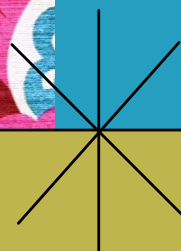




# BPL CONNECTION



## LIBBY IS IN!

OverDrive is making it official. Their OverDrive App will begin to be phased out this year as they encourage users to migrate to their Libby app. For more information on how that process will go, turn to page 02!





**BOSSIER PARISH  
LIBRARIES**

# LEARN ABOUT LIBBY!

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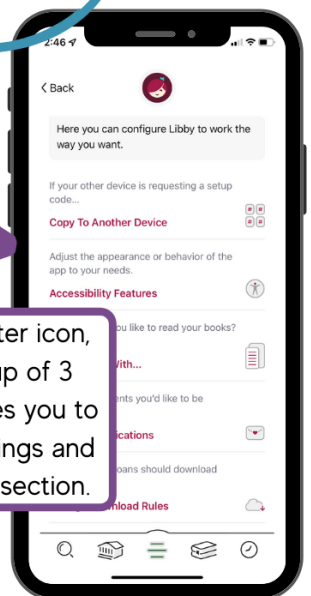
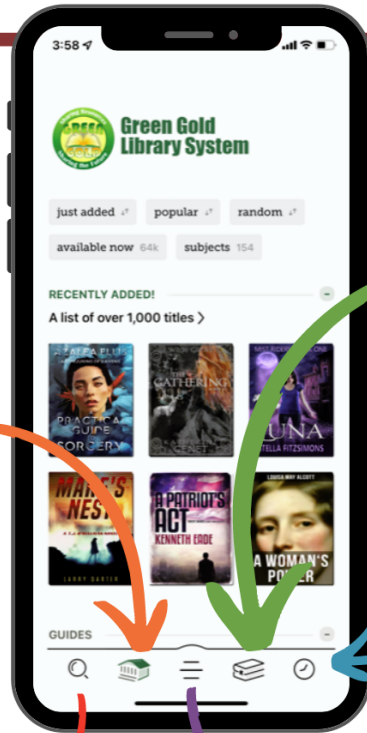
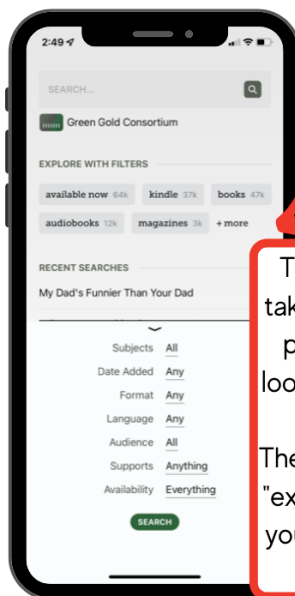
The building icon (yes, it is actually a library!) takes you to the homepage of the Libby app. This is also where you can browse through suggested titles, newly added, and more!

The stack of books icon is your bookshelf! Look here for books you've borrowed.

The clock icon is your "timeline" which can show you titles you've borrowed, placed on hold, and returned.

The magnifying glass takes you to the search page where you can look for specific authors or titles. The "more" option under "explore with filters" lets you narrow your search even more!

This center icon, made up of 3 lines, takes you to your settings and the help section.



At the end of February of this year, OverDrive removed the OverDrive app from stores. This was the first step towards phasing out their original app in favor of their new app: Libby.

Don't Panic! For those of you who have the OverDrive app downloaded, you can continue using it as it will remain active. However, we would recommend getting familiar with Libby if you aren't already because we know that the OverDrive app will be decommissioned in the near future. No date for that eventuality has been released at this time.





# Bossier's Virtual History Tour

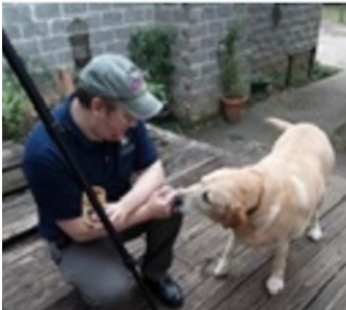
Watch virtual tours of Bossier Parish history on YouTube,  
brought to you by the BPL History Center



Old Bossier City Hall



Rocky Mount Cemetery



Haughton, LA



Plain Dealing, LA



Princeton, LA



Benton Heritage Village

You'll find these videos and more on our YouTube channel!



Funding for Rebirth PL 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 is provided by the Union Pacific Foundation.

The views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of either the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities or the Union Pacific Foundation.



Use the QR code, or follow the step below to find these videos:



Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
Search for "Bossier Parish Libraries"  
Click on a video and start your magical history tour!

