



LIVINGSTON PARISH  
**LIBRARY**



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## LIVINGSTON PARISH BOOK FESTIVAL

**Join Us for Livingston Parish's Biggest Celebration of Books and Literacy!**



The 9th Annual Livingston Parish Book Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at the Main Branch in Livingston.

This family-friendly event is free to attend and open to all ages. All other branches of the Livingston Parish Library will be closed on Nov. 9.

First held in 2013, the Livingston Parish Book Festival is the Library's biggest single-day event, drawing thousands of people from across the parish.

This year's festival will feature author discussions, book signings, live music, games, concessions, food trucks, bounce houses, an "I Spy" Room, and other activities for the entire family to enjoy. Visitors will also be able to utilize any of the library's resources during the event, and those who attend will receive free books while supplies last.

### Johnette Downing to Headline!

Headlining this year's Book Festival will be Johnette Downing, an award-winning singer, musician, composer, author, illustrator, and poet.

Called the "Musical Ambassador to Children" and the "Pied Piper of Louisiana Music Traditions," Downing serves up a gumbo of Louisiana roots music and books in a toe-tapping, two-stepping fun time for families across the globe.

The 2017 recipient of the Louisiana Writer Award, Downing is dedicated to celebrating childhood, nurturing cultural exchanges, and fostering literacy through her music and books.



### Other Performers and Attractions

For live music, visitors will be treated to the soulful sounds of Will Vance and the Kinfolk, a rock and roll band that tours across south Louisiana.

There will be a meet and greet with the Petite Princess Company's Blue and Orange Dog, and visitors will also be able to interact with animals from Bee Happy Farm and Mobile Petting Zoo.

This year's Book Festival will feature more than 40 local authors and community organizations. Event vendors are Cavalier House Books and Carpe Librum Crafts.

For more information, visit [www.mylpl.info/BookFestival](http://www.mylpl.info/BookFestival) or call the Livingston Parish Library at (225) 686-4100.





# LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY TO LAUNCH SEED LIBRARIES

The Livingston Parish Library's collection is growing — literally.

In partnership with Livingston Master Gardeners, the Library is excited to announce the launch of a new service, seed libraries.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a beginner, our seed libraries offer a variety of seeds that you can "borrow" for free.

It's simple: Browse our selection, choose your seeds, get planting instructions, sign the "Checkout" sheet, and grow a garden!

Seed libraries will be available at all five of LPL branches starting October 1. Seeds and instructions will be maintained by the Livingston Parish chapter of the Louisiana Master Gardeners. Seed donations are welcome.

Together, we can cultivate a greener Livingston Parish!



## ANCESTRY DATABASES EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY. DISCOVER YOURS!

In celebration of National Family History Month, the Library wants to help you discover the story of YOU! Learn about your family's history with these databases, available through the Livingston Parish Library. To see everything we have, visit [www.mylpl.info/databases](http://www.mylpl.info/databases).



### African American Heritage by ProQuest

Created in partnership with leading African American genealogists and recognized leaders in genealogical information, this groundbreaking digital resource is devoted to African American family history research.

This comprehensive mix of resources, records, and tools can help individuals obtain records critical to African American family research and connect them to a community of research experts.



### Ancestry (Library Edition)

Answers await everyone inside an unprecedented online collection of more than 7,000 databases! Unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.



### Heritage Quest

Discover the history of you in this comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources – rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, research guides, census maps, and more.

With more than 4.4 billion records, this essential collection of genealogical and historical sources – with coverage dating back to the 1700s – can help people find ancestors and discover a place's past.



### Fold3

Gain easy, convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of those who served.

With content from the Revolutionary War onward, this growing collection is an invaluable resource for historians, genealogists, researchers, veterans and their families, teachers, and more.



