



# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Winnsboro Branch  
705 Prairie Street  
Winnsboro, LA 71295

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129 Fort Scott Street  
Wisner, LA 71378



## LIBRARY NEWS & INFORMATION

### >>> UNEARTH A STORY - SUMMER READING 2026

Summer reading is almost here! We've been working on the schedule of events since last year's summer reading program ended. Our lineup this year includes some annual favorites (Louisiana Snake ID), some new exciting programs (Dinosaur Experience), and our second annual summer STEM camp which we team up with Louisiana Delta Community College and Friends of Crowville.

You'll find the full schedule on our Facebook, website, and later in this newsletter. Keep a watch on our Facebook for any unexpected schedule changes. That's where the most recent information is always posted.



New this year - BEANSTACK! We're really excited to now have Beanstack for all of the reading challenges that we can dream up... including summer reading! Download the Beanstack app for free in both Android and Apple app stores. Create your account and add all of your little readers too. We have challenges for ALL age groups again this year!

Join the challenge for your age group, log your minutes read in Beanstack, earn badges, and complete the challenge! At the end of July, we'll do random drawings from everyone who completes their challenge. Children & teens have several fun prizes that they can win if they complete their reading challenge. Adults... we didn't forget about you! We love prizes too. Adults who complete their Beanstack reading challenge will be entered to win a Kindle Fire!!!

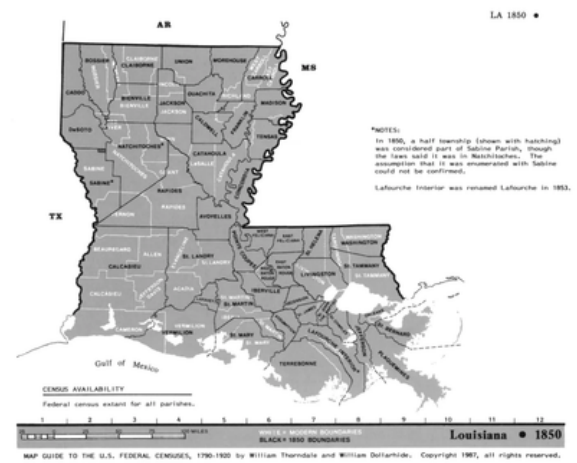
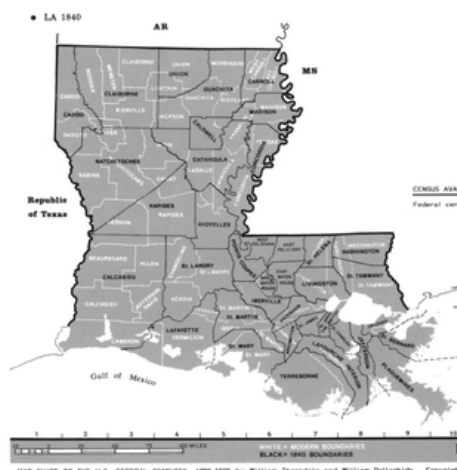
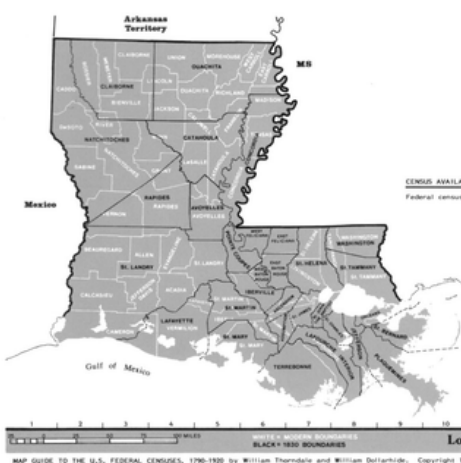
## ➤➤➤ GENEALOGY SPOTLIGHT

Federal census records are the bedrock of American family history research, serving as a repeating snapshot that allows you to track a family's growth, movement, and changing economic status every ten years. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the state was integrated into the U.S. Federal Census system. Over the decades, these records evolved from simple head-of-household tallies where family members were merely ticks in age brackets, to the landmark 1880 census, which was the first to explicitly name every individual in a household and state their specific relationship to the head of the family.

Louisiana is unique because it is divided into parishes rather than counties, a system rooted in its colonial history under French and Spanish rule. In 1805, the territorial government initially created 12 massive "counties," but just two years later, in 1807, it established 19 "parishes" based on old ecclesiastical (church) boundaries. Over the next century, as the population expanded, the state legislature continuously carved new, smaller parishes out of these massive original territories.

