Teen Institute—Purchased Lives

The Natchitoches Parish Library, in partnership with Cane River Creole National Historical Park’s Ranger Tim Van Cleave, will offer a two-part series on American Slavery. The series is geared towards teens and will take place at the Library on November 10 from 4-6pm and November 19 from 10am-3pm.

Teens will have the opportunity to learn about local history in the context of the American slave trade and how it affected people of the time and has far reaches into today's society. For part one, Park Ranger Tim Van Cleave will be presenting information from the “Purchased Lives” panel traveling exhibit from the Historic New Orleans Collection, along with unique primary sources from Magnolia Plantation regarding the once legal buying and selling of people. Teens will then work together to create their own exhibit to share what they have learned.

In part two, teens will be bussed to Magnolia Plantation to view the full exhibit and tour the complex grounds. A lunch will be included and the entire program is free; however, space is limited and teens must sign up at the second floor circulation desk. Parents must also grant permission for participation. For more information or to sign up the program, parents and teens interested may contact Teen Programmer, Michelle Pichon at 318-238-9241 or michelle@natlib.org.

“Purchased Lives: The American Slave Trade from 1808 to 1865” will be available for viewing at the Cane River Creole National Historical Park from November 1 until December 13.
How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

“A family feast and usually some outdoor games: bulls-eye buck and corn hole.” -Marc

“I invite people over. The thought has crossed my mind of charging some a quarter!” -Joey

“We go to Thanksgiving Mass and do gumbo instead of the traditional turkey meal.” -Donna

“I cook with my family.” -Danelle

“I go home to Texas to visit my family.” -Crystal

“With family that you don’t get to see every day.” -Francis

“I enjoy getting together with all my family.” -Rita

“I go to visit family and get to visit my nieces and nephews.” -Fredricka

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Natchitoches Parish Library staff, Alecia, Geneva, and Tamara, were happy to take part in the Smokin’ On the Red Festival Parade in Campti on October 22!

The Library wishes to thank Lewis Gladney for volunteering for the Statewide “Lawyers in Libraries” event in October!
We are happy to announce that NSU, NSU Scholars’ College, and BPCC at NSU students may now receive a Natchitoches Parish Library card without paying a fee! Students now need only show their Student ID, along with their current state photo ID (showing their current permanent home address), to receive a free library card.

Students will have all privileges of an Adult Card, with the exception of InterLibrary Loan, laptop and WiFi2Go checkout, and a checkout limit of fifteen items total. Becoming a patron of the NPL also means access to many online databases covering a range of topics: ancestry research, academic research, crafting/making, language learning, college level practice exams, and much more. And with Hoopla and Overdrive, movies, TV, books, and comics can be downloaded from home!

Also new to the NPL is our Senior Adult Card. This new card type can be issued to anyone 65 or older and comes with special privileges:

- There are NO overdue fines.
- A four week checkout period for books, audiobooks, and Playaways.
- A two week checkout period for DVDs.

We hope these changes will enable us to better serve our great patrons!