

HAVE BOOK—WILL TRAVEL

Summer Reading 2023
MAY 24–JULY 31



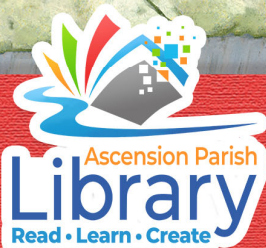
KIDS



TEENS



ADULTS



Sign up at myAPL.beanstack.org
or by using the Beanstack app



Summer reading is for **EVERYONE!**



Registration begins on Wednesday, May 24. You can register online at myAPL.beanstack.org or by using the Beanstack app. All participation must be logged online by Monday, July 31, to be redeemed for prizes. Prizes provided by a generous donation from Friends of the Ascension Public Library.



Read to Me kids (ages birth–5 years)—Earn prizes based on the number of books that are read to you.
Kids (ages 6–11 years)—Earn prizes based on the number of books, magazines, or audiobooks that you read or listen to.

After registering, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive a summer reading calendar, reading log, pencil, magnet, and bookmark.

After logging 20 books for Read to Me or 5 books for kids ages 6–11, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive a certificate, tote bag, one pick from our prize bin, one free bowling pass to Premier Lanes, one Raising Cane's free Kids Combo bookmark, and one Chick-fil-A gift card that can be redeemed for one of three dessert items. You will also earn one chance in our Grand Prize drawing for Read to Me or kids.

For each additional 20 books logged for Read to Me or 5 books logged for kids ages 6–11, you will receive one additional chance in our Grand Prize drawing.*

Read to Me Grand Prize—Wooden wobble board and wavy circle balance beam

Kids Grand Prize—Binoculars and digital camera



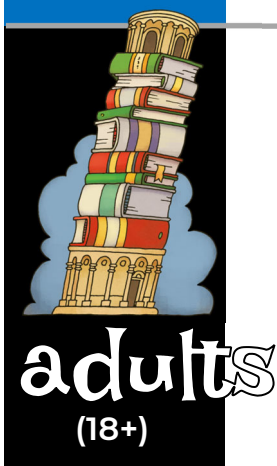
Teens (ages 12–18 years**)—Earn prizes based on the number of books, magazines, or audiobooks that you read or listen to.

After registering, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive a summer reading calendar, reading log, pen, and bookmark.

After logging 3 books, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive one sling backpack, one pick from our prize bin, one free bowling pass to Premier Lanes, one Raising Cane's free Kids Combo bookmark, and one Chick-fil-A gift card that can be redeemed for one of three dessert items. You will also earn one chance in our Teen Grand Prize drawing.

For each additional 3 books logged, you will receive one additional chance to win our Teen Grand Prize.*

Teen Grand Prize—Beats ear buds



Adults (ages 18+)—Earn prizes based on the number of books, magazines, or audiobooks that you read or listen to.

After registering, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive a summer reading calendar and a reading log.

After logging 3 books, visit any Ascension Parish Library location to receive a tote bag. You will also earn one chance in our Adult Grand Prize drawing.

For each additional 3 books logged, you will receive one additional chance to win our Adult Grand Prize.*

Adult Grand Prize—Tastings from Around the World gift basket, Rouses Market gift card, and *Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide* by Cecily Wong and Dylan Thuras

** Limit: Up to 25 chances*

***18-year-old participants may choose whether they want to participate in our Teen or Adult Summer Reading program.*

Note: Prizes available while supplies last.

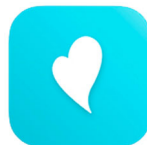
Have Book—Will Travel

How do I register for Ascension Parish Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program?

Beginning Wednesday, May 24, participants of all ages can register online at myAPL.beanstack.org, through the Beanstack app, or in person at any Ascension Parish Library location.

I searched the app store and only see Beanstack Tracker. Is that the right app?

Yes. It will have a white heart on a blue background app icon.



How do I register using the Beanstack app?

You will first be prompted to select how you will participate in Beanstack. Choose "At my library, school, or bookstore." Next, you will need to search for Ascension Parish Library. Then sign in with your Beanstack username and password.

I've used Beanstack online before. Do I need a new log in when I use the app?

No. If you have already used Beanstack's website in the past, use your same username and password to sign in on the app.

Do library events require registration?

Only some events require advance registration. See individual event descriptions regarding each event's details.