This continuous shifting means that an ancestor could have lived in the exact same house for 40 years but appeared in four different parishes across four consecutive federal censuses. For example, if you are looking for an ancestral family in Northeast Louisiana, they might appear under:

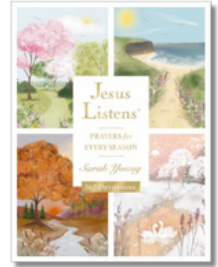
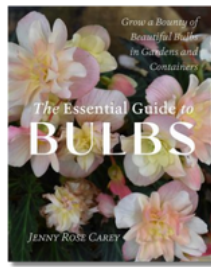
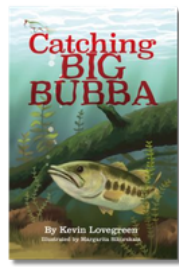
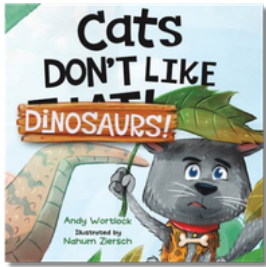
- Ouachita Parish in 1830
- Catahoula Parish in 1840
- Franklin Parish in 1850 (once Franklin was carved out of the others in 1843)



**ACCESS CENSUS LISTS, CENSUS MAPS, AND OTHER VITAL INFORMATION BY VISITING HERITAGE QUEST - LOGIN USING YOUR LIBRARY CARD NUMBER AS YOUR USERNAME AND THE LAST FOUR OF YOUR CELL PHONE AS YOUR PIN/PASSWORD.**

**➤➤➤ DONATED AS MEMORIALS OR IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES, EVENTS, OR SPECIAL MOMENTS**

*"Keep all special thoughts and memories for lifetimes to come. Share these keepsakes with others to inspire hope and build from the past, which can bridge to the future." Mattie Stepanek*



If you'd like to purchase a memorial or book in honor of a loved one, friend, pet, or celebrated moment, we have a selection of books that may be purchased from or you can request a specific item.

Give us a call or come see us at the Winnsboro branch (318) 435-4336



*"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."*

*-unknown*

**➤➤➤ WALL OF HONOR SPOTLIGHT**



Ledell Willis  
Army - Private First Class  
Vietnam



Marion Francis Bell  
Army - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
World War II



N. D. Paola  
Army - Sergeant  
World War II

*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.*

*We appreciate our Veterans & all they've sacrificed for us.*



**FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY**

[franklinparishlibrary.org](http://franklinparishlibrary.org)



# ➤➤➤ A FEW OF THE UPCOMING VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS ◀◀◀



Register  
Now

THERE'S MORE ON OUR WEBSITE!

YOU CAN SEE ALL OF OUR UPCOMING AUTHOR TALKS AND WATCH VIDEOS FROM PAST AUTHOR TALKS ON OUR WEBSITE:

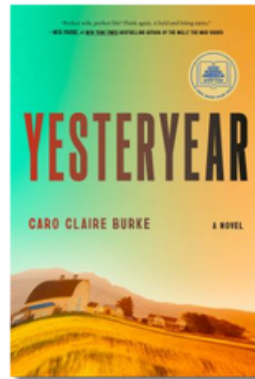
[HTTPS://LIBRARYC.ORG/FRANKLINPARISHLIBRARY](https://libraryc.org/franklinparishlibrary)

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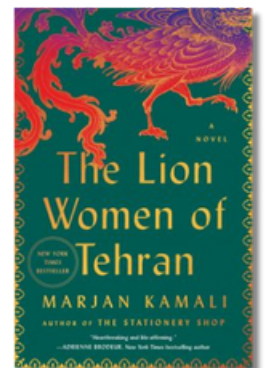
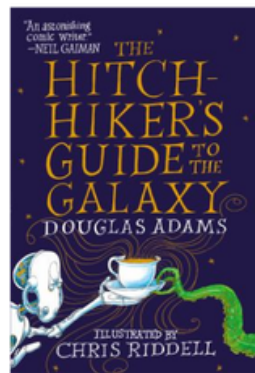


Read & Craft Book Club exist to create a community of encouragement and creativity through reading great books and crafting fun art. Join us the last Tuesday of every month at 6 pm

CROSS  
ROADS  
creative



RECOMMENDATIONS



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THE EBOOK IS ON CLOUD LIBRARY





# GRAPHIC NOVEL READERS

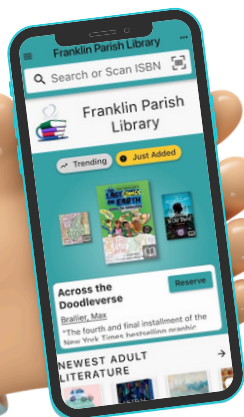


LOVE GRAPHIC NOVELS OR WANT ACCESS TO PICTURE BOOKS ON YOUR DEVICES?

