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Celebrate At Comic Con!

Celebrate your favorite fandom at our third annual Comic Con, now held at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch of the Livingston Parish Library! The event is **Saturday, February 3 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



What is Comic Con? A celebration of all things comic book, movie, television, and pop culture! Want to dress up as your favorite character? Why not? *Costumes are not required for Comic Con, but they are definitely encouraged!*

Some of the activities to be found at this year's Comic Con include:

- Test your wits against our Harry Potter Escape Room
- Play a game of Quidditch
- Show off your fandom knowledge in SuperWhoLock

- Live speed painting demonstration with local artist Sierra Bobo
- Battle it out over Marvel vs DC
- Compete in a Costume Contest for all ages.



Between events, enjoy our local vendors, games, photo ops, crafts, and activities for all ages. There is something for everyone at Comic Con!

Because of anticipated growth, this event is taking place at the Library's Denham Springs-Walker Branch, 8101 U.S. Hwy. 190 in Denham Springs.

Questions? Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 686-4140 for details.



Feb. Closings



Tuesday, February 13

Visit mylpl.info/calendar for a full listing of all library events in February!

The Adult Section



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, Feb. 5 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, Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m.** This month, we are reading *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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, We'll supply coloring sheets and implements.

DSW: Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 10:00 a.m.

STH: Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:00 p.m.

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Visit mylpl.info/calendar for details.

Mardi Gras Bead Art Crafting

Ever wonder what to do with all those left over Mardi Gras beads? Learn how to make a mosaic using a few simple materials and Mardi Gras beads. We will provide all materials, but you are welcome to bring any beads you wish. *This workshop is for ages 18 and up.*

MB: Friday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

DSW: Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m.

STH: Tuesday, February 27 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.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN TODAY!

Do you need one-on-one help from a librarian? Discuss subjects such as school projects, resumes, job applications, using Microsoft software, downloading eBooks, using social media, and much more!

All ages can book an appointment to meet with a library staff member who will assist you. *If you have technology questions, please bring your device with you.*

NeNoNew Year: Thank Goodness It's Over Party

Join us at the Livingston Parish Library to celebrate the end of NeNoNew Year with fellow writers! Those who wish can share an excerpt from their book. Bring extra copies if you want to exchange with fellow writers for feedback. Submit a copy to the library to win the "Staff Favorite" award, which will result in your book being published and placed in the library's collection. You can also enter to win "Longest Novel" and "Best First Page." *This event is open to both adults and teens.*

MB: Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m.

DSW: Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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



Are you a chocoholic? Check out our book lists featuring your favorite dessert at mylpl.info/chocolate. It's delicious!

Cupcake Wars Competition

Do you have what it takes to win Cupcake Wars at the library? You can find out by joining us in three rounds of cupcake-filled competition. We won't be baking any cupcakes but we will be eating some! *This competition is for ages 18 and up only.*

WAT: Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m.
MB: Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.
DSW: Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 p.m.
A-S: Tuesday, February 20 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.

Positive Parenting Workshop

Being a parent is hard! The Volunteers of America and Livingston Parish Library are here to help. Come to one or all of our parenting seminars to learn about the Positive Parenting Program, an evidence-based program that has been proven to work for most families, as well as all the new resources that the library has to offer. *For ages 18 and up.*

DSW: Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for each parenting seminar. To register, please call Volunteers of America at (225) 926-8005.

 **Looking for books on parenting? Livingston Parish Library has you covered! Visit <http://bit.ly/lplparenting> to the most up-to-date materials on parenting children through all ages and stages.**

Crochet Club Begins

Tie a string around your finger so you don't forget to attend Livingston Parish Library's new Crochet Club. All experience levels are welcome, from beginner to expert. Get hooked on creating! Bring your own supplies if you have them, but yarn will be provided. *For ages 18 and up.*

DSW: Thursday, February 8 at 2:00 p.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.

FOLLS Volunteers Wanted

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 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.

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 a business plan focused on long-term success. Visit 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 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, Feb. 14
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the LSBDC at Southeastern Louisiana University. To register, please call the LSBDC at (225) 664-6638.

Kids World



Fun For Kids

LEGO Club

Can't get enough LEGOs? Ages 5-11 can also join the Watson Branch's monthly LEGO club! LEGO Club meets **Thursday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m.** Each month features a new building challenge. *LEGOs are provided by the library.*

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.

Research shows that music and dance activities enhance life-long learning and neural development. Come wiggle and groove with us!

