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What is it?

You may be more familiar with the term "summer reading program." We found that name didn't really capture the full scope of what we do here with dozens of innovative programs and events happening for all ages. Your summer at Bossier Parish Libraries really is much more than reading--it's an experience!

When is it?

May 28 - July 31

Who is it for?

All Ages!

How do you register?

Registration is open now and there are multiple ways to register yourself or your family for our summer program.

Option 1:

Stop in to any of our library locations to register in person.

Option 2:

Go online to our website:

www.bossierlibrary.org/summerexperience which will take you to our info page and a link to READsquared registration.

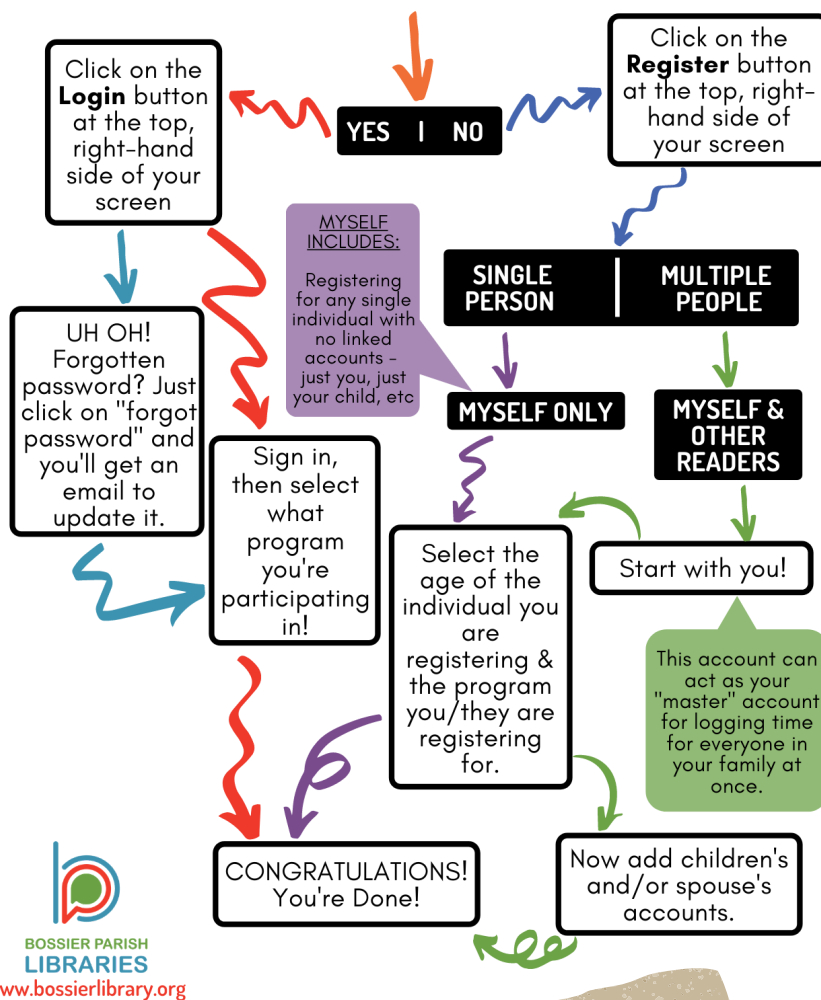
Option 3:

Follow the instructions over on the right!

How Do I Register for Summer Reading?

Start: bossierlibrary.readsquared.com

Did you sign up to log your reading time on ReadSquared last year?



Holiday Closures

Memorial Day:

All branches will be closed on Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day.

Independence Day:

All branches will be closed on Monday, July 5 in honor of Independence Day.

Learn more about summer
in your library



Summer Guests

Join us for a variety of entertainers, all ages welcome unless indicated otherwise. Please register to save your spot!

Lady Chops

Benton June 1 | 10am

(Benton Pavilion)

East 80 June 2 | 10am

Tooke June 2 | 2pm

Never Ending Stories

East 80 June 15 | 10am

Tooke June 16 | 2pm

Central June 18 | 11am

Benton & June 22 | 11am

Plain Dealing

(Benton Pavilion)

Steve's Snaketuary

Benton June 8 | 10am

Haughton June 23 | 11am

(Joe Delaney Park) (ages 0-12)

Haughton July 19 | 11am

(Joe Delaney Park) (ages 18+)

Jubilee Petting Zoo

Plain Dealing June 1 | 11am

Central June 4 | 11am

Aulds June 15 | 10am

Tooke June 23 | 2pm

Stage Center

Haughton June 16 | 11am

(Joe Delaney Park)

