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July 2023

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We will be <u>CLOSED</u> In observance Happy of Independence Day. Tuesday, July4, 2023

PINEY NEWS

July Performers & Guests

Harvey Rabbit & Friends

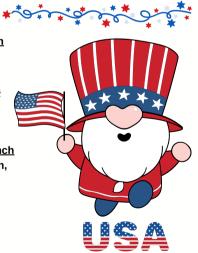
Chatham Branch Thursday, July 6th, @ 2 pm

Jonesboro Branch Friday, July 7th, @ 10 am & 2 pm



David LeBoeuf **Chatham Branch**

Jonesboro Branch Friday, July 14th, @ 10 am & 2pm



Jubilee Zoo & Willy T's



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Chatham Branch Thursday, July 20th, From 1 pm to 3 pm

Jonesboro Branch Friday, July 21st From 1 pm to 3 pm

July 5th July 12th

Thistle Dancers & Pipers Jonesboro Branch 10 am, **Chatham Branch 2pm**

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service Jonesboro Branch 10 am **Chatham Branch 2pm**

<u>July 19th</u> **Jonesboro Fire Department** Jonesboro Branch 10 am

Chatham Branch 2pm

Check out our Summer Reading Newsletter for more detailed information!

Community Events

Jonesboro Branch 259-5697

Confused about Medicare??? Need Help Enrolling???

Amanda Turner

Independent Medicare Benefits Advisor Will be available at Jackson Parish Library Call 533-2009 to make an appointment.

Come and Learn:

How to Save as Much Money as Possible
How Medicare Works and What Your Options Are
How to Determine What Your Costs Will Be
How to Make Changes Once You are Enrolled



Brown's Hearing August 1st

10 am- 4 pm

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-392-1041

Jonesboro Branch

SNAP Outreach Coordinator Ms. Jerlissa Elzy can assist with your Food Stamp Application, with your Simplified Report and Redetermination



Help is available by calling: 318-237-7764 or 318-322-3567

Ms. Elzy will be available



By Phone: 318-237-7764 or 318-322-3567

Please make an appointment by coming by or calling.



Contact: Floyd A. Knox Library Director Jackson Parish Library 318.259.5697 floyd@jacksonparishlib.org









JACKSON PARISH LIBRARY RECEIVE NATIONAL GRANTS FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES \$20,000 in Grants Will Add Inclusive Equipment to the Jackson Parish Library Park for Residents with Disabilities in Jonesboro and Chatham, Louisiana.

Jonesboro, LA — The Jackson Parish Library branches in Jonesboro and Chatham have been selected as 2 of the 240 libraries across the nation to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities. Each branch applied for and received \$10,000 and will use the funds to acquire inclusive equipment to be installed in a park setting next to the respective branches. The awards in Jackson Parish account for 2 of 3 given in the state of Louisiana. A full list can be found here: https://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/access/libraries

The Parents/Caregivers of Exceptional Children is a parish wide support group for parents and caregivers of special needs that meet once a month. Group leader Sabrina Villarreal stated "There is not a place in our parish that is inclusive and most families do not have the luxury of traveling to another parish." The Jackson Parish Library branches lie in the heart of our rural communities and are the ideal places for inclusive library parks. These parks will serve as a multigenerational meeting area for all regardless of age or disability.

This competitive award of \$10,000 will add equipment from the Miracle [®] Museum [™] collection to the new Jackson Parish Library Park in Jonesboro. These pieces are sensory based playground equipment that are designed with wheelchair accessibility to ensure that everyone is given the chance to explore the environment.

The \$10,000 grant awarded to the Chatham branch will be used to create an inclusive and immersive music and butterfly park. Raised gardens will provide native flora to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Musical instruments, such as the PercussionPlay® Rainbow Trio Ensemble of Bongos, Chime and Metallophone, and a Sunflower Petal Drum will be added for the enjoyment of everyone.

"We are so honored to have been chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Library Director Floyd Knox. "This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents with disabilities better. It will help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space."

As part of the grants, Jackson Parish Library staff will take online courses in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a public planning event and conversation with the residents of each community about improving services, facilities, and programs for people with disabilities.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact Angela Walsworth at 318-259-5697 in Jonesboro or Phyllis Moore at 318-249-2980 in Chatham. Keep up with updates on our projects at www.jacksonparishlib.org.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)."

"The Jackson Parish Library is a service institution that seeks to inform, educate, entertain, and culturally enrich the lives of all people, from early childhood to senior citizens, through the use of books and other materials, technological innovations, facilities, and professional services."

Jackson Parish Library Bookmobile Schedule Summer 2023

Monday

June 5; July 3, 17 10:00 - 11:00 Dollar General (Weston) 12:20 - 2:20 Piney Woods 2:30 - 4:30 Caney Creek

Tuesday

June 6, 20; July 18, 10:00 - 11:00 Little Angels 12:45 - 1:45 Oak & 4th St. 1:55 - 3:55 Longleaf Apt

Monday

June 12, 26; July 10 10:00 - 11:00 Clay 12:15 - 12:45 St. Rest 12:55 - 2:55 Beech Springs BC

Tuesday

June 13, 27; July 11 9:30 - 10:30 Boys & Girls Club 2:00 - 4:00 Pearrie Park

ALL TOGETHER NOW



Free Medicare Educational Seminar

Saturday, July 22, 2023

9:00 am

Jackson Parish Library- Chatham Branch

1500 Pine St., Chatham, LA 71226

We are pleased to invite you to a **FREE Medicare Educational Seminar**

conducted by

Amanda Turner

Mrs. Turner is an *Independent Benefits Advisor* specializing in Medicare. She is volunteering her time to help you better understand your options as you embark upon this important milestone. She will cover the following information from the official

U.S. Government Medicare Handbook:

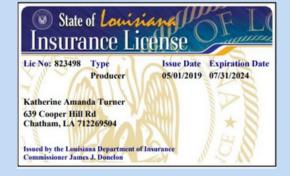
- Defining Medicare and its four Parts: A,B,C & D.
- How and when to enroll in Medicare (what happens when you're already in Medicare and turning 65)
- When can you change plans (Annual Open Enrollment & Special Enrollment Periods)
- Medicare Health Plan Coverage Choices (Medigap /Medicare Supplement Plans & Medicare Advantage plans)
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- How to get help for your Medicare premium, Prescription Drugs, & other Medicare costs

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AND BRING A FRIEND!

Call to register @ (318) 533-2009 or send an email to

amandadark@hotmail.com



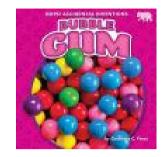


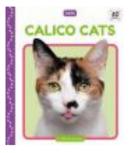


New Releases

Children's







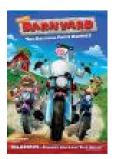


















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