How do I register for an event that requires it?

It's very simple. Just give us a call or stop by and speak with a staff member when you visit any library location. Phone numbers and hours of operation for all of our library locations can be found on this page.

Are there any restrictions at in-person events?

The library will follow federal, state, and local mandates as necessary in the event of a health emergency.

What does "Packet Pickup" mean?

Packet Pickups are crafts that we have prepared for you to take home and complete. Many have all the components you would need to complete these crafts at home, while some require household items such as scissors, to complete. You should be able to complete them easily with the printed instructions found inside your packet.



Be sure to snap a photo of your finished creations and share them with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using [@myAPLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/myAPLibrary).

*Note: **ALL** events are subject to cancellation at any time. Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information regarding all of our summer events.*

Photos and videos taken at APL may be used in promotional materials by the library and its partners. By attending a library event, you consent to media recordings and waive all rights and royalties.



LOCATIONS & HOURS:



GONZALES

708 South Irma Blvd.

(225) 647-3955

Mon—Thu	8:30am—8:00pm
Fri & Sat	8:30am—5:30pm
Sun	2:00pm—6:00pm

DONALDSONVILLE temporary location

500 Mississippi St.

420 Mississippi St.

(225) 473-8052

Mon, Wed, Fri	8:30am—5:30pm
Tue & Thu	8:30am—8:00pm
Sat	8:30am—12:30pm
Sun	CLOSED

DUTCHTOWN

13278 Highway 73

(225) 673-8699

Mon, Wed, Fri	8:30am—5:30pm
Tue & Thu	8:30am—8:00pm
Sat	8:30am—12:30pm
Sun	CLOSED

GALVEZ

40300 Highway 42

(225) 622-3339

Mon, Wed, Fri	8:30am—5:30pm
Tue & Thu	8:30am—8:00pm
Sat	8:30am—12:30pm
Sun	CLOSED

PERFORMERS

Bright Star Touring Theater—Experience modern retellings of *The Velveteen Rabbit* and *Little Red and the Big Bully Wolf*, along with an original play, *Operation Kindness: A Captain Friendship Adventure*. Each show highlights themes of bully prevention, character education, and literacy.

Bright Star Touring Theatre is a national touring theatre company based in Asheville, North Carolina, with a mission to challenge, engage, and delight audiences worldwide. Designed for audiences of all ages.

June 1	10:00am	Gonzales
June 1	2:00pm	Gonzales
June 2	10:00am	Dutchtown
June 2	2:00pm	Galvez

Career Day with the New Orleans Opera Association—

Opera is storytelling using song, elaborate costumes, scenery, and lighting. Go behind the scenes to learn about essential jobs needed for a production by the New Orleans Opera Association (NOOA), the largest arts employer in Louisiana. From wig styling and makeup to sound production, scenery, front of house, and more, see what it takes to produce the magic that is opera.

NOOA recently completed its 81st season and aspires to connect people to the arts and each other through the joy of opera. Designed for teens ages 12–18, but all ages are welcome to attend.

June 3	10:00am	Gonzales
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Snakes of Louisiana with LA Snake ID—Slither on over and learn about snakes with Kevin Hood. Discover misconceptions about snakes and why they benefit our environment, along with some cool facts and common species native to our state. Kevin will also teach how to identify venomous snakes. After the show, audience members are welcome to pet, hold, and take photos with a few of the snakes presented.

Kevin Hood and his family started Louisiana Snake ID providing snake identification to friends on Facebook, and it grew to a social media following of 35,000 fans. The family travels the state for educational shows and was featured in articles in *Louisiana Sportsman*. Designed for audiences of all ages.

June 5	10:00am	Dutchtown
July 17	10:00am	Gonzales
July 18	10:00am	Galvez
July 18	2:00pm	Wag Center

Coppélia presented by Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre's

Youth Ballet—Set to the timeless music of Leo Delibes, *Coppélia* is a comic story ballet set hundreds of years ago in a festive Hungarian village. Follow the antics of Swanilda and Franz, two young lovebirds, who quarrel over the beautiful maiden in the window of the local toymaker's shop. Havoc ensues as Swanilda and her friends sneak into Dr. Coppélius' toy shop to discover life-size, dancing toys, and the truth about the girl in the window.

Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre's Youth Ballet is comprised of dancers ages 10–14 who are chosen each spring in city-wide auditions. Designed for kids and teens ages 6–15, but all ages are welcome.

