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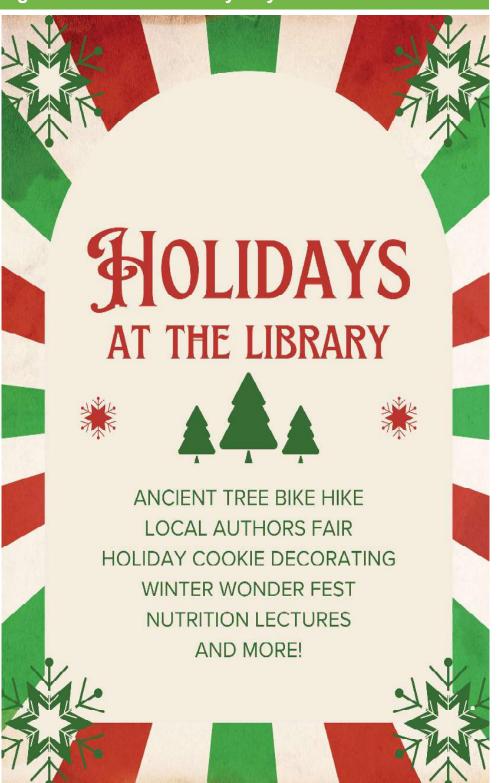
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From Nov. 2, 2025 -March 8, 2026, the branch locations will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Winter Hours

instead of 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. Saturday hours remain the same.



Library Spotlight

Your Iberia Parish Library Lydia Branch

Location: 4800 Freyou Rd. New Iberia, LA

Phone Number: (337) 364-7808

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Manager: Brooke McKinlay

The Lydia Branch of the Iberia Parish Library system offers an abundance of services to the people of the community. These services include public access computers, printing, copying, faxing, storytimes, and more!





The Tone Up the Body fitness program for adults is held here! Adults ages 40 and older meet three times a week for an hour of simple exercises.

For those who enjoy puzzling, the Lydia Branch always has a puzzle or two out on one of their tables for anyone to build.

For our younger patrons, storytimes are on the second Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. More

information about storytimes can be found on page 17.

Stop by and say "Hello," and check out all the Lydia Branch has to offer you!

Attention Friends of the Library!
It's time to renew your membership!
If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, you can pick up a Friends of the Library brochure at any Iberia Parish Library location!

Dues:
\$10 Indvidual
\$15 Family
\$100 Lifetime Membership

Featured Events

Ancient Tree Bike Hike: The Stations of the Moss

Guided by Jim Foret

Sat, Nov. 8 | 8:30-11:30 AM

Main Library All Ages

Local horticulturalist, Jim Foret, will guide you on a leisurely bike ride to visit and discover the history of the ancient oaks in our area. *Registration required. Children must

be accompanied by an adult. Helmets are required for ages 17 and younger.

Friends of the Library Book Sales

Support the Friends of the Library and stock up on books!

All Ages | Main Library

Everything but Paperbacks

Thurs, Nov. 13 - Friends Preview 4:00-7:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 14 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat, Nov. 15 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

This book sale includes everything (children's, teens, adults, and DVDs) except paperbacks!

Paperback Book Sale

Fri, Dec. 12 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat, Dec. 13 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

This book sale includes just paperback books!

*All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library



Local Authors Fair

Meet & greet with Louisiana authors!

Sat, Nov. 15 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM | Main Library | All Ages



Read local! We are hosting our sixth annual local author fair! Meet published authors from across Louisiana, covering genres that range from fiction to non-fiction, children's to adults, and everything in between! It's sure to be fun for the whole family! *No registration required. There will be books and book-related merchandise for sale.

Featured Events

The History of New Iberia from 1730-1783 Display and Reception

Presented by The New Iberia Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

Reception: Thurs, Dec. 4 | 2:00-4:00 PM Parkview Branch | All Ages

A self-guided display entitled "From Louisiana Colonist to Bayou Teche Patriot," will be available to view at the Parkview Branch from December 5, 2025 through January 3, 2026. A reception, open to the public, will be held on December 4th.

The display will include information about the five cultural groups - Acadians, Africans, Anglos, French and Spanish - who came to the Bayou Teche area to settle. It will include the militia rolls of the men who fought with Galvez along the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast. The display will include the five battles that they fought in during the Galvez Expedition. Come learn about how these patriots helped the American Colonists win the war against England.

