

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:00 pm Knit Nite Every Monday		1 4:00 Teen Gaming	2 10:30 Miss Nancy's Story Time 3:30 P.A.W.S Dogs	3 Library Closed	4 Peter Fletcher Concert 2 pm
5 Library Closed	6 6:30 Bedtime Stories "Gone With the Wand A Family Event	7 Heritage Society 3:30 pm 5:00 Tween Gaming	8 4:00 Teen Zombie Crafts	9 10:30 Story Time Kinder Musik 11:00 Big Blue Bus 4:30 Crafty Kids	10 Library Closed	11 Caring Canines 2 pm
12 Library Closed	13 Gene-Rookies 1 pm	14 5:00 Tween Valentine's Day Party	 15 3:00 Teen Zombie Prom 3:30 Big blue Bus	16 10:30 Miss Claudia Story Time 4:30 LEGO African-American Genealogy 6 pm	17 Library Closed	18 Paul DeRitter Jazz Band 2 pm 11:00-11:00pm Leesburg Mardi Gras
19 Library Closed	20 Kinseekers 1:30 pm 5:00 Orisirisi African Folklore and Dance for all ages	21 5:00 Tween Mardi Gras Craft	22 4:00 Teen Movie Fast Five World of Stamps 10 am-7 pm	23 10:30 Story Time 4:30 Crafty Kids	24 Library Closed	25
26 Library Closed	27	28 5:00 Tween Indoor Sports Table Tennis	29 4:00 Teen Anime	Adult Program Teen's Program Tween's program Children's Program		



Leesburg Public Library
 "Your Information Destination"
 100 E. Main Street
 Leesburg, FL 34748
 (352) 728-9790
www.leesburgflorida.gov/library



February 2012

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is a huge celebration in Leesburg, culminating in the Mardi Gras 2/17 and the "Party in the Streets" on 2/18. The Party in the Streets features three parades: Kids' Masquerade Parade at 11:00 am, Pet Masquerade Parade at 2:00 pm, and the Main Street Parade at 7:00 pm, with beads, floats, stilt-walkers, and more.



The ancient Romans probably kicked off the Mardi Gras, or Carnival, celebrations. By medieval times, lords were hosting carnivals prior to Lent in honor of their new knights. Lent refers to the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

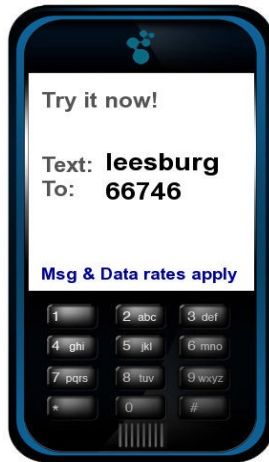
Mardi Gras is a French expression meaning "Fat Tuesday" . . . referring to the indulgent nature of the pre-Lenten celebration. It was the early French settlers to Louisiana who introduced Mardi Gras to America. By the mid 1820s, Mardi Gras was firmly rooted in the New Orleans culture.

The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple (justice), green (faith), and gold (power). One Mardi Gras tradition is the King Cake, a coffee cake pastry with a plastic baby inside. Traditionally, whoever finds the baby in his piece of cake is said to have good fortune throughout the year and must provide the King Cake for next year's party.

For more information about New Orleans and the Mardi Gras traditions, check out our book, [The World That Made New Orleans: From Spanish Silver to Congo Square](#) by Ned Sublette (976.335 Sub) or the e-book [48 Hours in New Orleans](#) by Lonely Planet.

IT'S A BLAST!

We'll keep you up to date with all the happenings at the Leesburg Public Library! Just text us your mobile number and we will begin sending you text message blasts of upcoming events and important dates.



For further information:
 please call 352-728-9790
 or E-mail:
librarian@leesburgflorida.gov

New Titles for February 2012

Books:

- Agent 6 / Tom Rob Smith
- American Dervish / Akhtar, Ayad
- Invisible Ones, The / Stef Penney
- Last Nude, The / Ellis Avery
- Mr. Monk on Patrol / Lee Goldberg
- Orphan Master's Son, The / Adam Johnson
- Rook, The / Daniel O'Malley
- Street Sweeper, The / Elliot Perlman

Audiobooks on CD:

- 77 Shadow Street / Dean Koontz
- Breakdown / Sara Paretsky
- Hunter, The / John Lescroart
- Jaguar, The / T. Jefferson Parker
- Locked On / Tom Clancy
- Rope, The / Nevada Barr
- Steve Jobs / Walter Isaacson
- Taken / Robert Crais

Playaways:

- Agent 6 / Tom Rob Smith
- American Dervish / Ayad Akhtar
- Breakdown / Sara Paretsky
- Copper Beach / Jayne Ann Krentz
- Dead Low Tide / Bret Lott
- Gideon's Corpse / Douglas Preston
- Lightning Rods / Helen Dewitt
- Private #1 Suspect / James Patterson

DVDS:

- Abduction / Taylor Lautner
- Dream House / Naomi Watts
- Guard, The / Brendan Gleeson
- Ides of March, The / Ryan Gosling
- I Don't Know How She Does It / Sarah Jessica Parker
- Thurgood / Laurence Fishburne
- Warrior / Nick Nolte
- Whistleblower, The / Rachel Weisz