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QUINCY, KEISHA, & CARRIE  
MAY 14, 2026

**NOON NIBBLES**  
FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY

We always enjoy our time with Quincy from LSU-Ag Center!

# SUMMER READING 2026

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026



## UNEARTH A STORY

Join the reading challenge on **BEANSTACK** this year! Enter the summer reading challenge for your age group, earn badges, and get entered to win fun prizes!

- **Poverty Point World Heritage Site**
  - **Adult Program - June 5 @ Noon**
  - **Children & Family Program - June 5 at 2pm**
- **LAYERED (Adult & Teen) - June 8 & July 13 at 10am**
- **Noon Nibbles (Adult Program) - June 11 at Noon**
- **Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo - June 12 at 10am**
- **KidChef Camp with LSU Ag Center - June 16 & 17**
  - **Ages 9-12, Preregistration Required**
- **The Dinosaur Experience - June 19 at 2pm**
- **Jurassic Park Movie & Popcorn - June 22 at 2pm**
- **Louisiana Snake ID - June 26 at 10:30am & 2:30pm**
- **Louisiana Jonesie & the Moundbuilders - June 29 at 2pm**
- **Read & Craft (Adult Program) - June 30 & July 28 at 6pm**
- **STEM All-Day Camp - July 15, 9am to 4pm**
  - **Ages 8-12, Preregistration Required**
- **Hat-Trick Magic with David LeBoeuf - July 17 at 10am**
- **Dino Painting with Braiden Griffith - July 21 at 2pm**
- **Good Dinosaur Movie & Popcorn - July 24 at 2pm**



# D&D Club

FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
TEENS

FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
LED BY HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
Come level up your afternoon at the library. Join in to explore unique worlds, build your characters, and embark on legendary quests. Team up with fellow teens for tabletop journeys where your imagination is the only limit. No experience or supplies needed.

Join in on June 1 at 1:00 pm  
Learning Center Rm B  
(Blue Building)



## June Toddler Story Time

June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 A.M.  
Main Branch  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 A.M.  
Main Branch

Come join us for stories, crafts and  
silly songs

## FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

# UNEARTH A STORY

## STEM CAMP

for children ages 8-12

July 15 in the Learning Center

**Pre-registration is required**

Drop-Offs start at 8:45 am

Program starts at 9 am & ends at 3:30 pm

Lunch will be served

Our goal is to inspire students, encourage creativity, & help develop skills related to problem solving, critical analysis, teamwork, independent thinking, initiative, communication, & digital literacy



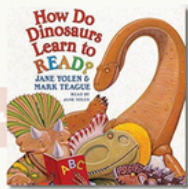
# Summer Storywalk®

READ ANYTIME DURING JUNE & JULY

Our story starts at Lyfe Skills & ends at Winnsboro Physical Therapy. Follow the story posted in windows along Prairie Street at the following locations:



- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. LYFE SKILLS                 | 10. THE FRANKLIN SUN           |
| 2. STEPHANIE'S JEWELRY         | 11. DAILY DOSE BISTRO          |
| 3. FPL LEARNING CENTER         | 12. PEBB SERVICES              |
| 4. FPL GENEALOGY               | 13. TWO HEARTS BOUTIQUE        |
| 5. MAIN STREET TRENDS          | 14. EVERY OCCASION             |
| 6. WINNSBORO OFFICE SUPPLY     | 15. PAINTED PONY               |
| 7. LITTLE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 16. DOWNTOWN SCOOPS            |
| 8. THE VAULT                   | 17. WINNSBORO PHYSICAL THERAPY |
| 9. OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM      |                                |



Grab a scoop of ice cream then skip, sing, jump, & dance your way through this season's story while visiting all of our neighbors downtown.

THE STORYWALK® PROJECT WAS CREATED BY ANNE FERGUSON OF MONTPELIER, VT AND DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY. STORYWALK® IS A REGISTERED SERVICE MARK OWNED BY MS. FERGUSON.

FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY



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# HAPPENINGS IN FRANKLIN PARISH HISTORY...

**WANTED**

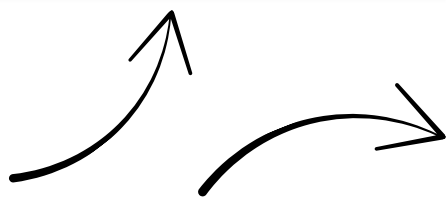
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Thursdays, Saturdays and  
Sundays

**BEST PRICES PAID FOR CREAM IN  
THIS ENTIRE SECTION**

**KAISER'S ICE CREAM And  
CREAMERY COMPANY**  
Natchez, Mississippi



**FRANKLIN SUN  
JUNE 7, 1929**

## EVERY THING MODERN IS TO BE INSTALLED

Inovation for Winns-  
boro and Franklin  
Parish.

According to present plans, work on the Winnsboro Sanitarium, now under construction, will be completed and ready for operation the first of the ensuing month of July. The contract for the building was let to W. H. Hughes, reading the construction would be complete within fifty-five days after the tenth of the past month of May.

The hospital will have twenty-six wards, a directors room, an office and all other necessary compartments. The interior of the building is now the main scene of the work as the roofing, walls and flooring has been completed with the exception of being painted. The building is being ceiled with the best sheet rock and will be very restful to the eye. Every modern convenience possible is being installed. The latest improvements will be placed in regard to both the lighting and heating systems. The fixtures throughout the building will be the best possible or that money can buy. In fact, everything for the very best will make its appearance.

Intense interest is being made manifest in the new enterprise. This marks an inovation in the City of Winnsboro and it is the common opinion that splendid success will be the result.

Those in authority state that operations will begin the first day of July.

**READ THESE STORIES & MORE FROM THE FRANKLIN  
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.com

# AROUND THE COUNTRY

THE MORNING NEWS  
BELFAST, ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND  
JUNE 19, 1884

## PUBLIC NOTICES

THIS EVENING.

**B**ALL AT THE ULSTER HALL.

### CARRIAGE REGULATIONS

To be observed when proceeding to and from the  
ULSTER HALL,

On THURSDAY EVENING, the 19th inst.  
ARRIVING.

Carriages from all parts of the Town, when proceeding to the Ball, will approach from Donegall Square West, where they will be required to fall into line in the order in which they arrive. No carriage will be allowed to approach the Hall save in the line indicated. After setting down the occupants, the carriages will move away by Linenhall Street and Botanic Road.

### RETURNING.

The Carriages of Persons leaving the Ball will fall into line along the Dublin Road, south of the Hall, at either side of the road, leaving the centre clear for carriages to move up when called for. After taking up their occupants, carriages will be required to move away by Donegall Square and the streets in that direction.

F. N. CULLEN, Town Inspector,  
Royal Irish Constabulary.

Town Inspector's Office, 14 Queen Street,  
16th June, 1884. 11145

CAVEHILL & WHITEWELL TRAMWAY.

## DAYS OF OLD.

The French ships of the 13th century had at the sides parapets and battlements similar to those of land fortifications, with small castles fore and aft.—The foldiers fought from them with cross-bows, stones, and other missile weapons. Engines were mounted on the decks, for throwing javelins and large masses of stone.

In the 16th, there was a great importation of *mummies* from Alexandria into Europe. The mummies were not of genuine antiquity, but were prepared by the Jews of Egypt, by embalming or baking the bodies of slaves or malefactors.

In the first half of the fifth century, 29 public libraries were established at Rome. At a later period, the chief collections of books in the western world were in the Abbey of St. Germain at Paris, at Fulda, at Clugny, and at York.

THE LANCASTER GAZETTE  
LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE,  
ENGLAND  
JUNE 20, 1801