Holiday Cookie Decorating for Kids! Thurs, Dec. 4 | 6:00-7:00 PM | Main Library | Ages 5-12

Let's get into the holiday spirit! Children can come come to the Main Library to decorate cookies under the guidance of Cypress Bayou Casino Resort and Hotel's Pastry Chef, Noel McGoff! Parents can help their child decorate the cookies if needed. *Registration is required. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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Featured Events

Christmas Magic for Young Believers

With Frank and Tammy's Magic Show

Sat, Dec. 6 4:00-5:00 PM | Main Library | All Ages

Frank and Tammy Chaisson of Frank and Tammy's Magic Show will come to the Main Library as Santa and Mrs. Claus for a special Christmas performance! It will be an hour filled with magic, puppets, comedy, songs, and plenty of audience participation. Mrs. Claus will also read Santa's Beard is Weird by Tammy Chaisson.



Winter Wonder Fest

A wintry tradition at the library!

Sat, Dec. 20 Open to all ages

Courtyard next to the Main Library

4:30-5:00 PM Games

5:00-6:00 PM Performance by Westgate High School's Concert Band

Families, come have a jolly time at our third annual Winter Wonder Fest!

Join in on winter-themed games and crafts! Popular holiday treats like candy canes and gingerbread will be available, while supplies last. Be sure to take a selfie in front of our snowflake backdrop! To end the event, Westgate High School's concert band will play songs of the season!

- *Please bring your own chairs and/or blankets for seating as none will be provided.
- *You may bring your own snacks, but please no ice chests.
- *This event is FREE of charge.
- *In the event of bad weather, this event will take place inside the Parkview Branch.

Diamond Art on display!

Dec. 1-Dec. 19 | Main Library

In October, patrons started to create holiday and winter-themed diamond art. Come by the Main Library to see the completed works! The exhibit will be up until Dec. 19.

Family Programming

Turkey Art Wed, Nov. 19|3:30-4:30 PM Coteau Branch|All Ages

Create a turkey using spoons, felt, and paint!
*Registration is required to attend. Children
ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an
adult.





Plant and Seed Exchange Mon, Nov. 24 & Dec. 15 | All Day Loreauville Branch | All Ages

Stop by the Loreauville Branch with a plant or seeds and exchange them for another plant! *No registration is required.

Community Ornament Station Dec. 1-Dec. 23 | All Day | Lydia Branch | All Ages

Come by the Lydia Branch this December and create a one-of-a-kind ornament! Once you have finished your ornament, you can place it on the Christmas tree! Create one by yourself or involve the whole family! *No registration required.

Very Berry Christmas Quest Sat, Dec. 13 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | Main Library | All Ages

Iberia Parish Library will participate in the Very Berry Christmas Quest hosted by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce. Come by the Main Library to make a Christmas craft! *You do not have to be part of the Very Berry Christmas Quest in order to participate in this activity. *For information about the Very Berry Christmas Quest, contact the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce.

Chocolate Pinecones
Wed, Dec. 17|3:30-4:30 PM
Coteau Branch|All Ages

Let's make pinecones from cream cheese and chocolate cereal! *Registration is required to attend. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Online Resources

ProQuest® African American Heritage A new genealogy resource!



ProQuest® African American Heritage is a groundbreaking digital resource exclusively devoted to African American family history research.

It provides users a dedicated resource that not only brings together records critical to African American family research; but also connects

them to a community of research experts, whose mentoring and assistance can frequently be the difference between research success and futility.

There were more than 480,000 free blacks living in the United States and territories at the time of the 1860 Census. Explore the 1860 U.S. Federal Census in the ProQuest® African American Heritage database to learn more!

You can access ProQuest® African American Heritage at iberialibrary.org under the eResources tab in the Link Library.



www.iberialibrary.org

Questions?
Text a librarian for answers! We're here to help! Text AskIPL to 66746. *Standard message and data rates apply.



Device Advice Main Library By Appointment

Did you know our reference librarian can assist you with your electronic device? Call the reference desk at (337) 364-7305 for an appointment for assistance, tips, and advice for your device!

Adult Programming

How do I sign up?

Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise specified. Call any branch of Iberia Parish Library or visit iberialibrary.org to register. Registration for programs opens generally one week before the program date. Please note, programs may be subject to cancellation 15 minutes after the program start time, in the event of no-shows.

Tone Up the Body
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
9:30-10:30 AM
Lydia Branch | Ages 40+

Button Pumpkin Mon, Nov. 3 | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Jeancrette Branch | Ages 18+

Bingo! Mon, Nov. 3 & Dec. 8 Main Library 3:00-4:00 PM|Ages 50+

Join us at the library for Bingo! Once a month, we host a Bingo afternoon where you can play to win prizes!