June 8	9:30am	Galvez
June 8	11:30am	Gonzales

PERFORMERS**Celebrate Pollinator Week with Mariah Simoneaux—**

Learn about butterflies, bees, and other insects when the library hosts a celebration of pollinators. Pollinators are any insect or animal that helps carry pollen from flower to flower, which allows it to develop and produce fruit, seeds, and nuts.

This hands-on workshop, in partnership with the LSU AgCenter, Ascension 4-H, and Ascension Master Gardeners Association, is designed for kids ages 5–12, but all ages are welcome to attend.

June 15	10:00am	Galvez
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Mindfulness & Diversity Through Indian Classical Dance with Oindrila Bhar—

Odissi is a traditional dance that incorporates a story or message using symbolic costumes, body movements, and gestures. Learn classical Indian Odissi dance with Oindrila Bhar, an Odissi dancer, during this virtual visit. Oindrila will also show you some simple stress management techniques which she uses in her everyday life.

Oindrila was born and raised in Kolkata, state of West Bengal, India. *Following this interactive performance, there will be a survey to determine the topic Oindrila will explore during her second virtual visit on July 15.* Designed for kids ages 8 and up and their families, but all ages are welcome to attend.

June 17	10:00am	Gonzales
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Music & the Underground Railroad with Reggie Harris—

Folk singer, songwriter, and storyteller Reggie Harris spreads awareness about this important chapter in American history through his engaging, interactive concert of songs and stories about slavery and the quest for freedom. His performance spreads a message of joy, unity, tolerance, and peace.

Reggie Harris has been affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program for over two decades, performing at libraries, schools, and in-depth workshops for educators at all grade levels. Designed for kids ages 8 and up and their families, but all ages are welcome to attend.

June 20	10:00am	Dutchtown
June 20	2:00pm	Galvez
June 21	10:00am	Wag Center
June 21	2:00pm	Gonzales

Let's Get Together & Sing with Johnette Downing—

Take a toe-tapping, two-stepping trek around the globe with songs performed by Johnette Downing. This feel-good summer fête includes hand-clapping from "Anna Banana," Cajun two-stepping with "Bon Jour Mes Amis," call-and-response in "Wonderful Friends," and the square dance reel "Brass Wagon." Johnette will also feature her book *Petit Pierre and the Floating Marsh*, a story about friends building a community together.

Called the Musical Ambassador to Children and the Pied Piper of Louisiana Music Traditions, Johnette is a multi-award-winning singer, musician, composer, author, and poet from New Orleans. Her books and CDs will be available for purchase and signing. Designed for audiences of all ages.

July 7	10:00am	Galvez
July 7	2:00pm	Wag Center
July 8	10:00am	Dutchtown
July 8	2:00pm	Gonzales

PERFORMERS

Wonders of the Animal World with Barn Hill Preserve—

Have an up-close encounter and learn how to protect exotic animals and their habitats. Meet a bearded dragon, tortoise, or skink. Barn Hill Preserve's mobile outreach offers a great way to learn about natural wildlife and have a personal experience with animals from all over the planet.

Barn Hill Preserve, opened in 2012, educates students about wildlife and conservation through outreach and adds new exhibits and animals to their educational encounter tours each year. Designed for audiences of all ages.

July 10	10:00am	Dutchtown
July 20	10:00am	Wag Center
July 24	10:00am	Galvez
July 27	10:00am	Gonzales

Return to India with Oindrila Bhar—Gain a greater understanding of Indian culture during this virtual visit with Oindrila Bhar. Her topic of discussion will be determined at the end of her first virtual visit on June 17 and may be one of the following: traditional Indian food, the art of henna, Indian weddings, Indian mythological stories, or modern life in India. Designed for kids ages 8 and up and their families, but all ages are welcome to attend.

July 15	10:00am	Gonzales
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The Samba Man with Curtis Pierre—Experience an authentic Brazilian Carnival with the Samba Man, Mestre Curtis Pierre, as he demonstrates instruments of Samba schools of Brazil. Through his percussive performance, learn about Brazil's rich cultural and musical traditions, similarities to New Orleans traditions, and the importance of African roots and influences.

Mestre Curtis Pierre is the founder and director of Casa Samba, the first School of Samba in Louisiana and the Gulf South Region. Designed for audiences of all ages.