# FPL SUMMER READING JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# UNEARTH A STORY™

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p>  <p><b>ADULT QUILTING CLUB 9AM</b></p> <p><b>TEEN D&amp;D 1:00PM</b></p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><b>4H UNIVERSITY CAMP MEETING 4PM</b></p>	<p>5</p>  <p><b>POVERTY POINT</b> <i>World Heritage Site</i></p> <p><b>ADULT LUNCH &amp; LEARN: NOON</b> <b>CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: 2 PM</b></p>	<p>6</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Adults &amp; Teens</p>  <p><b>LAYERED</b> <i>Express yourself one layer at a time</i></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p><b>NOON NIBBLES</b> FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY</p> <p>Adults</p>	<p>12</p>  <p><b>10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS &amp; ZOO</b> MONROE, LOUISIANA</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Teen D&amp;D Noon</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p><b>KIDCHEF CAMP!</b> REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><b>KIDCHEF CAMP!</b> REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p><b>THE DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b></p>	<p>20</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>JURASSIC PARK MOVIE &amp; POPCORN</b></p>  <p><b>2:00 PM</b></p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>  <p><b>Louisiana Snake ID</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM &amp; 2:30 PM</b></p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Teen D&amp;D Noon</p>
<p>29</p>  <p><b>LOUISIANA JONESIE &amp; THE MOUNDBUILDERS</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Adults</p>  <p><b>READ &amp; Craft</b> book club</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b></p>		<p><b>JUNE 1 &amp; JUNE 22: TODDLER TIME AT MAIN AT 10:00 AM</b></p> <p> <b>MAKE SURE TO CONFIRM WITH YOUR LOCAL 4H AGENT FOR INFO RELATED TO 4H EVENTS/ACTIVITIES</b></p>		

UPDATED MAY 26, 2026

# FPL SUMMER READING JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# UNEARTH A STORY™

2026

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

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# FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY

# LAYERED

*Express yourself one layer at a time*

**Adults & Teens:** Peel back the surface and discover your inner artist! Join us for Layered, a new mixed-media journaling monthly activity where we transform blank pages into personal masterpieces. Using a blend of collage, paint, ink, and found objects, you'll build texture and meaning one layer at a time. Journals and art supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you'd like.

**No "artistic talent" required—just a desire to create.**

**Join us the 2nd Monday  
of every month  
10am in the Learning Center**



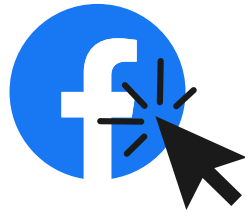
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The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in programs and employment.

# Franklin Parish Library is partnering up with LSU-Ag to bring A Taste of Herbs & Spices to our patrons!

Each month, patrons can stop by either branch to collect a sample of the chosen herb or spice for that month along with example recipes. Once you try out the herb or spice, you'll let us know what you thought about it on a quick survey!



**SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED EACH MONTH SO MAKE SURE YOU COME EARLY!**



## LIBRARY VISITORS



**FLAT STANLEY CAME ALL THE WAY FROM JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FERDINAND, INDIANA!**



**FLAT STELLA & HER DINO FRIEND, BLUEBERRY, CAME ALL THE WAY FROM COFFEE COUNTY LIBRARY IN LEROY, KANSAS!**

# FRANKLIN PARISH LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

## UNEARTH A STORY



**Beanstack**  
Reading Challenges for All Ages



SCAN ME!



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**June 1 through July 31**

Join the reading challenge on BEANSTACK this year! Enter the summer reading challenge for your age group, earn badges, and get entered to win fun prizes!

*Pssst... hey adults, we haven't forgotten about you! Adult participants who complete the reading challenge will be entered to win a Kindle Fire!*



[HTTPS://FRANKLINPARISHLIBRARY.ORG](https://franklinparishlibrary.org)

# SUMMER READING T-SHIRTS!

To choose your t-shirt color and order a summer reading shirt, visit EG Creations located at 5316 Hwy 17 in Crowville!

You can also call or text your order to Kristie at 318-680-3878.



**Youth XS to Adult XL = \$16**

**Adult 2X-3X = \$18**

**Adult 4X + = \$20**



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Just a reminder - Franklin Parish Library does not earn money from the sale of these t-shirts. We just love working with local creators and bringing fun shirts to life for summer reading each year.

# Dinosaurs

## Word Search



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

P	T	E	R	O	D	A	C	T	Y	L	R	U	S
T	T	Y	R	A	N	N	O	S	A	U	R	U	S
V	D	T	L	L	M	H	C	O	L	K	U	U	U
E	U	R	A	P	A	T	O	S	A	U	R	U	S
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C	C	E	L	O	C	I	R	L	P	T	O	R	G
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R	C	B	R	O	N	T	O	S	A	U	R	U	S

**TYRANNOSAURUS**

**SPINOSAURUS**

**PTERODACTYL**

**BRONTOSAURUS**

**ALLOSAURUS**

**APATOSAURUS**

**STEGOSAURUS**

**TRICERATOPS**

**VELOCIRAPTOR**