# READING WITH FRIENDS

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

## A Novel Idea (18+)

Tooke @ 10:30am

*This Tender Land*  
by William Kent Krueger March 21

.....  
*The Wish*  
by Nicholas Sparks April 18

.....  
*The Library Book*  
by Susan Orlean May 16

## Hooked on Books (9-12)

Tooke @ 4:30pm

*Pip Bartlett's Guide to  
Magical Creatures*  
by Jackson Pearce &  
Maggie Stiefvater March 11

.....  
*The Tapper Twins Go  
to War*  
by Geoff Rodkey April 8

.....  
*Finn and the  
Intergalactic Lunchbox*  
by Michael Buckley May 13

## Evening Book Club (18+)

Haughton @ 6:30pm

Contact branch for  
title selections! March 17  
..... April 21  
..... May 19

## Anime Book Club (13+)

Haughton @ 4:30pm

Contact branch for  
title selections! March 1  
..... April 5  
..... May 3

**Please register to save your spot.**

## Read with Pride Book Club (16+)

East 80 @ 3pm

Contact branch for title  
selections! Parental March 5  
..... April 2  
permission required for  
those under 18. May 7

## Books on Bellevue (18+)

East 80 @ 5:30pm

For adventurous readers, this  
book club will read various March 23  
genres based on random April 27  
drawings! Contact the branch May 25  
for more information.

## Book Club (18+)

Benton

March 16 |  
April 20 | 2pm  
May 18 |  
Contact branch for title  
selections! .....

Wednesdays

Saturdays

March 19 |  
April 23 | 10am  
May 21 |

## Tween Book Club (10-13)

Benton @ 6pm

Contact branch for  
title selections! March 17  
..... April 21  
..... May 19

## Anime Book Club (13+)

Benton @ 2-4pm

Contact branch for  
title selections! March 5  
..... April 2  
..... May 6



## BOOK CLUBS (CONT.)

### 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.

March 4  
.....  
April 8  
.....  
May 6

### Good Books Book Club (18+)

Haughton @ 10am

*As I Lay Dying*  
by William Faulkner March 17  
.....  
*Midnight Library*  
by Matt Haig April 21  
.....  
*Vanishing Half*  
by Brit Bennett May 19

**\*Registration may be required, please check with branches.**

## EDUCATION & BEYOND

### Homeschool Connections (grades K - 12)

Benton @ 11:30am

Open to homeschool kids.  
Come enjoy games, crafts,  
STEAM challenges, and more!

March 1 & 15  
.....  
April 5 & 19

### Spanish with Senora Montgomery

via Zoom, Benton @ 4pm

Practice your Spanish or English with Senora Montgomery!  
Registration required.

Elementary School	March 2   April 6   May 4
ESL (all ages)	March 9   April 13   May 11
Middle & High School	March 16   April 20   May 18
Adult (18+)	March 23   April 27   May 25

### STEAM To-Go (grades 1 - 4)

East 80

Stop by to pick up these take-and-make STEAM activities! Geared towards 1st-4th graders. New activities will be made available every other week in March and April.

March 1, 15, & 29  
.....  
April 12 & 26

### Free ACT Prep (grades 9 - 12)

Plain Dealing

Take advantage of this practice ACT test! This session will mimic a real testing environment and will give you a score after you submit your test. Registration is required for this free practice test.

March 7 | 11am - 3pm

\*library card required,  
please register in advance

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### No-Bake Cooking Class (18+)

Tooke @ 10:30am

Tuna Salad Deviled Eggs/  
Dole Whip March 9  
.....  
Homemade Butter April 13  
.....  
Creamy Cucumber  
Salad/Mousse Pudding May 11

### Coffee & Community (18+)

East 80 @ 10:30am

Stop in to our back meeting room every other Saturday for coffee, good company, and a relaxing place to enjoy an easy start to the day.

March 5 & 19  
.....  
April 2, 16, & 30

### Chair Exercise Class (18+)

Plain Dealing @ 10am

30-minute, low-impact, seated exercise class. Please wear comfortable clothing. Water is provided.

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
.....  
March | April | May

### Walking Club (18+)

Plain Dealing @ 10am

30-45 minute walking club. Please wear comfortable clothing. Water is provided.

Mondays & Fridays  
.....  
March | April | May

# ART & DIY

## Creative Minds (6-12)

Haughton @ 4:30pm

Seasonal crafts for  
kids. All supplies  
provided.

March 10  
.....  
April 14  
.....  
May 12

## Elegant Crafts (18+)

Haughton @ 1pm

Seasonal crafts for  
adults. All supplies  
provided.

March 15  
.....  
April 19  
.....  
May 17

## Painting with Friends (18+)

Benton @ 2pm

Enjoy good company  
while learning new  
painting techniques.

March 8  
.....  
April 12  
.....  
May 10

## Get Crafty! (18+)

Central @ 11am

Get your craft on! Craft projects  
for novices and experts alike. All  
materials provided, see website  
for additional info.