Fall Gnome
Wreath
Wed, Nov. 5
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. Peter Branch
Ages 18+

Platter
Pumpkin
Thurs, Nov. 6
10:00-11:30 AM
Coteau Branch
Ages 18+



Nutrition Lectures
With the LSU Ag. Center
Lydia Branch

11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Ages 18+

Mandy Armentor, Nutrition Educator with the LSU Ag. Center will give lectures to adults in November and December.

Friday, Nov. 7
MyPlate Meets Charcuterie
Boards

Learn how to make a fun and healthy cahrcuterie board using all five food groups from MyPlate.

Friday, Dec. 5
Diabetes and the Holidays

Topics covered in this lecture are:

- What is Diabetes/Pre-diabetes
- Meal planning tips for diabetes
- Learn tips to manage diabetes during the holidays
- Sample a diabetes friendly holiday dish

Pinecone Wreath Mon, Nov. 10 3:00-4:00 PM Parkview Branch Ages 18+



Adult Programming



Flower Turkey Fri, Nov. 14 10:45-11:45 AM Lydia Branch Ages 18+





Jeanerette Movie Matinee 2:00-4:30 PM Jeanerette Branch | Ages 18+ Nov. 21 Imitation of Life (TV-PG)

Dec. 19

The Polar Express (G)



Ornament Art Tues, Dec. 9 10:00-11:30 AM Coteau Branch Ages 18+

Canva for Absolute Beginners Mon, Nov. 24 | 10:00-11:30 AM Main Library | Ages 18+

Are you new to Canva? Come and learn the basics at this workshop!
We will turn a fall-themed flyer into a holiday-themed one. *Participants will need to bring their own laptop or tablet.

Wineglass Snowmen Mon, Dec. 15 4:00-5:00 PM Main Library Ages 18+



Crystal Wind Chime Wed, Dec. 3 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM St. Peter Branch | Ages 18+

Wooden Centerpiece Fri, Dec. 5 3:00-4:00 PM Parkview Branch Ages 18+





Christmas
Gnome
Fri, Dec. 19
10:45-11:45 AM
Lydia Branch
Ages 18+

Book Clubs

Book club books are to be picked up and read before the meeting date. For more information about our book clubs and how they work, please, call and a staff member will be happy to help. Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at iberialibrary.org or call any branch of Iberia Parish Library. We thank you for your cooperation.

Main Street Book Club

Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. Main Library. Ages 21+. (Pick up copy at Main)

Nov. 20: Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl

Dec. 18: Christmas with the Queen by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb

Ladies Who Lunch Book Club

Third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM. Main Library. Ages 21+. (Pick up copy at Main)

Nov. 19: Broken Country by Leslie Clare Hall

Dec. 17: Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand

The Page Turners Book Club

Last Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. Jeanerette Branch. Ages 21+. (Pick up copy at Jeanerette)

Nov. 20: The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

Dec. 18: The Merry Matchmaker by Shelia Roberts

What YA Reading? Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Main Library. Ages 18+. (Pick up copy at Main)

Nov. 18: With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Dec. 9: Castle in the Clouds by Kerstin Gier

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Teen Programming

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Fall Topiary
Fri, Nov. 7
3:00-4:00 PM
Parkview Branch
Ages 13-17

No-Sew Thanksgiving Pillow Sat, Nov. 8 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM St. Peter Branch | Ages 13-17

Decoupage Fall Tin Cans Thurs, Nov. 20 | 3:30 PM-4:30 PM Jeanerette Branch | Ages 13-16

Turkey Wind Chime Tues, Nov. 25 | 3:30-4:30 PM Lydia Branch | Ages 13-16



Yarn Wrapped Ornaments Wed, Dec. 10 3:30-4:30 PM Lydia Branch Ages 14-17

Gingerbread Candy Pots Thurs, Dec. 11 4:00-5:00 PM Main Library Ages 13-17





Gingerbread
Ornaments
Fri, Dec. 12
3:00-4:00 PM
Parkview Branch
Ages 13-17

Button Wreath Ornament Fri, Dec. 12 3:30-4:30 PM Jeanerette Branch Ages 13-16





Snowman Art Tues, Dec. 16 3:30-4:30 PM Coteau Branch Ages 13-17

Jewelry Making Sat, Dec. 20 | 1:00-2:00 PM St. Peter Branch | Ages 13-17



Homework Louisiana

Free tutoring is available to you through Homework Louisiana! Homework help is available Sun-Thurs from 2:00 PM-10:00 PM. The Skills Resource Center is available 24/7. This is a great resource for grades K-12, College Intro, and Adult Students in the subjects of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. To access Homework Louisiana, visit the library's online resource Link Library page at iberialibrary.org.