July 28	10:00am	Wag Center
July 28	2:00pm	Dutchtown
July 29	10:00am	Galvez
July 29	2:00pm	Gonzales

EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Pajama Storytime—Do you love hearing stories before bedtime? Then put on your favorite, comfy pajamas and join us for an evening of storytime fun. We will read stories, sing songs, and you will get to make an easy craft to take home. Pajama Storytime lasts approximately 25 minutes, followed by a quick craft. Kids ages 5 years and younger may need assistance.

June 8	6:30pm	Gonzales & Galvez
June 15	6:30pm	Dutchtown
July 13	6:30pm	Gonzales & Galvez
July 20	6:30pm	Dutchtown

Bilingual Storytime—Experience storytime in two languages! Kids ages 8 and younger and their families are invited to take part in this exciting and interactive storytime presented in both English and Spanish. Enjoy thirty minutes of stories, songs, and active play, followed by a fun and easy craft. Ahí nos vemos!

June 15	6:00pm	Gonzales
June 22	10:00am	Galvez
July 20	6:00pm	Gonzales
July 27	10:00am	Galvez

Traditional Bingo Day—It's all fun and games, and then you yell, "BINGO!" We'll play several rounds of traditional bingo and end with a game of blackout. Everyone is guaranteed to leave with a prize. The whole family is invited to attend. Kids ages 5 years and younger may need assistance.

July 17	2:00pm	Dutchtown
July 21	2:00pm	Gonzales
July 21	6:00pm	Gonzales
July 25	2:00pm	Galvez

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May 2023					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		24 Summer Reading 2023 begins!	25 Summer Weaving 10:00am Gonzales	26	27 Summer Weaving 10:00am Dutchtown
29 Library Closed	30 Pack Your Bags 10:00am Gonzales Penguin Fun 10:00am Galvez Packet Pickup Donaldsonville ONLY While supplies last	31 Land, Air, and Water 2:00pm Dutchtown			

June 2023



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for all ages for adults for teens for tweens for kids			1 How Does Your Sunflower Grow? Packet Pickup All Locations <i>While supplies last</i> Bright Star Touring Theater 10:00am & 2:00pm Gonzales Pack Your Bags 10:00am Galvez	2 Bright Star Touring Theater 10:00am Dutchtown 2:00pm Galvez	3 Career Day with the New Orleans Opera Association 10:00am Gonzales Summer Weaving 10:00am Galvez Recipes & Stories from Sicilian New Orleans with Elizabeth Williams 11:00am Galvez <i>Registration required</i>
5 Dutch Windmill Packet Pickup All Locations <i>While supplies last</i> Shiny Map Magnets Packet Pickup All Locations <i>While supplies last</i> Snakes of Louisiana with LA Snake ID 10:00am Dutchtown	6 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales Pack Your Bags 10:00am Dutchtown Land, Air, and Water 10:00am Galvez	7 Toddler Storytime 10:00am All Locations 10:30am Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez	8 Coppélia presented by BRBT's Youth Ballet 9:30am Galvez 11:30am Gonzales Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 5:30pm Dutchtown Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez	9 Encanto Packet Pickup Donaldsonville ONLY <i>While supplies last</i> Bingo Day for Adults 2:00pm Dutchtown My Neighbor Totoro 2:00pm Galvez	10 Watercolor Painting I with Becca Hillburn 10:00am Gonzales <i>Registration required</i> Land, Air, and Water 10:00am Gonzales Penguin Fun 10:00am Dutchtown Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez <i>Registration required</i>
12 Chinese Calligraphy Packet Pickup All Locations <i>While supplies last</i> Encanto 2:00pm Galvez	13 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales Guatemalan Worry Dolls 2:00pm Galvez	14 Toddler Storytime 10:00am All Locations 10:30am Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez	15 Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown Celebrate Pollinator Week with Mariah Simoneaux 10:00am Galvez Bilingual Storytime 6:00pm Gonzales Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Dutchtown	16 Encanto 2:00pm Gonzales My Neighbor Totoro 2:00pm Dutchtown	17 Mindfulness & Diversity Through Indian Classical Dance with Oindrila Bhar 10:00am Gonzales Bingo Day for Adults 10:00am Galvez
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					1 Fourth of July Suncatchers 9:00am & 11:00am Donaldsonville <i>Registration required</i> Travel to Ancient Egypt 10:00am Gonzales
3 Corkboard Map Packet Pickup All Locations <i>While supplies last</i>	4 Library Closed	5 Toddler Storytime 10:00am All Locations 10:30am Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez	6 Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown Travel to Ancient Egypt 10:00am Galvez Midsummer Mardi Gras: Design a Parade 2:00pm Gonzales Roman Holiday 6:00pm Gonzales	7 Let's Get Together & Sing with Johnette Downing 10:00am Galvez 2:00pm Wag Center Black Panther 2:00pm Gonzales	8 Let's Get Together & Sing with Johnette Downing 10:00am Dutchtown 2:00pm Gonzales Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez <i>Registration required</i>
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31 Today is the last day to log your books!					