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

OCTOBER 2024

## MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/4	2:00p	No-Sew Mitten Monsters	Ages 5-7
10/8	2:00p	Sugar Skulls	Ages 13-18
10/9	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/10	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/11	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
10/16	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/31	6:00p	Third Annual Trunk or Treat at Your Library	All Ages

## ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/8	5:00p	Crochet 101	Ages 13-18
10/9	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/15	5:00p	Sugar Skulls	Ages 13-18
10/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/17	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## SOUTH

10/2	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/5	2:00p	Crochet 101	Ages 13-18
10/7	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
10/9	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/19	2:00p	No-Sew Mitten Monsters	Ages 5-7
10/21	4:00p	The Creative Krewe	Ages 8-18
10/23	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/29	5:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/1	5:00p	Crochet 101	Ages 13-18
10/3	6:00p	STEM Superstars: Articulating Hand	Ages 6-12
10/7	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/7	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/10	6:00p	Anime Club	Ages 13-18
10/14	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/14	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/15	5:00p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
10/16	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/17	6:00p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/18	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
10/21	9:45a	Book Babies	Ages 0-2
10/21	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/22	6:00p	Safe Paws: Animal Safety Workshop	All Ages
10/24	6:00p	No-Sew Mitten Monsters	Ages 5-7
10/28	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5

## WATSON

10/2	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/3	5:00p	Teen Advisory Board	Ages 13-18
10/3	5:30p	Teen Hangout	Ages 13-18
10/4	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
10/9	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/10	5:30p	No-Sew Mitten Monsters	Ages 5-7
10/16	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5
10/17	5:30p	Sugar Skulls	Ages 13-18
10/18	10:30a	Wiggle Worms: Music & Movement	Ages 0-5
10/23	10:30a	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Ages 0-5
10/24	5:30p	LEGO Club	Ages 5-12
10/30	10:30a	Storytime	Ages 0-5

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## ★ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 18+

### MAIN BRANCH IN LIVINGSTON

10/5	1:00p	Spooky Wreath	Ages 18+
10/17	5:30p	Leaf Printed Dish Towel	Ages 18+
10/23	2:00p	Lawyers in Libraries	Ages 18+
10/25	1:00p	Let's Create! Fabric Mache Bowls	Ages 18+
10/29	10:30a	Main Branch Book Club	Ages 18+

### ALBANY - SPRINGFIELD

10/4	1:00p	Let's Create! Fabric Mache Bowls	Ages 18+
10/12	1:00p	Crafting Club	Ages 18+
10/18	1:00p	Spooky Wreath	Ages 18+
10/26	11:00a	Puzzle Café	Ages 18+
10/28	10:00a	Albany-Springfield Book Club	Ages 18+

### SOUTH

10/1	10:30a	Joyful Reads Book Club	Ages 18+
10/5	10:30a	Friends & Needles: A Fiber Arts Circle	Ages 16+
10/10	4:30p	Spooky Wreath	Ages 18+
10/26	10:30a	Leaf Printed Dish Towel	Ages 18+

### DENHAM SPRINGS - WALKER

10/3	6:00p	Adult Writers' Club	Ages 18+
10/4	12:00p	Alzheimer's Services Caregiver Support Group	Ages 18+
10/9	1:00p	Seaux Easy	Ages 18+
10/12	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+
10/15	5:00p	Leaf Printed Dish Towel	Ages 18+
10/16	2:00p	Hooks & Loops Crochet Club	Ages 18+
10/17	2:00p	Box of Chocolates Book Club	Ages 18+
10/19	1:30p	Master Gardener: Plant Swap	Ages 18+
10/21	2:00p	Lawyers in Libraries	Ages 18+
10/23	2:00p	Let's Create! Fabric Mache Bowls	Ages 18+
10/26	1:00p	Afternoon Board Games	Ages 18+

### WATSON

10/1	5:30p	Spooky Wreath	Ages 18+
10/8	11:00a	Sunny Side Up Inspirational Book Club	Ages 18+
10/8	6:00p	Spine Tingers Book Club	Ages 18+
10/11	1:00p	Let's Create! Fabric Mache Bowls	Ages 18+
10/22	5:30p	Leaf Printed Dish Towel	Ages 18+

All in-person events in red require pre-registration. To register, please call your preferred branch or visit [www.mylpl.info](http://www.mylpl.info) and click on events.