March 8 & 22  
.....  
April 12 & 26  
.....  
May 10 & 24

# GAMES & ACTIVITIES

## Bingo (18+)

Aulds @ 11am

March 24 | April 28 | May 26

Tooke @ 10:30am

March 22 | April 26 | May 24

Plain Dealing @ 11am

April 14

## Family Bingo (all ages)

East 80

Families with children 0-5.  
Registration is encouraged.

March 8 | 5pm

## Chicken Foot Dominoes (18+)

Tooke @ 10:30am

Enjoy refreshments  
while you mingle and  
play dominoes!

March 7  
.....  
April 4  
.....  
May 2

## Dungeons & Dragons (13-17)

Tooke @ 4:30pm

\*in person/Zoom by request

Adventurers wanted! Join us  
as we explore new realms,  
complete quests, and battle  
monsters, all with the simple  
roll of the dice!

March 17  
.....  
April 21  
.....  
May 19

## LEGO Club (6-10)

Aulds @ 4:15pm

Join in on the fun and  
challenges building with  
LEGOs!

March 2 & 16  
.....  
April 6 & 20  
.....  
May 4 & 18

# STORYTIME FUN

Preschool Storytime (0-5)

Tuesdays

Aulds

March | April

10am

Preschool Storytime (all ages)

Tuesdays

Facebook Event, Tooke

March | April | May

4:30pm

\*No Storytime March 8, May 24 and 31

Family Storytime (0-5)

Wednesdays

East 80

March | April | May

10:30am

Preschool Storytime (2-5)

Wednesdays

Central

March | April | May

11am

Preschool Storytime (0-5)

Wednesdays

Haughton

March | April | May

11am

Baby & Me (0-2)

Thursdays

Central

March | April | May

11am

Preschool Storytime (3-5)

Fridays

Benton

March | April

11am

Family Storytime (0-5)

Alternate Saturdays

East 80

March | April | May

10:30am

Family Storytime (all ages)

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Benton

March | April | May

10am

Reading Time with

March 9

Therapy Dogs (all ages)

April 13

Aulds

May 11

4pm

\*Registration may be required, please check with branches.



# GAMES & ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

## Chess Club (9+)

Central @ 6pm

This club is for anyone interested in chess no matter your skill level! Learn the game, brush up on skills, & enjoy good company.

Tuesdays  
March | April | May

## Bellevue Tabletop Gaming Society (9-17)

East 80 @ 4pm

Join the gaming fun at the library! No registration required.

\*no program April 15

March 18  
April 1 & 29

**\*Registration may be required, please check with branches.**

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Spring Fling (all ages)

Benton

Join us for a scavenger hunt, guessing games, game stations, Grab-and-Go activities, and spring treat bags! Let's have a spring musical time! Special performance by Lady Chops!

March 8 | 3pm

## Going Green: Plant Swap (18+)

Haughton

Bring a plant, take a plant! Contact branch for additional details.

April 22 | 11am

## Unsung America Series (18+)

Facebook Event, Plain Dealing

Episode 3, Peggi Oki - "The Z-Girl": Before the sky high stylings of Tony Hawk and the technical expertise of Rodney Mullen, there were the Z-Boys, a collection of surfers turned skateboarders who laid the groundwork for an entire sport in the early 70's. Among the likes of legendary skaters like Tony Alva and Stacey Peralta was Peggi Oki, a second-generation Japanese-American who would also break ground as the first professional female skater.

April 8 | 2pm

## Cooking with an Air Fryer (18+)

Plain Dealing

New to an air fryer? Learn how to put this fun appliance to use! Join Abigail McAlister, nutrition agent with the LSU AgCenter and registered dietitian, to learn how to use an air fryer, and take home some tasty recipes.

Registration is required as seating is limited. Call or go online to reserve your seat!

March 15 | 11am

## Lady Chops (all ages)

East 80

Bring the whole family to enjoy this special performance by Lady Chops!

May 24 | 5pm

## Central Paint Night (18+)

Central

Join us at Central to create art. Beginners and pros alike are welcome! All materials will be supplied, and refreshments will be served.

March 31 | 5pm

## Summer Kickoff Party (all ages)

Haughton

Join us to kick off the summer with special guest, Lady Chops!

May 25 | 11am

# SUMMER IS COMING!

## @ Bossier Parish Libraries

Join us for our **FREE** Summer Experience

May 20 – July 31, 2022

Do you like trying **new** things?

Do you like getting **free** things?

Do you like **hanging out** with friends?

If you do, sign up for our Summer Experience where you can earn prizes for reading & explore our programs both in our libraries and out in the community.

Registration begins April 22, 2022

<http://bossierlibrary.readsquared.com/>

**Explore a whole new world  
@ Bossier Parish Libraries**



FIND YOUR HOME BRANCH:

Aulds Branch  
3950 Wayne Avenue  
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](http://www.bossierlibrary.org)  
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