- MB:** Monday, Feb. 5 at 10:00 a.m.
DSW: Friday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
A-S: Monday, Feb. 26 at 10:00 a.m.



Questions? Please call the branch hosting your preferred event or visit

mylpl.info/calendar for details.

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Compete In Our Winter Games

In recognition and celebration of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, children and their families are invited to compete in Livingston Parish Library's very own unofficial Winter Games! Join us for indoor fun including activities inspired by figure skating, skiing, and more. *The games are for ages 3-8.*

- WAT:** Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.
DSW: Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.
A-S: Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.
MB: Monday, February 26 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.

TRY TUMBLEBOOK LIBRARY!

Looking for something to teach your kids the joy of reading? TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated, talking picture books kids love! This service works best with ages in kindergarten through sixth grade and can be accessed from home with your library card at mylpl.info/research.

Become Stargazers At The Library

Lift your eyes to the wonders of space at the Livingston Parish Library with activities exploring constellations, nebulae, and other wonders right above us. *This event is for ages 8-11.*

- A-S:** Tuesday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m.
STH: Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.
MB: Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m.
DSW: Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m.
WAT: Tuesday, February 27 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.



Looking for something new to read? Check out our library book lists! Visit <http://bit.ly/lplbooksforkids> to find new books today.

Feeding Young Minds Initiative

Feeding Young Minds is a joint project with Mighty Moms and the Livingston Parish School Board. Now available at all five Livingston Parish Library branches, volunteers provide snacks and drinks to hungry kids and teens throughout each month. The aim of the project is to eliminate childhood hunger in Livingston Parish.

ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD

Wednesday, February 7 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

DENHAM SPRINGS-WALKER

Thursday, February 1 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 8 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 15 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 22 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MAIN BRANCH

Wednesday, February 7 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

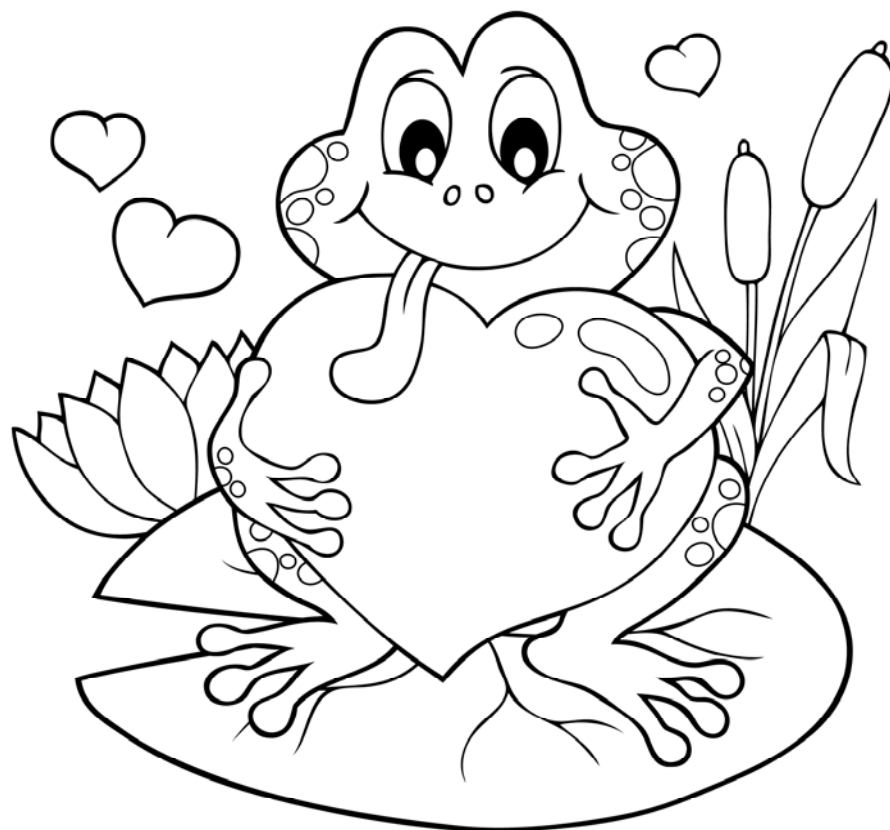
SOUTH

Monday, February 5 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 19 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

WATSON

Tuesday, February 6 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

 **To learn more about Feeding Young Minds or to volunteer, please visit www.mightymomsgo.org.**



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.
Albany-Springfield

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

*The Albany-Springfield Branch's weekly storytimes will change to Wednesdays after **Thursday, February 1.***



Book Babies

Bring all the kids for a play date at the Watson Branch on **Friday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m.** Enjoy stories, music, games, and more every first Friday of the month.