# KIDS CORNER

## NO-SEW MITTEN MONSTERS

Join us as we transform ordinary mittens into adorable monsters without a single stitch. Let your creativity run wild as you build your very own cuddly companion to keep you entertained all winter long. Registration is required. *For ages 5-7.*

MAIN	Friday, October 4	2:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 10	5:30 pm
STH	Saturday, October 19	2:00 pm
DSW	Thursday, October 24	6:00 pm



## THIRD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AT YOUR LIBRARY

Make the Livingston Parish Library one of your safe trick-or-treating stops this year! Come in costume and show off your spookalicious style at Main (Livingston) Branch's Third Annual Trunk or Treat. Bring yourself, and we'll provide both the trunk and the treat. Don't be afraid! Things won't be too spooky at this family-friendly stop. *For all ages.*

MAIN Thursday, October 31 6:00 pm



## SAFE PAWS: ANIMAL SAFETY WORKSHOP

It's National Animal Safety and Protection Month! Pet owners, come learn essentials about keeping pets safe in the heat, making a pet first aid kit, traveling with pets, and so much more! Miranda Young of Magnolia Pet Sitting Services will teach us how to keep our best friends safe and happy. Plus, you'll get to meet Miranda's very own furry friend, Mowgli. For the safety of our presenter and guests, no pets are allowed at this program. Registration is required. *For all ages.*

DSW Tuesday, October 22 6:00 pm



## STEM Superstars: Articulating Hand

We use our hands all the time, but let's take a moment to appreciate what an incredible marvel they are! Join the STEM Superstars as we build an articulating hand model using simple craft items. *For ages 6-12.*

DSW Thursday, October 3 6:00 pm





# TEEN SCENE

## CROCHET 101

Calling all book lovers and craft enthusiasts! Join us for an engaging program where you'll be introduced to the art of crochet and create your own personalized bookmark. Beginners welcome - let's get creative together! Registration is required. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW	Tuesday, October 1	5:00 pm
STH	Saturday, October 5	2:00 pm
AS	Tuesday, October 8	5:00 pm



## ANIME CLUB

Welcome to the world of anime! We will watch a different anime every month and explore Japanese culture through activities and library resources. Refreshments provided. *For ages 13-18.*

DSW      Thursday, October 10      6:00 pm



## SUGAR SKULLS

Join us for a fun-filled activity by designing your own sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos - Day of the Dead. This is a celebration in Hispanic Culture that honors loved ones who have passed and dates back some 3,000 years! Hang up for decoration purposes only. Registration is required. Refreshments are provided. *For ages 13-18.*

MAIN	Tuesday, October 8	2:00 pm
AS	Tuesday, October 15	5:00 pm
WAT	Thursday, October 17	5:30 pm



## TEEN HANGOUT

Join us for a teen hangout! Bring your friends or come to make new ones where everyone is welcome! Video games, activities, crafts, snacks, and more! *For ages 13-18.*

WAT	Thursday, October 3	5:30 pm
DSW	Tuesday, October 15	5:00 pm





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## MASTER GARDENER: PLANT SWAP

Waste not, want not! Do you have an abundance of plants you want to share with other gardening enthusiasts? Join us for our annual plant swap. Bring a plant to share, leave with a plant you didn't have before. Plant clippings, full plants, seeds, and bulbs are welcome! This program is presented by the Livingston Parish Library in partnership with the Livingston Parish chapter of the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Master Gardener Program. *For ages 18+.*

DSW Saturday, October 19 1:30 pm



## SPOOKY WREATH

Embrace the Halloween spirit by creating a hauntingly beautiful wreath that will make your front door the talk of the neighborhood! We will transform a wreath form and book pages into a Spooky Wreath perfect for the season!

Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

WAT	Tuesday, October 1	5:30 pm
MAIN	Saturday, October 5	1:00 pm
STH	Thursday, October 10	4:30 pm
AS	Friday, October 18	1:00 pm



## LEAF PRINTED DISH TOWEL

Fall is in the air and so are falling leaves. No need to rake them all; bring a variety from your yard to the library for this fun craft. We will capture leaf prints on a cotton dish towel for a lasting autumn look. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

DSW	Tuesday, October 15	5:00 pm
MAIN	Thursday, October 17	5:30 pm
WAT	Tuesday, October 22	5:30 pm
STH	Saturday, October 26	10:30 am





## LET'S CREATE! FABRIC MACHE BOWLS

It's fabric paper mache! Join us as we create fabric bowls from leftover fabric scraps that are both cute and functional. All supplies provided. Registration is required. *For ages 18+.*

AS	Friday, October 4	1:00 pm
WAT	Friday, October 11	1:00 pm
DSW	Wednesday, October 23	2:00 pm
MAIN	Friday, October 25	1:00 pm



## CRAFTING CLUB

Need a place to work on your latest arts and crafts project away from home? Would you like a place to socialize with like-minded artists? Try out our new Crafting Club at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library! Bring your own project and utilize our selection of tools; create and socialize with other crafty adults. Registration is preferred. *For ages 18+.*

AS      Saturday, October 12      1:00 pm



## HOOKS & LOOPS CROCHET CLUB

Get hooked on making loops into cool things (also known as crochet)! Are you an absolute beginner? You'll get one-on-one instructions on how to get started, plus some yarn and loaner hooks. Are you more than a novice but have yet to become an expert? Get project help and advice here. Are you a veteran crocheter? Join us to swap ideas, work on your latest creation, and share your knowledge. Whatever you are, come by and have fun crocheting! Bring your supplies, and spin a yarn with like-minded crafters. *For ages 18+.*

DSW      Wednesday, October 16      2:00 pm



## ADULT WRITERS' CLUB

Are you looking for a friendly writer's atmosphere? People to share ideas with? Feedback for your latest writing project? Our creative writing group is for you. We focus on support, helping each other, and having fun! All genres and all levels, from novice to pro writers, are welcome. During each club meeting, we will participate in troubleshooting discussions, enjoy some writing time, and end the session with friendly feedback for those who want it. To find out how to join, contact Lee Cline at [lccline@mylpl.info](mailto:lccline@mylpl.info). *For ages 18+.*

DSW      Thursday, October 3      6:00 pm



# A SPOOKY STORYTIME IN THE PARK



## Join us for a Spooky Storytime at the Park!

Members of the LPL's Outreach team will entertain visitors at Walker's Sidney Hutchinson Park with Halloween tales, festive songs, and a fun pumpkin suncatcher craft to get you into the Halloween spirit! The Library's Bookmobile will also be on-site.

The Spooky Storytime at the Park is intended for ages 0-5, but the entire family is welcome! Costumes, blankets, and chairs are encouraged.

**Location:** Sidney Hutchinson Park in Walker

**Date:** Saturday, October 19

**Time:** 10 a.m.

## TAKE & MAKES



### Chomping Cup Dinosaur - For Kids

CHOMP! CHOMP! ROAR!  
Make a fun dinosaur toy using paper cups and string! Kits available at all branches while supplies last. *For ages 5-12.*



### Lightbulb Spider - For Adults

Don't get stuck on the 'WEB', grab a take & make instead. Everything you'll need is inside to make a creepy crawly surprise. Grab your kit while supplies last. *For ages 18+.*

## BRANCHES

### 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. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 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.

### 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. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 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

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. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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