Stories Puppet Show

Snuggled warm inside, we're telling Snow Stories this month at the library! Join us for a holiday-themed puppet show and popsicle stick ornaments at this family-oriented program for ages 3-11.

**WAT:** Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
**MB:** Friday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.  
**A-S:** Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.  
**DSW:** Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit our online event calendar to register.*

## FREE SESAME STREET EBOOKS!

Do YOU know how to get to Sesame Street? Livingston Parish Library does—with Sesame Street eBooks! The library's brand-new online eBook collection presents more than 150 eBooks based on the popular television show *Sesame Street*. These eBooks include read-alongs, animation, and interactive elements with a special emphasis on skills that help preschoolers get ready for school. *This collection can be accessed both from the library and from home with a library card number. Try it out today at [mylpl.info/ebooks](http://mylpl.info/ebooks).*

## Wiggle Worms: Music and Movement

Did you know that music and dance fosters important literacy development in early childhood? Join us for this fun and creative program for babies - age 5 and their caregivers. Come wiggle and groove with us!

**MB:** Monday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.  
**DSW:** Friday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m.

*Questions? Please call the branch hosting your preferred event for details.*



# Emoji Gift Grab Fun Time

Create your own Emoji gifts and play games at the library. All materials are provided; just bring your imagination. It's Emoji fun for ages 8-11!

**MB:** Thursday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m.

**STH:** Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

**DSW:** Friday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m.

**A-S:** Thursday, December 28 at 2:00 p.m.

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit our online event calendar to register.*

# Book Babies Play Date

Bring all the kids for a play date at the library! We will have baby safe areas and big kid activities too. Enjoy stories, music, games, and more every first Friday of the month.

**WAT:** Friday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m.

*Questions? Please call the Watson Branch at (225) 686-4180 for details.*



## Storytime

*Every week, Livingston Parish Library offers storytime for babies through age 5. Storytime helps develop pre-reading skills while children and their caregivers have lots of fun! We read books, present puppet shows, sing songs, play games, and make cool crafts.*

### MONDAY

**Baby Storytime (Babies-Age 2)**

9:45 a.m.

Denham Springs-Walker

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:30 a.m.

Denham Springs-Walker

### TUESDAY

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:30 a.m.

Denham Springs-Walker

### WEDNESDAY

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:00 a.m.

Main Branch

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:00 a.m.

South

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:00 a.m.

Watson

### THURSDAY

**Storytime (Babies-Age 5)**

10:00 a.m.

Albany-Springfield

Please visit [mylpl.info/storytime](http://mylpl.info/storytime) for details.



## Storytime Break

*All branches of the Livingston Parish Library **WILL NOT** host storytime Monday, December 25 - Thursday, January 4. Storytime will resume the week of Monday, January 8 at our normal times.*

# THE TEEN SCENE



## Teen Clubs

### Teen Anime Club

Calling all anime and manga enthusiasts! Join our Teen Anime Club. We will watch anime, discuss what manga we've read, learn about Japanese culture, play games, and more.

**MB:** Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**DSW:** Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

**WAT:** Thursday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

### Young Writers Club

Open to ages 12-18, this club's goal is to help one another become better writers, to provide inspiration, and to offer advice and support.

**DSW:** Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

**DSW:** Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 5:00 p.m.

### Teen Book Club

Our Teen Book Clubs meet once a month to discuss books, enjoy refreshments, and more.

**MB:** Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

**DSW:** Monday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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Calling all teens who love to read!

## Wintertime Cold Wars Battle

Join us at the library for paper snowball fights, cold-themed games, and hot chocolate as we bring a little "snow" to Louisiana! This event is for ages 12-18.

**DSW:** Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

**WAT:** Tuesday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m.

*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit our online event calendar to register.*

## READ FREE ONLINE COMICS!

Access *thousands* of eComics and graphic novels on-the-go with Comics Plus! Log in with your library card number to browse our selection of eComics or use the search function to find something specific. Check out an unlimited number of titles for up to 7 days each. Read comics published by Boom! Studios, Dark Horse, Dynamite, Heroic Publishing, IDW, Lion Forge Comics, Zenescope, and many more at [mylpl.info/ecomics](http://mylpl.info/ecomics) now.

## The Art Studio: Acrylic Painting

This month's studio meeting features guest artist Lisa Kluka, who will be teaching a fluid acrylic painting technique. Create a unique canvas piece to take home. For ages 12-18. All supplies will be provided during the session.

**A-S:** Monday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m.

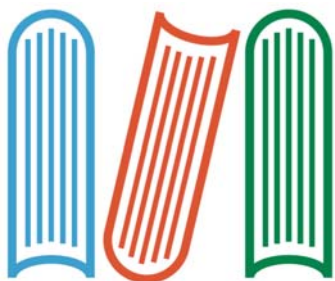
*Registration opens two weeks before the event. Please call the Albany-Springfield Branch at (225) 686-4130 or visit our online event calendar to register.*

## LPL Improv Group Games

Ages 12-18 are invited to learn and develop improv/sketch skills. Participate in interactive activities and exercises to get the creativity flowing.

