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**New Titles**

- *Have You “ Liked” Us Yet?*
- *Social media is a necessity these days. As far as I’m concerned, long gone are the days of being able to separate your professional life from your personal life; the two have become one in the world of social media. I’m not completely sure how I feel about this, but regardless of my feelings, that’s where the people are! So, have you “liked” us yet?*
- *It seems everyone counts the number of likes, check-ins, friend requests, and comments they receive on a daily basis; the Natchitoches Parish Library is no different. The staff realize that the residents of Natchitoches Parish are on social media, so we have really made an effort to put our services and programs out front on a number of these platforms. It has paid off! Everyday library users are constantly interacting with us, which promotes the library’s presence on social media, and in turn brings more people to our page. It’s a lovely cycle where our staff and patrons spread the word and bring in more people who then continue to spread the word! We love it!*
- *Libraries in general have a bad history of not selling their product, and please take that as “selling their product” – figuratively, not literally. All of the services and programs we offer at the library are at no charge to our patrons [YOU]; taxpayers [again, YOU] do their part in paying taxes, the library doesn’t double-charge for its services, but we sometimes do a bad job of telling you about them. Social media has allowed us to step outside of the library and promote our services and programs in a new way. I sell the library wherever I go – church, the grocery store, day-care, wherever I may be, and I’m always amazed at the number of people who are unaware of some of what I consider our most basic services. I don’t blame patrons in the slightest way though. I take it as a challenge for the library. How can we get the information out there? How do we tell those who don’t know? We know there are people who would love to use our services and would benefit greatly from them. We bombarded The Natchitoches Times with information, press releases, and pictures, and are very grateful for them including so many things in each week’s edition about the library. We are taking the same approach with social media, because we know that it’s sometimes a different audience. We want everyone to know about all of the great things we provide at the library. For those of you who haven’t jumped into the world of social media, no worries. You’ll still stay up-to-date with all things library related by reading the newspaper. And by the way, if you’re interested in learning more about social media, be sure to contact library staffer Alan [alan@natlib.org] who teaches classes on tech-related topics, including social media. If you live each and every day in the world of social media, find us. Stay up-to-date and don’t miss a thing!*

**Stay Connected, Stay Informed**

- Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/NatchitochesParishLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/NatchitochesParishLibrary/)
- Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/natchparishlib/](https://www.instagram.com/natchparishlib/)
- Youtube Natchitoches Parish Library

**Ice cream party** to be held during National Library Week April 11—16!
Teens, ages 11—17 years old, are invited to come to the Natchitoches Parish Library located at 450 2nd St. in Natchitoches, LA, on March 10, from 6—7 p.m. for a fun and creative craft.

Teens will have a chance to create a beautiful and unique tree sun catcher. Instructors will help participants release their inner artist as they walk through how to create their own sun catchers. The Natchitoches Parish Library is committed to excellence and as such is making an effort to extend services and programming to further serve the patrons of Natchitoches Parish.

Space for this program is limited and registration is required. Teens can sign up for the program on the second floor of the library or by calling Martha Uchino at 357-3280 or email martha@natlib.org. All materials will be provided and snacks will be served. Refreshments are provided by a generous donation from the Friends of the Natchitoches Library, LLC.

For more information about this or other programming offered at the library, call Amy Walmsley at 357-3280 or email amy@natlib.org.

Adult Programming and Annual Book Sale

Do you have questions about your Social Security and what to expect? The Natchitoches Parish Library can help! On Wednesday, March 16, from 2—3 p.m. the public is invited to come to a free seminar about Social Security at the library, located at 450 2nd St. in Natchitoches.

Space is limited and registration is required. To sign up for this program, stop by and sign up on the 2nd floor of the library or call Martha Uchino at 357-3280.

Another program that the library is offering is a fun craft class for adults. On Tuesday, March 22, from 5:30—6:30 p.m. adults, ages 18 + are invited to come to the library for a hand painted vase craft.

Participants will have a chance to release their inner artist when they attend this crating class.

Summer is right around the corner. Get ready for it at your Natchitoches Parish Library.

Beginning Monday, March 7, the library will be hosting a fitness series, Barre with Coy, every Monday morning from 8 a.m.—9 a.m. Barre work includes both slow and fast exercises, which both serve to strengthen muscles. Slow exercises are typically performed first, to stretch and warm up muscles and to focus on proper body form, whereas fast exercises condition dancers to maintain precise ballet technique while moving. Each exercise has a specific purpose, such as to strengthen feet and legs, increase extension, improve flexibility, and develop balance. Proper form (posture, positions of feet and arms) is strived for in all exercises.

Art with Annabel

March 22nd * 6 to 7:30 p.m. 9 to 12 year olds

*All Supplies Included!
+Snacks will be given!

Call 318-357-3280 or message us on Facebook to sign up!

Fitness @ YOUR LIBRARY!

Young adults are invited to come to the library for a fun and creative craft. On Tuesday, March 22, from 5:30—7 p.m. for a fun and creative craft.

The Natchitoches Parish Library is making an effort to extend services and programming to further serve the patrons of Natchitoches Parish. The library is offering a number of specially selected books, adult fiction, cookbooks, and crafts, music, and more. Organized by genre, books are individually priced with most costing less than $3.00. Also available are a number of specially-priced novelty books. The Book Sale is the Friends of the Natchitoches Parish Library’s most important fundraiser of the year, and proceeds will help to provide many cultural and library programs to benefit the community.

The Friends of the Natchitoches Library, LLC is a non-profit organization that works to support and enrich the capabilities, resources, and services of the Natchitoches Parish Library through fundraising and advocacy efforts that benefit the community. The Friends of the Natchitoches Library, LLC is dedicated to enhancing the programs and resources of our libraries. Funds raised by the Friends are used to meet library needs not met through the traditional Natchitoches Parish Library budget.

Coloring Corner