BABY/TODDLER (0–2 years)

Penguin Fun—The heat is here, so cool down with some penguin play. Bowl with fluffy indoor snowballs, free a penguin figurine from an ice flow and splash them in and out of icy water, and make a penguin buddy to take home. *Packet pickup will be available for Donaldsonville only.*

May 30	All Day	Donaldsonville
May 30	10:00am	Galvez
June 10	10:00am	Dutchtown
June 22	10:00am	Gonzales

Babytime—For babies ages 0–18 months and their families. This 8-week storytime series held on Tuesdays in Gonzales and Thursdays in Dutchtown features interactive board books and a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays. Parents are welcome to stay afterwards, giving babies time to play together.

June 6—July 25	10:00am	Gonzales
June 8—July 27	10:00am	Dutchtown

Toddler Storytime—For adventurous, active, and wiggly toddlers ages 15 months–2 years and their families. This 8-week storytime series held on Wednesdays features interactive picture books, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays that promote early literacy skills and make learning fun. *Galvez will hold two sessions which will feature the same stories and songs, so please choose the more convenient time for you.*

June 7—July 26	10:00am	All Locations
June 7—July 26	10:30am	Galvez

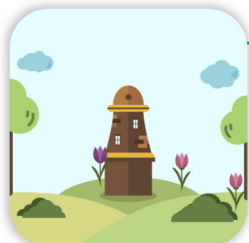
Places To Go—Oh, the places you can explore! With playdough mats and some imagination, guide your way through familiar places using geographical recognition, counting, and colors.

June 29	10:00am	Gonzales
July 11	10:00am	Galvez
July 21	10:00am	Dutchtown

PRESCHOOL (3–5 years)

Pack Your Bags—Want to take a trip? Pick a place and pack your bags... but make sure you have the right things. Use if/then statements to choose a place to visit, pick the gear you'll need in your suitcase, put together one of our famous landmark puzzles, and find your next place to explore on our inflatable globes.

May 30	10:00am	Gonzales
June 1	10:00am	Galvez
June 6	10:00am	Dutchtown



Dutch Windmill Packet Pickup—

It's a sticker fun two-for-one! Using a pre-printed background and stickers of flowers and windmill blades, create a windmill scene like those found in the Netherlands. We've also included some facts about windmills. *Available while supplies last.*

June 5	All Day	All Locations
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PRESCHOOL (3–5 years)

Preschool Storytime—For kids ages 3–5 years and their families. If your child has outgrown Toddler Storytime but is not yet in school, then this is the storytime for them. This 8-week storytime series held on Wednesdays features three different books each week, along with a mix of songs and rhymes to keep things energetic and fun.

June 7—July 26	11:00am	Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez
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Preschool Picture Bingo Day—It's the same popular game, but with pictures. Match the pictures called to win. We'll play several rounds of picture bingo and end with a game of blackout. Everyone is guaranteed to leave with a prize.

July 13	10:00am	Gonzales
July 20	10:00am	Galvez
July 25	10:00am	Dutchtown

ELEMENTARY (6–8 years)

Land, Air, and Water—Summertime usually means vacation time. Fuel up, and get ready to go to the library! Let your imagination wander as you make an aluminum foil boat to figure out if it can hold the weight of pennies or what kind of paper plane can fly the farthest.

