



LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

March/April 2026

Winnsboro Branch
705 Prairie Street
Winnsboro, LA 71295

Wisner Branch
129 Fort Scott Street
Wisner, LA 71378



LIBRARY NEWS & INFORMATION

➤➤➤ "WINNSBOROUGH" TURNED "WINNSBORO"

We recently received a query about when and why the town of Winnsboro changed the spelling of the name from "Winnsborough." All of the information was gained from historical articles in our local publication, The Franklin Sun, via our Newspapers.com subscription that patrons can also utilize with their library card.

"Winnsborough" was formed in 1844, located in the center of parish upon a 160 acre plot of land donated by John W. Willis. The name was chosen in honor of Senator John Winn. "Be it ordained by the President and members of the Police Jury at the June Session A.D. 1844, 'That the town Laid Off at the Seat of Justice of said Franklin Parish be called Winnsborough in honor of Senator John Winn..." On March 18, 1902, Governor William Wright Heard issued a proclamation declaring the Village of Winnsboro incorporated. On November 15, 1913, an ordinance was passed classifying the village of Winnsboro as a town, by virtue of a proclamation by the governor, L.E. Hall, dated October 6, 1913.

According to the 1843 minutes, the original parish police jury was organized in the home of Enos Mackey on May 22. The first courthouse, a three-room weather boarded building which cost \$1,500, was built in 1844 on a square in "Winnsborough." The "jail house" was of hewed timber. Later, in 1854 a courthouse of brick replaced the original wooden building and "Winnsborough" was spelled "Winnsboro" for the first time in 1855.

THE FRANKLIN SUN
FEBRUARY 25, 1954

So... when and why did "Winnsborough" change to "Winnsboro"? There's not one solid answer that we could find recorded. However, what we did find was that several towns across the country dropped from "-borough" to "-boro" in the mid to late 1800's when the postal service was formalizing it's process and trying to make things a bit easier. Even after this change, we find records of using the two spellings interchangeably until "Winnsborough" eventually dropped for good.

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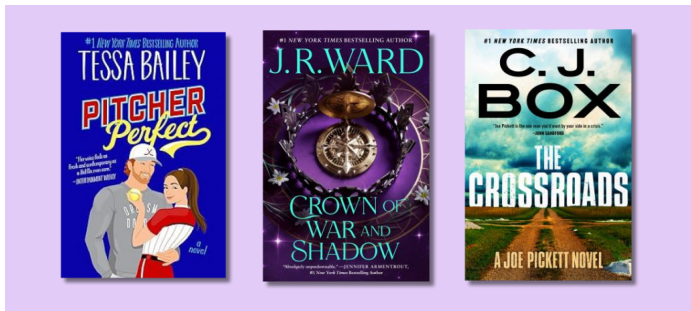
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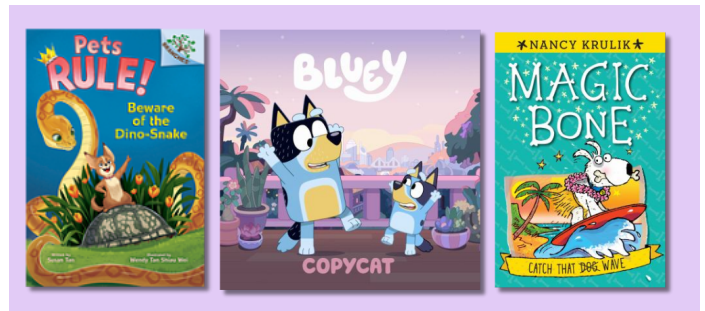
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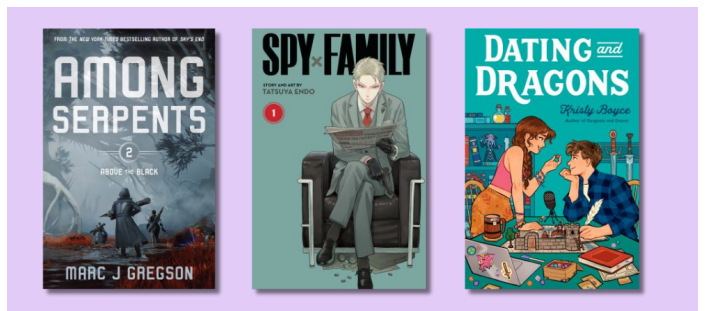
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE



OTHER ADDITIONS



YOUNG ADULT



These are obviously not all of the new titles added this month.