Fiero Code is a self-guided online software program that teaches kids and teens how to code through hundreds of coding tutorials and dozens of real-world projects. Fiero Code offers a gamified learning experience with customizable avatars as you learn to build websites, video games, apps, and more! Fiero Code offers more than 300 coding tutorials all geared towards ages 8 - 18! To access Fiero Code, visit the library's online resource page at iberialibrary.org.



AtoZ World Culture is a reference guide that takes you all around the globe! You can learn about each country's culture, food, and attire, or learn about the country's geography, demographics, and more! This is the perfect place to learn about different cultures' holidays and how they are celebrated! To access AtoZ World Culture, visit the library's online resource page at iberialibrary.org.

Tween Programming

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Pumpkin Fairy Wed, Nov. 12 3:30-4:30 PM Coteau Branch Ages 10-12



Line Design Textiles
Thurs, Nov. 20|3:45-4:45 PM
Main Library|Ages 10-12
Learn about the Laotian art of line
design and create your own textile
pattern!

Christmas Cookies Mon, Dec. 1|3:30-4:30 PM Parkview Branch|Ages 10-12

Come to the Parkview Branch to make gingerbread and sugar cookies from scratch!



Holiday Candy Machine Thurs, Dec. 4 3:30-4:30 PM Coteau Branch Ages 10-12 Thankful Turkey
Create a turkey
to display at
Thanksgiving!
Sat, Nov. I
1:00-2:00 PM
St. Peter Branch
Ages 5-8



Tabletop Gaming
Mon, Nov. 10 | 4:00-5:00 PM
Main Library | Ages 8-10
Join us after school to play tabletop
games like Phase 10, Scattergories,
Go Fish, and more!

Edible Story: Oreo Turkeys Wed, Nov. 12 | 3:45-4:45 PM

Main Library Ages 5-7
We'll read the story
There was an Old Lady
Who Swallowed a
Turkey. Then, we'll make
Oreo turkeys!



Gobble Gobble Turkeys
Thurs, Nov. 13 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Jeanerette Branch | Ages 5-7
Create a turkey and go on a turkey
scavenger hunt!

Pinecone Turkey Thurs, Nov. 20 3:30-4:30 PM Lydia Branch Ages 8-10



Children's Progamming

Thanksgiving Bingo Fri, Nov. 21 | 3:30-4:30 PM Parkview Branch | Ages 5-7

Bubbled Christmas Tree Sat, Dec. 13 11:00 AM-12:00 PM St. Peter Branch Ages 8-10



Gift Wrapping Workshop Tues, Dec. 16 | 4:00-5:00 PM Main Library | Ages 8-10

Large Art Ornament Thurs, Dec. 18|3:30-4:30 PM Lydia Branch|Ages 5-7



Children, ages 0-6, and their guardians are invited to join us on a mission to read 1,000 books before the first day of Kindergarten! Now available via Beanstack! Visit iberialibrary.org or speak with a staff member today!

What are drop-in crafts?

Drop-in crafts can typically be completed within 15 minutes, with adult supervision. Dates listed are the start dates. Crafts will remain available while supplies last. Drop in crafts are for ages 4-11.

Drop-in Crafts

Thanksgiving Hat Mon, Nov. 3 St. Peter Branch | All Day

Leaf Sprites
Mon, Nov. 3
Parkview Branch | All Day

Turkey Hat Sat, Nov. 22 Main Library All Day

Firework Defraction Glasses Mon, Dec. 1 Parkview Branch All Day

Decorate a Christmas Tree Mon, Dec. 8 St. Peter Branch | All Day

Christmas Tree Mon, Dec. 15 Parkview Branch | All Day

Children's Progamming



A Look Into Accelerated

Reading Levels

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a software program for K-12 schools for monitoring reading practice. The Iberia Parish Library may help you navigate your search for books on your level.

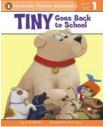
All branches of your Iberia Parish Library have children's and teen books to fit the needs of each student.

How do I know if a book is AR?

Each book has a stamp on the inside back cover or the first few pages. This stamp indicates the reading level, AR points, and a Quiz Number. If you are unsure of a book's AR information, a staff member will be happy to assist you!