Geebo

Aulds July 20 | 10am

Benton July 20 | 2pm

(Benton Pavilion)

East 80 July 20 | 5pm

Haughton July 21 | 11am

(Joe Delaney Park)

Tooke July 21 | 2pm

Plain Dealing July 21 | 5pm

2021 OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT EDUCATIONAL SERIES

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

What You Need to Know About the Opioid Epidemic

All sessions are free | 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in June

REGISTRATION:

[BOSSIERLIBRARY.ORG/COMMUNITY-CONVERSATIONS](https://bossierlibrary.org/community-conversations)

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JUNE 2: Addiction & Recovery

Shannon Gresham, M.S.,
L.A.C., C.C.S.
New Day Recovery
Treatment Center

JUNE 9: What You Need to Know About the Effects of Opioids

Natasha Seals, Pharm.D
LDH Office of Public Health

JUNE 16:

Pt. 1: Community Harm Reduction

Yolanda Duckworth, OPOC
LDH Office of Public Health,
Bureau of Community
Preparedness

Pt. 2: Naloxone Administration

Lloyd Abney
Community Outreach Council
on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

JUNE 23: Opioids in Rural Communities

Rachel Jackson, MPA
Louisiana Ambulance Alliance

JUNE 30: Harm Reduction & Syringe Services Program

Hershey Krippendorf
Philadelphia Center

For additional information on this virtual series, and how to register, use the QR code below:



Reading with Friends

Book clubs for all ages, both virtual and in-person!

Please register to save your spot.



Good Books Book Club (18+)

Haughton @ 10am

The Silent Wife by A.S.A. Harrison

June 17

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House of Corrections by Nicci French

July 15

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Happy & You Know It by Laura Hankin

August 19

A Novel Idea (18+)

Tooke @ 10:30am

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

June 21

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White Fang by Jack London

July 19

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Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

August 16

Not Your Mama's Southern Book Club (18+)

Central @ 4pm

Enjoy books set in the south that are a bit quirky, a bit strange, and a lot of fun! Contact branch for current selections.

June 24
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July 29
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August 26

Tween Book Club (9-12)

Haughton @ 4pm

The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer

June 26

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Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

July 23

Hooked on Books (9-12)

Tooke @ 4:30pm

Spirit Animals: Born Wild by Brandon Mull

June 11

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Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

July 9

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The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

August 13

As the Page Turns (18+)

Plain Dealing @ 5pm

Contact branch for title selections!

June 21
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July 19
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August 16

Books & Brews (18+)

PJ's Coffee House @ 6:30pm

Join this offsite book club and enjoy PJ's excellent menu while taking part in book discussions based on the genre selection of the month.

June 4
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July 2
.....
August 6



Special Events

Reading Flash Mob (all ages)

Joe Delaney Park, Haughton

Read in the park with us for 15 minutes every Friday and earn chances to win an iPad!

	Fridays	
	June 11–July 23	11am

Walking Club (18+)

Tooke

Come in your comfy clothes and walking shoes for some easy exercise.

June 1 & 15	10:15am
July 6 & 20	
August 3 & 17	

Wildlife and Fisheries presents:

Furbearing Animals (all ages)

Plain Dealing

Learn about the furbearing animals of Louisiana!
(Outdoor event)

June 26	2pm
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Holley's Hopping Habitat

Benton

Stop in for this fluffy event to stroke some floppy ears and learn about caring for rabbits!



June 15 | 10am

Storytime Fun



Storytime with Ms. Rebecca (0-5)	Wednesdays	11am
Central	June–August	

Family Storytime (0-5)	Tuesdays	4pm
Tooke	August	

Storytime at the Park (0-5)	Tuesdays	11am
Joe Delaney Park, Haughton	June 8–July 20	

Summer Activities

Aulds

Come-&-Go Outdoor Activities (0-12)	Tuesdays	10am
	June 1–July 27	

Crafting in the Meeting Room (18+)	June 3 & 17	11am
	July 1 & 15	

Summer Activities

Haughton

Joe Delaney Park Events (all ages)	Wednesdays	11am
	June 2–July 21	

Summer Experience for Teens (13-17)	Thursdays	2pm
	June 10–July 22	

Summer Experience for Adults (18+)	Mondays	11am
	June 7–July 19	

Family Movie Day (all ages)

Tooke

Mulan	June 4	2:30pm
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The Croods: New Age	July 2	2:30pm
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Scooby-Doo: The Sword and the Scoob	August 6	4pm
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Games & Activities

Bingo (18+)

Tooke @ 10:30am

Bring your own markers for this monthly bingo challenge!	June 22
	July 13
	August 17

Dungeons & Dragons (13-17)

Tooke @ 4pm



Character building, adventuring, your fate is decided with just a roll of the dice -- what could be more fun?	June 17
	July 15
	August 19

Please register to save your spot.