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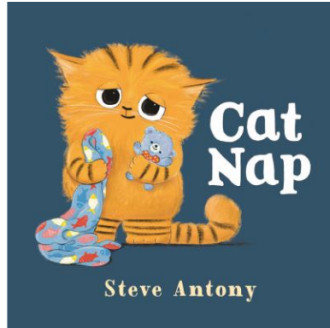
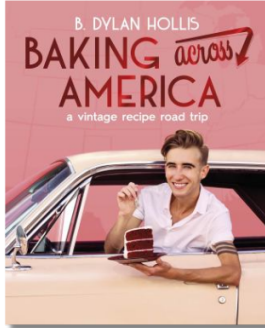
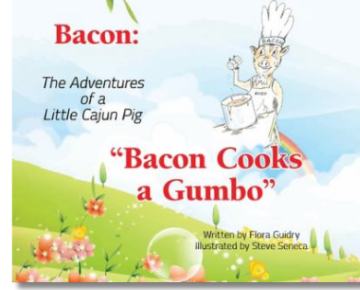
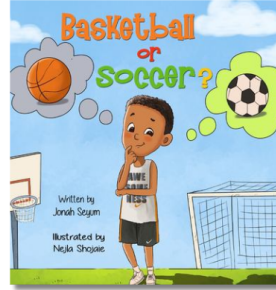
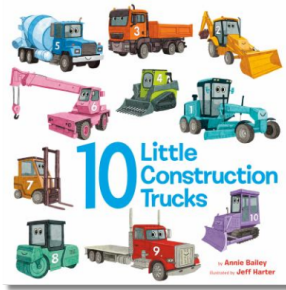
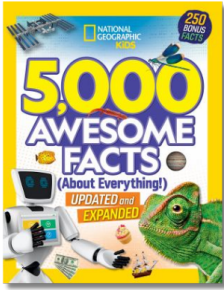
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➤➤➤ WALL OF HONOR SPOTLIGHT



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Army
Vietnam



Paul G. Eaton
Army - Sergeant



Ronnie Cook
Army - Private First Class
Vietnam

Did you or a loved one from Franklin Parish serve in our armed forces?

To be featured on our permanent Wall of Heroes, stop by to see us or give us a call for more information.

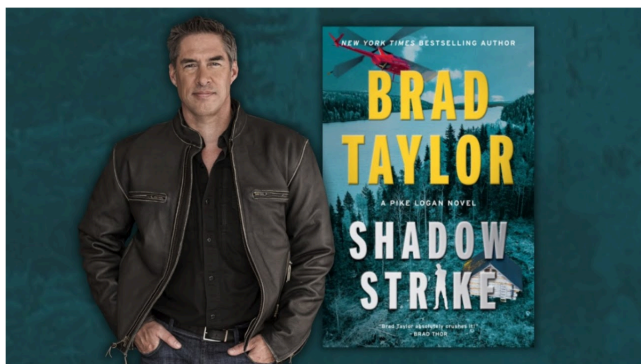
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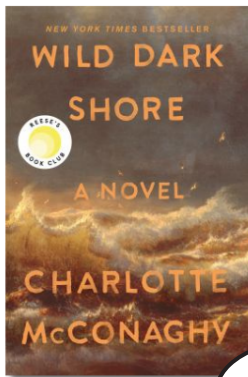
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READ & Craft

book club

FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY

Read & Craft Book Club exist to create a community of encouragement and creativity through reading great books and crafting fun art. Join us the last Tuesday of every month at 6 pm

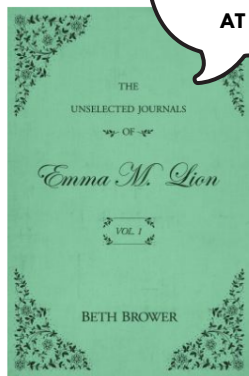


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»» SCENES FROM AROUND THE LIBRARY ««



**POST CARD IN OUR FP ROOTS COLLECTION
“COURT HOUSE AND JAIL, WINNSBORO, LA”
STAMPED OCTOBER 21, 4PM, 1911**



Pictured: Kayla Shirley, Library Director; Nell Calloway, Chennault Aviation & Military Museum Director; LeaAnn Walley, D.A.R. Oakley Chapter President

Our 3 & 4 year old friends came to visit us at learned all about spring & got to plant some wild flowers with us



SPRING HAPPENINGS IN FRANKLIN PARISH HISTORY...

WISNER HERALD
MARCH 19, 1937



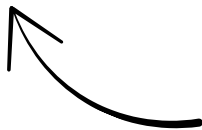
Bridge Will Be Built Across Bayou Macon at Swampers

A bridge will be built across Bayou Macon at Swampers.

FRANKLIN SUN
APRIL 18, 1946



SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS of Franklin Parish high schools who attended the annual workshop in Winnsboro High School March 18. Left to right: Miss Willie Tarbutton, Mrs. Helen Beall, Mrs. Amanda Warner, John Pickett, Tommy Moore, Mrs. Eula Batey, Barney Cottingham, Sidney Rhodes, Orville Elkin, Alton Johnston, Mrs. Frances Lyles, Judson Warren, William Hoover and Milton Linder.



