



The Ascension Parish Library is a public library supported by parish wide property taxes.

Established in 1960 for the purpose of making available to all citizens of the parish books and other library materials for education, information and recreation, the Library continues to provide diverse educational, cultural and recreational resources through a variety of media to meet changing community needs.

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”
Henry Ward Beecher

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Throughout the years the library has continued it’s mission to educate, inform and entertain.

Some of the current programs include:

- Reading Discussion Groups
- Business Programs
- Visiting Authors
- LEH Reading Series
- Computer Workshops
- Archeology Week Programs
- Summer Reading Program
- Storytime
- Family Fun Night
- Craft Activities
- Young Adult Reading Program
- ACT Preparation
- Performances
- Special Exhibits & Events

HOURS

Donaldsonville Location
 500 Mississippi Street
 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 (225) 473-8052

Monday, Wednesday, Friday....8:30AM - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday & Thursday.....8:30AM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday.....8:30AM-12:30 PM

Gonzales Location
 708 South Irma Boulevard
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 (225) 647-3955

Monday - Thursday8:30AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday & Saturday.....8:30AM - 5:30 PM
 Sunday2:00PM - 6:00PM

Galvez Location
 40300 Highway 42
 Prairieville, LA 70769
 (225) 622-3339

Monday, Wednesday, Friday....8:30AM - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday & Thursday.....8:30AM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday.....8:30AM-12:30 PM

Dutchtown Location
 13278 Highway 73
 Geismar, LA 70734
 (225) 673-8699

Monday, Wednesday, Friday....8:30AM - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday & Thursday.....8:30AM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday.....8:30AM-12:30 PM

ASCENSION PARISH LIBRARY



Services Directory

Guide to Library Collections and Services

Circulation

Borrowing privileges are extended to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Ascension Parish. Children must be five (5) years old or entering kindergarten to get their first library card and may borrow up to six books. Library cards are issued at no charge for a three (3) year period. All non-book materials must be checked out on an adult card. A fee of \$1 will be charged to replace a lost card.

Books , etc.

Circulating books, magazines, audio materials, videos, etc. are available at each branch. Art prints are available in Donaldsonville and Gonzales only.

To check out a book, take it along with your library card to the Check Out desk.

Books, videos, audios materials, and magazines are borrowed for fourteen (14) days; art prints for 2 months. Overdue charges are five (.05) cents per day on most materials; twenty five (.25) cents per day on audios and videos will apply.

Please note that overdue items affect lending privileges of all members of the household.



Copying

Coin operated copiers are located in each branch. The cost is ten (.10) cents per page B&W and twenty five (.25) cents color. Change is available at the Check Out desk for copying.

Scanning

Free scanning is available at each location.

Reference

The library's Information desk staff are here to help you find materials, information, or answer a question. Reference services are available by e-mail, phone, or in the library.



Reference books are available for use in the library and do not circulate. Genealogy materials do not circulate.

Catalog

The library has Public Access Computers (**PAC**) that may be used to find books, magazines, videos, etc., that APL owns. The catalog may be searched by author, title, subject, or keyword. Computers are located throughout the library for your convenience. You may also search online at the APL website, www.myAPL.org, from your home or office computer using your library card and personal PIN number. The **PAC** lets you examine the information in your patron file. This password protected file includes: items checked out, the ability to renew items checked out, the status of holds, fines, and other information regarding your account. You can also place hold requests for any titles that are eligible to check out.

Interlibrary Loan

If APL doesn't have a book or journal you need, we can try to get it for you from another library. Ask at the Information desk.

Study Rooms

APL study rooms are available for individual or small group use per library policy. See staff for details.

Meeting Rooms

APL meeting rooms are available for non-profit civic and educational groups per library policy. See staff for details.

Computer Services

The library has computers for public use with access to the internet, office, and educational software, as well as a number of online services and/or databases that allow you to search for journal articles, documents, or research virtually any subject and print out your results. Computer software is available for in house use. There is no charge to use library computers. A small fee, ten (.10) cents for B&W and twenty five (.25) cents for color, is charged for printing.



Specialized databases may be accessed from your home or office computer using your library card. Ask staff for details.

Wi-Fi access is available at all locations.