**MB:** Thursday, December 28 at 6:00 p.m.

*Questions? Please call the Main Branch at (225) 686-4160 for details.*



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*FIND DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.*

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## ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD

12/4	10a	Adult Book Club	18+
12/7	6p	Lightbulb Snowman Christmas Ornament*	18+
12/11	4:30p	The Art Studio: Acrylic Painting*	12-18
12/12	6p	Snow Stories*	3-11
12/14	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/14	6p	Family Christmas Sing-Along	All Ages
12/19	4:30p	LEGO Meets Edison Robots*	8-18
12/19	6p	LEGO Meets Edison Robots*	8-18
12/21	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/28	2p	Emoji Gift Grab*	8-11

## DENHAM SPRINGS-WALKER

12/4	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
12/4	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/4	6p	Chess At Your Library for Adults and Teens	
12/5	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/7	10a	Waterlily Pincushion*	18+
12/7	5p	Young Writers Club	12-18
12/7	6:30p	Writers Circle	18+
12/8	10:30a	Wiggle Worms	Babies-5
12/11	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
12/11	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/12	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/12	5:30p	Teen Anime Club	12-18
12/13	10a	Coloring & Coffee	18+

12/14	6p	Cold Wars*	12-18
12/18	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
12/18	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/18	5:30p	Teen Book Club	12-18
12/19	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/19	5p	Young Writers Club	12-18
12/19	6:30p	Eclectic Book Club	18+
12/21	6p	Snow Stories*	3-11
12/22	2p	Emoji Gift Grab*	8-11

## MAIN BRANCH

12/4	10a	Wiggle Worms	Babies-5
12/5	3p	Teen Book Club	12-18
12/5	6p	Teen Anime Club	12-18
12/6	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/6	2:30p	After School	12-18
12/6	2:30p	Mighty Moms	All Ages
12/7	3p	Emoji Gift Grab*	8-11
12/8	10a	Snow Stories*	3-11
12/12	6p	Teen Advisory Board	12-18
12/13	9a	Business Consulting*	18+
12/13	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/13	2:30p	After School	12-18
12/13	2:30p	Mighty Moms	All Ages
12/14	10:30a	Book Club	18+
12/14	6p	Cookbook Challenge	18+
12/15	10a	Lightbulb Snowman Christmas Ornament*	18+
12/18	9:30a	Sit and Sew	18+
12/20	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/20	2:30p	After School	12-18
12/20	2:30p	Mighty Moms	All Ages
12/28	6p	LPL Improv Group	12-18

## SOUTH

12/5	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	18+
12/6	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/7	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	18+
12/12	6p	Lightbulb Snowman Christmas Ornament*	18+
12/13	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/14	5:30p	Teen Advisory Board	12-18
12/19	6p	Emoji Gift Grab*	8-11
12/20	10a	Storytime	Babies-5

## WATSON

12/5	5:30p	Snow Stories*	3-11
12/6	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/7	5:30p	Teen Advisory Board	12-18
12/8	10:30a	Book Babies	Babies-5
12/12	5:30p	Hogwarts Yule Ball*	18+
12/13	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/14	10a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	18+
12/14	6p	Spine Tinglers Book Club	18+
12/19	5:30p	Cold Wars*	12-18
12/20	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
12/21	5:30p	Teen Anime Club	12-18
12/28	5:30p	LEGO Club	5-11

*Programs marked with an \* require preregistration. To register, please call or stop by the front desk of the branch where the program will take place. Online registration is also available at [mylpl.info](http://mylpl.info).*



**FRIENDS OF THE  
LIVINGSTON  
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

# Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for volunteer work in a valuable organization? Want to move straight to the top? The Friends of the Livingston Library System are looking for volunteers interested in leadership positions!

FOLLS is a 501c3 organization that supports the programs of the Livingston Parish Library System by raising funds and helping to inform the public of library services.

Interested? Pick up and fill out an application at any library branch or e-mail it to FOLLS at

[livingstonlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:livingstonlibraryfriends@gmail.com).



# Staff Spotlight: Jennifer Oglesby

Jennifer Oglesby likes to help people. As the first digital services librarian in Livingston Parish Library history, it's the first part of the job description.

Oglesby oversees the Denham Springs-Walker Branch's brand new Idea Lab, a space that houses technology available for patrons to create different projects. A graduate from LSU with her Master of Library and Information Sciences degree in 2014, she demonstrates different technologies in the lab, teaches people how to use them, and even assists people with their projects.

Read on to learn more about the Idea Lab, how Oglesby became a digital services librarian, and what she gets up to outside the library!

## What is the Idea Lab?

The concept of the Idea Lab is to have technology and make it available to the general public, especially things you may not be able to have on your own because they may be expensive or uncommon or just a little odd to have in your house, but that you need every once in a while.

## Why did you decide to become a librarian?

When I first started out, I knew I wanted to do something I could help people with. I already loved books and reading, so I was already aware of libraries. I decided "Sounds like a great idea. Let's do that." When I was in library school, I knew I wanted to be in libraries but I wasn't quite sure where. I actually considered business libraries for a while, which is not at all what I want to do. I realized when I was talking about libraries, I meant public libraries. I was thinking reference-type work, where you help people with their research, find out what they need to know, and show them how to use the tools they need to help them accomplish their goals and improve their lives and the community at large. I really want to help with that.

**To read the full Staff Spotlight and learn more about our digital services librarian and the Idea Lab, please visit [mylpl.info/jennifer-oglesby](http://mylpl.info/jennifer-oglesby).**



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Fri 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### DENHAM SPRINGS-WALKER

8101 US Hwy 190  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
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Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### WATSON

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Denham Springs, LA 70706  
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