FRANKLIN SUN
APRIL 2, 1964

Wisner Hi Honor Roll Is Announced This Week By T. L. Owen

The honor roll for pupils of Wisner's consolidated schools for fourth period of the 1936-37 term was announced today by T. L. Owen, principal and is as follows:

Jean Bentley, Inita Brown, Mary Sue Disch, Sherry Jo LeJeune, Bobby Lee, Carolyn Mitchell, Myra Ann Wilson, Maxine Bass, Annie Beil Curry, Jaunita Lofton, Carl Batey, Sam Byrnes Charles Terry and D. S. Hollingsworth.

Edward Morgan, Barbara Ellen McKeiver, Willie Smith, Barbara Nell Martin, Nona Ree Hedrick, Jimmie Terry, Donald King, Lurline Watson, Doris Rayburn, Doris Childers, Rosa Lee Hollingsworth, Christeen Holder, Jennie Lee McKnight, Marie Dickerson, Eleanor Funderburk, Mable Lofton, Elizabeth Ensminger, Margie Rue Gordy, Claice Lee Holder, James Lee, Paul Beach, Jessie Bell Anderson, Nila Fay Bass, Lorraine Batey, Lucille Ensminger, Dertthey Lee Roach.

The junior class of Wisner High will present a play March 25th, at 8 p. m. entitled "Laugh Clown" a comedy in three acts.

On Tuesday the following pupils of Wisner high presented a program over KMLB: Erlene Cannon, Dorothy Lee Roach, Arlette Pool, Elizabeth Ensminger, Ben Atkinson, Edward Byrnes, R. W. and Vernon Stephens.

On Tuesday a banquet was given in honor of the Wisner football team. One hundred and twenty five citizens attended. A spaghetti supper was enjoyed, after which Russell Mecom acting as master of ceremonies presented fourteen letters with sweaters. Addresses were also made by John L. McDuff, Parish Supt. of Schools, T. L. Owen, principal and M. D. Peel, coach.

The Wisner senior girls won the Franklin parish tournament held at Gilbert last week by defeating Gilbert one point in the final game.

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AROUND THE COUNTRY

THE BUTTE MINER, MONTANA
APRIL 18, 1882

The Wonderful Escape of a Miner Buried Alive.

A man by the name of Wm. Bennett was at work on the K K mine on the fifth level at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon. He was a tributer and was working in a raise. He was approaching an old cave. He did not know how far off he was, but thought he was a considerable distance from it, when all at once, without any warning whatever, the roof of the cave cracked and a mass of old ground was precipitated upon him. There was no chance for him to get out. His only means of escape was to climb as the dirt was falling, which he did. The manner in which he struggled to save his life was something remarkable. Some of the debris which fell about him was in the shape of large boulders, many of them weighing at least 400 pounds. His candle had been knocked out of his hand and extinguished. Luckily he was not struck by the masses of falling rock and kept on climbing upon them as they fell and settled about him and above him. He fought in this way against a seemingly inevitable death for a distance of 20 feet upwards, perpendicularly, when the caving ceased. Then he struck a match and waited where he was for about an hour, enclosed between the roofing that had fallen off in an arched wall above him and the loose dirt below. He was literally buried alive for the time, but fortunately a little air came through the rubbish crevices, sufficient to sustain life. By this time his partner, who was working at a short distance from him, went to look for him and discovered the cave. He,

spoke to them and told them he would throw himself across the "gunnis," and that they should let the dirt drop three or four feet, and he would give way and fall on it. This operation was repeated several times, until he finally emerged from his tomb, somewhat scratched and bruised, but with no bones broken. The report had gone abroad that he was buried alive in the cave, and a large crowd had gathered about the K K shaft, expecting to see his dead body brought to the surface. The agony that his wife endured in the time of suspense, while such news as could be had from the mine was brought to her by a kind friend from time to time, can be better imagined than described. The joy that prevailed on the Hill when he was restored to life and his distressed wife was universal and unbounded. Bennett is a good, cool-headed miner, otherwise he could not have survived. His presence of mind and mastery of the difficult situation alone saved him. —*Eureka Sentinel*, 13th.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE COMING TO ALASKA

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—John Borden, a multi-millionaire of Chicago, is in Los Angeles, and will leave for Seattle today, where he will outfit for an expedition in Alaska. He is accompanied by five companions. The party will explore along the Arctic coast and will be gone the entire season.