May 31	2:00pm	Dutchtown
June 6	10:00am	Galvez
June 10	10:00am	Gonzales

Encanto—(Walt Disney Pictures, 2021, 102 min) *Rated PG*
We'll have movie snacks so you can keep your energy up as you dance and sing along with the Madrigals in the hills of Colombia. Join Mirabel and her family for a beautiful tale about the importance of family and how everyone is special. You'll also get to create your own magical door to showcase what makes you special. *Packet pickup will be available for Donaldsonville only.*

June 9	All Day	Donaldsonville
June 12	2:00pm	Galvez
June 16	2:00pm	Gonzales
June 24	10:00am	Dutchtown

Travel to Ancient Egypt—Walk like an Egyptian. Build a pyramid out of LEGO bricks, search for artifacts in our archaeological sand dig, and create a message in hieroglyphics on a papyrus scroll. Then, decorate a treasure box to put it all in to take home.

July 1	10:00am	Gonzales
July 6	10:00am	Galvez
July 18	10:00am	Dutchtown

Midsummer Mardi Gras: Design a Parade—Mardi Gras isn't just a Louisiana staple, it's an international sensation! Design a Midsummer Mardi Gras parade experience by making a mini parade float, sort through king cake baby sensory bins, and play a round of Throw Me Something, Mister. Mambo your way through the festivities while learning how other countries celebrate.

July 6	2:00pm	Gonzales
July 15	10:00am	Dutchtown
July 17	10:00am	Galvez

ELEMENTARY (6–8 years)



Sydney Opera House Packet

Pickup—The Sydney Opera House is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. This multi-venue performing arts center located on the shore of Sydney Harbor is Australia's most popular

tourist attraction. Create a 3D version of this iconic Australian landmark. Your packet will include paper plates, crepe paper, and shimmering gold paper. You will need scissors at home to complete this craft.

July 10

All Day

All Locations

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Summer Weaving—Explore fun around the globe. But before you set off on your adventure, you'll need a travel buddy. Make a special blanket inspired by the long history of weaving traditions in Peru for your cardboard llama friend.

May 25

10:00am

Gonzales

May 27

10:00am

Dutchtown

June 3

10:00am

Galvez

Guatemalan Worry Dolls—Worry dolls, also called trouble dolls, are small dolls created by the highland indigenous people of Guatemala. Legend says that if you can't sleep, whisper your troubles to these helpful dolls, and they will take away your anxiety, allowing you to sleep better. Make your own worry doll at the library using wooden clothespins, yarn, and fabric.

June 13

2:00pm

Galvez

June 24

10:00am

Gonzales

June 27

2:00pm

Dutchtown



Koinobori Kites Packet Pickup

Koinobori means carp-shaped streamer in Japanese. They are flown on flag poles from April to early May to celebrate Children's Day. The carp, a fish that persistently swims upstream,

symbolizes courage, strength, and persistence—traits that Japanese parents wish for their children. Create your own version of a koinobori kite using tissue paper and a craft tube. *Available while supplies last.*

June 26

All Day

All Locations



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My Neighbor Totoro—(Hayao Miyazaki, 2006, 87 min) *Rated G*
Enjoy this classic anime movie that follows two sisters as they get used to a new home and befriend new creatures. While you watch, snack on Pocky, ramen, and mochi. Tweens and teens ages 9–18 are invited to attend.

June 9	2:00pm	Galvez
June 16	2:00pm	Dutchtown
June 23	2:00pm	Gonzales

Teen Book Club—If you love talking about books and hanging out with other teens, then you are invited to read our monthly book selection and discuss it in a fun and welcoming environment. The book discussion for June will be *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber, a fantasy filled with magic and mystery. The book discussion for July will be *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares, a multi-award-winning novel about the friendship of four teenage girls over one summer apart. Refreshments will be provided. Teen Book Club is limited to teens ages 12–18. Book selections will be reserved for pick up at our Galvez location. While book selections are chosen for teens, parents may wish to review the content for appropriateness for their young adult. *Registration required. Call (225) 622-3339.*

June 10	11:00am	Galvez
July 8	11:00am	Galvez



Chinese Calligraphy Packet

Pickup—Starting as early as the Shang dynasty, calligraphy is one of the most highly regarded visual forms of art in China. Combining art and literacy, Chinese calligraphy emphasizes motion charged with life.

Pick up your packet from any library location and learn to create beautiful writing. Each packet contains paint, a brush, bamboo mat, and Chinese character sheet. *Available while supplies last.*

June 12	All Day	All Locations
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Black Panther—(Ryan Coogler, 2018, 134 min) *Rated PG-13*
His father's legacy, his nation's honor, and his people's pride. Those are the stories at the heart of T'Challa's journey to becoming the Black Panther. Snacks will be provided during the show. Wakanda forever!