THE TEEN SCENE



Teen Events

Art Studio: Beginning Origami

This month's studio meeting features guest artist Asayo Dvorak, who will be teaching origami for beginners. Learn folding techniques to compose a complex representative figure. All supplies will be provided. *Registration is required.*

A-S: Monday, Feb. 5
at 4:30 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. *Writers of all genres are welcome.*

DSW: Thursday, Feb. 1
at 5:00 p.m.

DSW: Tuesday, Feb. 20
at 5:00 p.m.

Teen Anime Club

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

WAT: Thursday,
Feb. 15
at 5:30 p.m.

Teen Trivia Night Challenge

Do you love trivia? Join us at your favorite branch of the library and show us your knowledge of random facts at Teen Trivia Night!

DSW: Thursday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m.

A-S: Monday, February 19 at 4:30 p.m.

WAT: Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m.

STH: Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.

MB: Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 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.

AFTER SCHOOL HANG OUT!

Come hang out with us at the Main Branch every Wednesday afternoon! We'll have technology, video games, movies, and snacks starting at 2:30 p.m. *This event is for ages 12-18 only.*

Join Our Random Fandom

Do you totally geek out over your favorite movie, T.V. show, or book series? Celebrate your fandoms with other teens featuring discussions, trivia, games, crafts, snacks and more! Each month, we will focus on a different fandom.

DSW: Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Please call the Denham Springs-Walker Branch at (225) 686-4140 for more information.



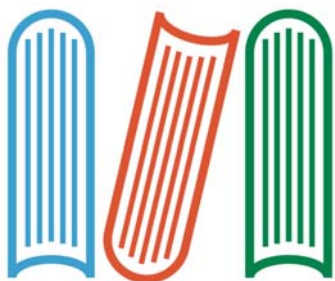
Looking for something new to read? Check out our library book lists! Visit <http://bit.ly/lplbooksforteens> to find new YA reads.

LPL Improv Group Game Fun

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, February 22 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.

February 2018

ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD

2/1	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/5	10a	Adult Book Club	18+
2/5	4:30p	The Art Studio: Beginning Origami*	12-18
2/6	5:30p	Stargazers*	8-11
2/7	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/7	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/14	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/19	4:30p	Teen Trivia*	12-18
2/20	6p	Cupcake Wars*	18+
2/21	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/21	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/22	6p	Winter Games*	3-8
2/26	10a	Wiggle Worms	Babies-5
2/28	10a	Storytime	Babies-5

DENHAM SPRINGS-WALKER

2/1	12:15p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/1	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/1	5p	Young Writers Club	12-18
2/1	6:30p	NeNoNewYear Thank Goodness Party	Teens & Adults
2/3	1p	Comic Con	All Ages
2/5	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
2/5	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/5	2p	Intermediate Word*	12+
2/5	6p	Chess @ Your Library For Adults and Teens	
2/6	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/6	4p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/8	12:15p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/8	2p	Crochet Club*	18+
2/8	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/8	5p	Teen Trivia*	12-18
2/9	10:30a	Wiggle Worms	Babies-5
2/10	10a	Positive Parenting*	18+
2/12	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
2/12	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/12	10:30a	Excel Basics*	12+
2/13	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5

2/14	10a	Coloring & Coffee	18+
2/15	12:15p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/15	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/15	6p	Winter Games*	3-8
2/17	9a	FOLLS Book Sale	All Ages
2/17	9:15a	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/18	3p	Cupcake Wars*	18+
2/19	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
2/19	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/20	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/20	2p	Intermediate Excel*	12+
2/20	5p	Young Writers Club	12-18
2/20	6:30p	Eclectic Book Club	18+
2/22	10a	Mardi Gras Bead Art*	18+
2/22	12:15p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/22	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/22	5:30p	Stargazers*	8-11
2/26	9:45a	Baby Storytime	Babies-2
2/26	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/27	10:30a	Storytime	Babies-5
1/27	5p	Random Fandom*	12-18