COOK INLET PIONEER & KNIK NEWS,
ALASKA
APRIL 15, 1916

FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS


2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2  4H HOMESCHOOL CLUB 3PM	3 <i>Closed Good Friday</i>	4
6  ADULT QUILTING CLUB 9AM TODDLER STORYTIME MAIN BRANCH 10AM	7  ADULT PRESSED FLOWERS WORKSHOP 5:30 PM	8  ADULT PRESSED FLOWERS WORKSHOP 11:00 AM	9  NOON NIBBLES FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY	10	11  Teen D&D Noon
13	14	15	16 ASK A LAWYER EVENT 4:30 PM	17	18
20 TODDLER STORYTIME MAIN BRANCH 10AM	21	22  RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING 2PM	23  4H CAMP INTEREST MEETING 4PM	24	25 MILES FOR SMILES HONOR LOOP 5K 9AM AT FPMS TRACK  Teen D&D Noon
27 TODDLER STORYTIME WISNER BRANCH 10AM  4H UNIVERSITY INTEREST MEETING 4PM	28 READ & Craft book club 6:00 PM 	29	30  MAKE SURE TO CONFIRM WITH YOUR LOCAL 4H AGENT FOR INFO RELATED TO 4H EVENTS/ACTIVITIES		

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FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MS WORD TRAINING LEVEL 1: 10AM LEVEL 2: 1 PM	2
4  ADULT QUILTING CLUB 9AM	5	6	7	8	9  Teen D&D Noon
11  LAYERED <i>Express yourself one layer at a time</i> 10:00 AM	12	13	14  NOON NIBBLES FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY	15	16
18	19	20  RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING 2PM	21	22	23  Teen D&D Noon
25  *MEMORIAL DAY* <i>Closed</i>	26  READ & CRAFT book club 6:00 PM	27	28	29	30

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FPL SUMMER READING JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UNEARTH A STORY™

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p>  <p>ADULT QUILTING CLUB 9AM</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>4H UNIVERSITY CAMP MEETING 4PM</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>POVERTY POINT <i>World Heritage Site</i></p> <p>ADULT LUNCH & LEARN: NOON CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: 2 PM</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Teen D&D Noon</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>LAYERED <i>Express yourself one layer at a time</i></p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>NOON NIBBLES FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>10:00 AM LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO MONROE, LOUISIANA</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>KIDCHEF CAMP! REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>KIDCHEF CAMP! REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>THE DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE</p> <p>2:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Teen D&D Noon</p>
<p>22</p> <p>JURASSIC PARK MOVIE & POPCORN</p>  <p>2:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Louisiana Snake ID</p> <p>10:30 AM & 2:30 PM</p>	<p>27</p> 
<p>29</p>  <p>LOUISIANA JONESIE & THE MOUNDBUILDERS 10:00 AM</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>READ & Craft <i>book club</i></p> <p>6:00 PM</p>		<p>TODDLER STORYTIME DATES COMING SOON!</p>		
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FPL SUMMER READING JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UNEARTH A STORY™

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>TODDLER STORYTIME DATES COMING SOON!</p>		1	2	3 <i>Closed</i>	4 Independence Day 
6  <p>ADULT QUILTING CLUB 9AM</p>	7	8	9 	10	11
13 <p>LAYERED <i>Express yourself one layer at a time</i> 10:00 AM</p>	14 	15  <p>ALL DAY CAMP REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	16	17  <p>HAT-TRICK MAGIC WITH DAVID LEBOEUF 10:00 AM</p>	18  <p>Teen D&D Noon</p>
20  <p>4H CAMP ORIENTATION 4PM</p>	21	22	23	24 <p>GOOD DINOSAUR MOVIE & POPCORN 2:00 PM</p>	25
27 	28 <p>READ & Craft <i>book club</i> 6:00 PM</p>	29	30	31 <p>READING LOGS DUE!</p> 	<p>MAKE SURE TO CONFIRM WITH YOUR LOCAL 4H AGENT FOR INFO RELATED TO 4H EVENTS/ACTIVITIES</p> 

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A Taste Of Herbs & Spices

April is Tarragon

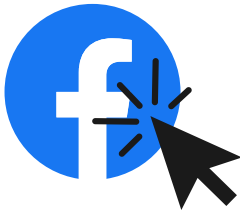


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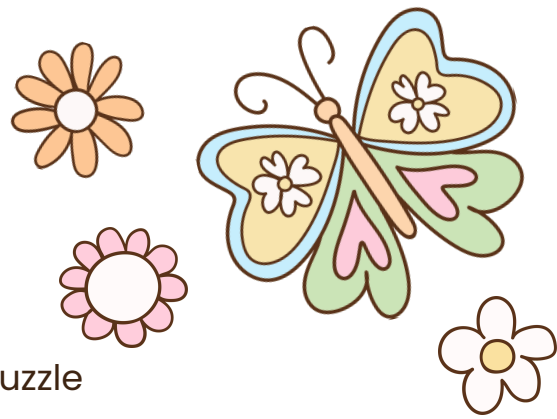
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Franklin Parish Public Library
Winnsboro, LA

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