July 7	2:00pm	Gonzales
July 14	2:00pm	Dutchtown
July 21	2:00pm	Galvez



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How Does Your Sunflower Grow?

Packet Pickup—First cultivated in North America around 3,000 BC, sunflowers found their way to Europe in the 1500s. By the early 1800s, there were more than two million acres of sunflowers in Russia. Today, there are

sunflower festivals everywhere from Louisiana to Japan. Spread a little sunshine this summer by growing your own sunflower. Pick up a special seed at any library location and plant it in your garden. Then chart your flower's growth and share pictures of your progress with us on Facebook and Instagram by tagging [@myAPLibrary](#). Prizes will be awarded in early August to gardeners with the tallest flower and the flower with the largest surface diameter. *Available while supplies last.*

June 1 All Day All Locations

Recipes & Stories from Sicilian New Orleans with

Elizabeth Williams—Elizabeth Williams, president and founder of the Southern Food and Beverage Museum, will share stories from her recent cookbook, *Nana's Creole Italian Table*. Learn about Sicilian immigrants and their communities through the lens of food, exploring the ways traditional Sicilian dishes such as pasta and olive salad became a part of the existing food culture of New Orleans. An Italian-Creole favorite, butternut squash sauce for pasta, will be prepared during the presentation. Tasting samples will be provided. A book signing will follow the presentation. *Registration required. Call (225) 622-3339.*

June 3 11:00am Galvez



Shiny Map Magnets Packet

Pickup—Get inspired about your future travels. Take a road trip to any library location and pick up a packet that has everything needed to make simple and fun map magnets for your fridge based on classic American roadmaps. Dream

about your next vacation, and let this magnet remind you to see the world! *Available while supplies last.*

June 5 All Day All Locations



The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy—(Garth Jennings, 2005, 109 min) *Rated PG*

Stick out your thumb, the galaxy awaits! Seconds before Earth is destroyed to make way for a new hyperspace express route, mild-mannered Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) is whisked into space by his best friend Ford Prefect (Mos Def), an alien posing as an out-of-work actor. This sci-fi comedy is based on Douglas Adams' radio show turned novel. It's the greatest adventure off Earth!

June 8 5:30pm Dutchtown

Bingo Day for Adults—This game of numbers and letters is a world-famous tradition that started in Italy. A popular game amongst French aristocracy, bingo later reached England then America, where the first modern bingo cards were patented and mass produced. Play for your chance to win a prize.

June 9 2:00pm Dutchtown
June 17 10:00am Galvez
June 26 6:00pm Gonzales

Watercolor Painting I and II with Becca Hillburn—Learn the fundamentals of watercolor during these workshops guided by instructor Becca Hillburn. Watercolor Painting I teaches materials, composition, washes, and color selection, along with various strategies, tips, and tools. Watercolor Painting II uses your new techniques to paint a floral art piece to take home. Designed for beginners, but all are welcome. All supplies will be provided. Participation in both sessions is recommended. *Registration required. Call (225) 647-3955.*

June 10 10:00am Gonzales
June 24 10:00am Gonzales

In the Cabinet of Curiosities with Suzanne Marchand &

Anne Gerritsen—From ornate to delicate, porcelain has become a symbol of sophistication saved for "special occasions." Explore porcelain as a global commodity with historians Suzanne Marchand and Anne Gerritsen. Drs. Marchand and Gerritsen explored the history of porcelain from the European and Asian perspectives, respectively, in their individual books published within months of each other in 2020. This special presentation will be the first time their books are brought together. Dr. Gerritsen will be joining the discussion via Zoom from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.

June 20 2:00pm Dutchtown

Scots & Irish in Louisiana with Rickey Pittman—Hear how Celtic cultures and histories have shaped our world from the Bard of the South, Rickey Pittman. Rickey is storyteller, folksinger, author, and adjunct English instructor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He will share stories and songs about influences, notable individuals, settlements, and achievements of the Scots and Irish in Louisiana. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation.