What's Happening at Your Library...

Author Spotlight



Give Your Heart a Pen

BY WHITNEY FLOURNOY

Have you ever been so overcome with thoughts and emotions that only words on a page will suffice? Well you're not alone and this is me all of the time. Poetry has always been something I've admired from afar but I could never find pieces that could speak what my heart was saying like Sophia Thakur's poetry has. Not only do I love Sophia's work stylistically, but I also love the "realness" that she brings in her poetry. I've also convinced myself that she is my best friend, and she just doesn't know it yet (in my head of course LOL!) Any who, Sophia's ability to translate what a person is feeling or thinking into words, on a page, is something I've always longed to be able to do.

Her first release "Somebody Give This Heart a Pen" is a beautiful collection of poems that have the ability to speak to but also locate the experiences you may have gone through. The topics range from mental health, grief, loss, and love. This piece of work is beautifully written in such a way that when I read it I seriously felt as if Sophia was speaking from my own heart; which I believe is the beauty of poetry. When you're unable to find the words to speak out of your own mouth, poetry can speak for you.

There are a lot of great opportunities for you to flex your writing muscle. Every second Wednesday of the month Bossier Central Library hosts "Creative Expressions" a poetry workshop for anyone 16 and older. Not only will you learn the basics of writing poetry but it is also a place where creative writing can cultivate and grow!

Programs:

"Creative Expressions":
Poetry Workshop

Location:
Bossier Central

Date and Time:
Every Second
Wednesday
4:30-5:30PM

*Registration
Required*



*"Try to find space
to hear what your
heart says..."*
Sophia Thakur

History Center Broadcast: BOSSIER'S VIRTUAL HISTORY TOUR



Be part
of the
history
tour on
Facebook:



Exciting things are happening at the History Center! We're hard at work filming videos for a grant-funded project from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. This video series called "Bossier's Virtual History Tour" gives us the opportunity to showcase twelve of the fascinating historic sites around our parish.



Dr. Cheryl H. White, Professor of History at LSU-Shreveport and Director of Academic Initiatives for the Spring Street Museum, will be sharing her wealth of local history knowledge in this video series.

Find our videos on the Bossier Parish Libraries History Center Facebook page or on the BPL YouTube channel. The first video focuses on the history of Rocky Mount Cemetery. Some of the upcoming videos will highlight the town of Plain Dealing, the Red River Wildlife Refuge, and the Bossier Parish Courthouse. We hope you enjoy virtually traveling through Bossier's unique history with us!

Funding for these grants has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and administered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan. Additional funding provided by the Union Pacific Foundation.



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Virtual Events

Wild Treats Cooking Show (9-17)

Facebook Event, Haughton

Join us each week for this virtual cooking event led by special guests who will demonstrate how to make a tasty treat!



Tuesdays
June 8-July 20 | 2pm

Unsung America, Episode 5: Maurice Hilleman "The Good Doctor" (18+)

Facebook Event, Plain Dealing

Learn about Dr. Maurice Hilleman, an American microbiologist who pioneered the creation of multiple life-saving vaccines.

August 30 | 2pm

Use the QR Code to check out our full calendar:



Find Your Home Branch:

Aulds Branch

3950 Wayne Ave
Bossier City | 71112
318.742.2337

East 80 Branch

1050 Bellevue Road
Haughton | 71037
318.949.2665

Plain Dealing Branch

208 East Mary Lee Avenue
Plain Dealing | 71064
318.326.4233

Benton Branch

115 Courthouse Drive
Benton | 71006
318.965.2751

Haughton Branch

116 West McKinley
Haughton | 71037
318.949.0196

Tooke Branch

451 Fairview Point Road
Elm Grove | 71051
318.987.3915

Central Library

2206 Beckett Street
Bossier City | 71111
318.746.1693

History Center

2206 Beckett Street
Bossier City | 71111
318.746.7717

Online

www.bossierlibrary.org
[@bossierlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/bossierlibrary)



Painting with Friends (18+)

Facebook Event, Benton

Join us virtually for fun with painting techniques and good conversation

June 8
July 13
August 30 | 2pm



New & Notable (all ages)

Facebook Event, Benton

Find out what's new to the shelves at Benton!

June 8
July 13
August 30 | 12pm

The Pet Review - Instagram Contest (13-17)

Aulds

Teens, take this chance to win a raffle prize! Choose a YA book published in 2021, read it to/with your pet (or a friend's pet) and post a review from your pet's point of view. For details, contact Aulds!

July 1 - 16