MAIN BRANCH

2/1	6p	NeNoNewYear Thank Goodness Party	Teens & Adults
2/3	9:30p	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/5	10a	Wiggle Worms	Babies-5
2/6	3p	Teen Book Club	12-18
2/7	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/7	2:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/7	2:30p	After School	12-18
2/8	10:30a	Book Club	18+
2/8	6p	Cupcake Wars*	18+
2/9	10a	Mardi Gras Bead Art*	18+
2/10	9:30a	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/14	9a	Business Consulting*	18+
2/14	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/14	2:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/14	2:30p	After School	12-18
2/17	9:30a	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/20	5:30p	Stargazers*	8-11
2/21	10a	Storytime	Babies-5

2/21	2:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/21	2:30p	After School	12-18
2/22	6p	LPL Improv Group	12-18
2/24	9:30a	VITA Tax Prep*	18+
2/26	10a	Winter Games*	3-8
2/27	3p	Teen Trivia*	12-18
2/28	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/28	2:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/28	2:30p	After School	12-18

SOUTH

2/5	3:30p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/6	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	18+
2/7	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/8	6p	Teen Advisory Board	12-18
2/14	5:30p	Stargazers*	8-11
2/20	6p	Teen Trivia*	12-18
2/21	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/22	5:30p	Bookies Book Club	18+
2/27	6p	Mardi Gras Bead Art*	All Ages
2/28	10a	Storytime	Babies-5

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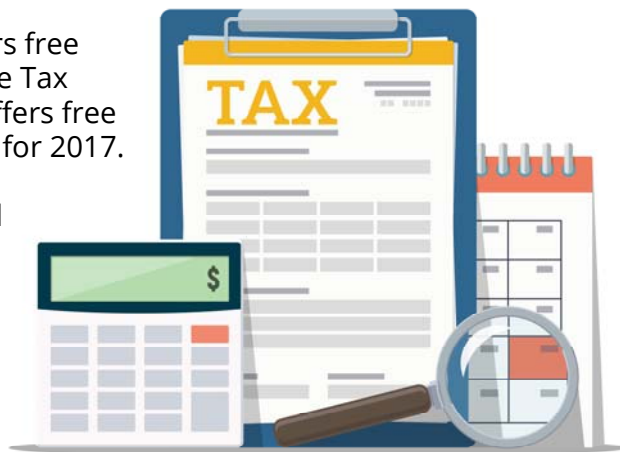
2/1	5:30p	Teen Advisory Board	12-18
2/2	10:30a	Book Babies	Babies-5
2/6	4p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/6	6p	Cupcake Wars*	18+
2/7	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/8	10a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	18+
2/8	6p	Spine Tingle Book Club	18+
2/10	2p	Winter Games*	3-8
2/14	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/15	5:30p	Teen Anime Club	12-18
2/20	4p	Feeding Young Minds	All Ages
2/20	5:30p	Teen Trivia*	12-18
2/21	10a	Storytime	Babies-5
2/22	5:30p	LEGO Club	8-11
2/27	5:30p	Stargazers*	8-11
2/28	10a	Storytime	Babies-5

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.

Get Your Taxes Done For Free With VITA!

Tax season begins this month, and Livingston Parish Library offers free tax preparation through April. Co-sponsored by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Internal Revenue Service, this service offers free tax preparation for participants with lower or moderate incomes for 2017.

Using VITA is easy. Bring tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s, and information for deductions and credits along with a copy of last year's tax return and a Social Security card for yourself, a spouse, and dependents. Volunteers will prepare most simple returns, but more complicated returns will not be processed.



Denham Springs-Walker

Thursday, February 1 | 12:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6 | 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 8 | 12:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 15 | 12:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, February 17 | 9:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 22 | 12:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Main Branch

Saturday, February 3 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 10 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 17 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 24 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, please call 2-1-1 or the branch hosting your preferred event. VITA also offers free e-filing. Please visit mylpl.info/taxes for details.

CONTACT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY

MAIN BRANCH

20390 Iowa Street
Livingston, LA 70754
Phone: (225) 686-4160

Mon & Wed 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues & Thurs 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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
Phone: (225) 686-4140

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

WATSON

36581 Outback Road
Denham Springs, LA 70706
Phone: (225) 686-4180

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ALBANY-SPRINGFIELD

P.O. Box 1256 Albany, LA 70711
26941 LA Hwy 43
Hammond, LA 70403
Phone: (225) 686-4130

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SOUTH

23477 LA Hwy 444
Livingston, LA 70754
Phone: (225) 686-4170

Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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