June 20 6:00pm Gonzales

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Sunshine Wreaths—From Vincent van Gogh's painting to the winner's bouquets at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, sunflowers can be found almost everywhere. Now, they'll be in your home too! Using mesh, pipe cleaners, and zip ties, create a sunshine wreath that will make you smile all summer. *Registration required. Call (225) 673-8699.*

June 23 10:00am Dutchtown

Fourth of July Suncatchers—Make a patriotic suncatcher just in time for the Fourth of July. Impress your party guests with this eye-catching red, white, and blue craft. Each colorful suncatcher, made with an acrylic disc and beads, will sparkle brilliantly in your window. *Registration required. Call (225) 473-8052.*

July 1 9:00am & 11:00am Donaldsonville



Corkboard Maps Packet Pickup—

Track your adventures with this DIY corkboard map. Create and plot a travel wish list across America. Mark dream destinations from your bucket list. Your packet will include a corkboard, map, brush, mod podge, and gold accent

pins. *Available while supplies last.*

July 3 All Day All Locations

Summer Film Series: Have Movie, Will Travel—

Join Donald Beale, director of Online Distance Learning with LSU Online and Continuing Education, to discuss the themes and styles in some iconic movies during APL's Summer Film Series being held every Thursday throughout July in Gonzales. Doors will open at 5:45pm. *This film series is designed for adult audiences and is not intended for family entertainment and not suitable for general audiences. No one under the age of 17 will be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.*

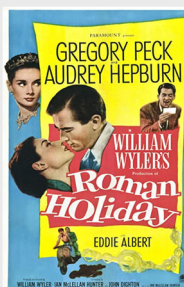
Midsummer Mardi Gras Mosaic—Laissez les bon temps rouler, y'all! They say beads and bling are a Mardi Gras thing, but what can you do with all those leftover parade pearls? Jazz up your home, of course! Unmask your inner artist and celebrate international Carnival by making a fashionable fleur de lis mixed media mosaic. Get your bead on!

July 11 10:00am Dutchtown

Tea & Crafts: Decorative Seashells—It's beach treasure without the sand. Enjoy a cup of tea with your friends while decorating seashells. Use acrylic paints and decoupage to create something reminiscent of a coastal sunset or a beachy scene. *Registration required. Space is limited. Call (225) 622-3339.*

July 15 10:00am Galvez

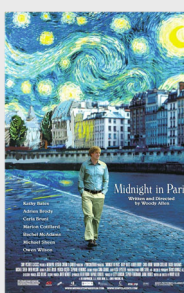
Summer Film Series: Have Movie, Will Travel



Roman Holiday (William Wyler, 1953, 118 min) *Not Rated*

Audrey Hepburn won a Best Actress Academy Award for her role as Ann, a beautiful princess on a European publicity tour. During a stop in Rome, Ann sneaks away from her embassy, determined to see the Eternal City on her own terms. A hard-bitten newspaperman (Gregory Peck), hiding the fact that he's a reporter, spends the day with her in an effort to get a scoop, but finds himself falling for the young royal.

July 6 6:00pm Gonzales



Midnight in Paris (Woody Allen, 2011, 94 min) *Rated PG-13*

Gil Pender (Owen Wilson) is a screenwriter and aspiring novelist. While vacationing in Paris with his fiancée (Rachel McAdams), Gil begins touring the city alone. On one such late-night excursion, Gil encounters a group of strange revelers who sweep him along, apparently back in time, for a night with some icons of art and literature of the 1920s.

The more time Gil spends with these cultural heroes of the past, the more dissatisfied he becomes with the present.

July 13 6:00pm Gonzales



Schultze Gets the Blues (Michael Schorr, 2003, 109 min) *Rated PG*

Salt miner Schultze (Horst Krause) is forced into retirement and lapses into the boredom of his small German town. An accordion player, the retiree sometimes plays polkas, but it is only after hearing zydeco on the radio that he discovers a new inspiration and applies the fast tempo of zydeco to his accordion playing. But the town's polka scene

frowns upon such deviation from tradition. Undaunted, Schultze packs his instrument and heads to zydeco's birthplace, Louisiana.

July 20 6:00pm Gonzales



The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (Ben Stiller, 2013, 114 min) *Rated PG*

Ben Stiller directs and stars in this classic story of a daydreamer who escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies filled with heroism, romance, and action. When his job along with that of his co-worker (Kristen Wiig) are threatened, Walter takes action in the real world embarking on a global journey that turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything he could have ever imagined.

July 27 6:00pm Gonzales