Important Links:

www.arbookfinder.com www.iberialibrary.org



Level 0



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6



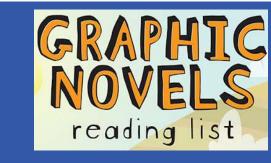
Level 7



Level 8

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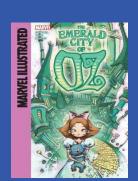
All Iberia Parish Library programs and events are FREE to attend! You can see all of our upcoming events here in the newsletter and on our website at iberialibrary.org under the Calendar of Events tab!











Youth Resources

Miss Humblebee's Academy Kindergarten Prep

Families can access Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy through your Iberia Parish Library. This award-winning program prepares children ages 3 to 6 for kindergarten proficiency with hundreds of guided lessons using videos, music, eBooks, teacher-led tutorials, and more. To ensure screen time is limited, 40 percent of the material is off-line and includes printable resources and science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM) activities.

Whether it's covering core subject areas, social and emotional learning, or fitness, this program gives all children the opportunity to learn in a safe online classroom environment, with no pop-ups, ads, or links to other websites.

This resource supports parents and caregivers too. Helpful resources include an interactive kindergarten-readiness checklist and age-related developmental milestones, along with printable trackers, charts, planners, and schedules. Weekly email notifications provide a snapshot of the child's progress and performance, helping parents to identify their child's strengths, pinpoint trouble spots, view improvement over time, and measure their progress through a kindergarten-readiness assessment.



Explore Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy

- Tailored for Early Learning, Ages 3-6
- Standards-Based Curriculum
- Online and Off-line Hands-on Activities
- Hundreds of Guided Lessons
- Resources for Parents and Caregivers
- Tracks School Readiness

Why wait?

Access now on the library's website for serious learning fun!



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You can access Miss Humblebee's Academy at iberialibrary.org under the eResources tab in the Link Library.

Storytimes



Main Library

Storytime

10:00 AM | Every Thursday

Nov. 6

Nov. 13

Nov. 20

Dec. 4

Dec. 11

Dec. 18

Baby Play

10:30 AM | 3rd Friday each month

Nov. 21

Dec. 19

St. Peter Branch

Storytime

No storytime will be held in November & December.

Parkview Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 2nd Tuesday each month No storytime in November due to Veterans Day

Dec. 9

Jeanerette Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 3rd Thursday each month

Nov. 21

Dec. 19

Storytime

Ages 0-6 No Registration

Enjoy a story paired with corresponding activities such as crafts, short films, and more!

Baby Play

Ages 0-18 Months

Registration Required

Enjoy sensory play and sing songs and rhymes like Pat-a-Cake and more!

Chick-fil-A Craft Night

Tues, Dec. 9|5:00-6:30 PM

No Registration

Come see us at Chick-fil-A's craft night!

Lydia Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 2nd Tuesday each month No storytime in November due to Veterans Day

Dec. 9

Loreauville Branch

Storytime

No storytime will be held in November & December.

Coteau Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 3rd Thursday each month

Nov. 21

Dec. 19

October Programs!















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Winter Hours

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Library Closures:

All Branches:

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 27-28: Thanksgiving

Dec. 24-26: Christmas Holidays

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

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LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

445 E. Main Street, New Iberia Front Desk: 364-7024 Children's: 364-7134 Fax Number: 364-7042

Email: newiberialib@yahoo.com Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-8:00 PM

Fri & Sat 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Sun 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

COTEAU LIBRARY

2306 Coteau Rd, New Iberia Phone: 364-7430 Email: Coteau@iberialibrary.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

JEANERETTE LIBRARY

411 Kentucky Street, Jeanerette Phone: 276-4014

Fax: 276-9595

Email: jeanerettebranch@yahoo.

com

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

LOREAUVILLE LIBRARY

612 Ed Broussard Rd, New Iberia

Phone: 229-6348

Email: Loreauville@iberialibrary.org 1:30 PM-5:00 PM
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 9:00 AM-12:0

LYDIA LIBRARY

4800 Freyou Rd, New Iberia

Phone: 364-7808

Email: Lydia_branch@yahoo.com Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

PARKVIEW LIBRARY

500 Grand Pré Blvd., New Iberia

Phone: 364-7480 Fax: 364-7714

Email: parkviewlib@yahoo.com Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

ST. PETER LIBRARY

1111 W. St. Peter Street, New Iberia

Phone: 364-7670 Fax: 364-7261

Email: stp_lib@yahoo.com Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

DELCAMBRE LIBRARY

206 W. Main Street, Delcambre

Phone: 685-2388

Email: delcambre@vermilion.lib.la.us Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

1:30-5:30 PM Fri 10:00 AM-12:30 PM 1:30 PM-5:00 PM Sat 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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