



BETWEEN THE STACKS

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Winter Hours

From Nov. 2, 2025 - March 8, 2026, the branch locations will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM instead of 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. Saturday hours remain the same.

Library Spotlight

Your Iberia Parish Library

St. Peter Branch

Location: 1111 W. St. Peter St. New Iberia, LA

Phone Number: (337) 364-7670

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Manager: Denise Raymond

The St. Peter Branch of the Iberia Parish Library system offers an abundance of services to our community. These services include public access computers, printing, copying, faxing, and more!



The Heritage Room at this location is filled with books of African American history and Louisiana heritage.

One of the largest meeting rooms in the parish is located here, and it is available for booking, during operating hours.

Stop by and say "Hello," and check out all the St. Peter Branch has to offer!

Attention Friends of the Library!

This is the final notice to renew your membership if you have not done so already.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, you can pick up a Friends of the Library brochure at any Iberia Parish Library location!

Dues:

\$10 Individual

\$15 Family

\$100 Lifetime Membership

Featured Events

Winter Olympics Reading Challenge

Read for the gold!

Feb. 1-28 | Ages 6+

The 2026 Winter Olympics will take place February 6-22 in Milano Cortina, Italy!



While the athletes of Team USA will be competing in events like figure skating, hockey, curling, snowboarding, skiing, and more, the Iberia Parish Library is challenging you to read 600 minutes (that's approximately 20 minutes a day)! Books, magazines, graphic novels, and audiobooks all count, and you can choose your preferred format!

This challenge is open to readers ages 6-199 and will run from February 1 - February 28, 2026. Those who complete the challenge will receive a prize.

If you have participated in one (or more) of our reading challenges in the past, you do not need to create a new Beanstack account. Just log in with your past credentials. You may be asked to update or verify your information. If you need assistance with this process, call any Iberia Parish Library location and we'll be glad to help!



Galentines Day

A Special After Hours Library Event

Fri, Feb. 13 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Main Library | Ages 18+

Galentine's Day is February 13th, so grab your gal pals and come over to the Main Library for an evening of fun! We will paint a picture while having Mocktail Cosmopolitans! ***Registration is required. No**

previous painting experience is needed to attend.

***Please, note this event will take place after the library closes, so library services such as checking out materials, public access computers, faxing, printing, etc. will not be available.**

Family Programming

Puzzle Exchange

Jan.-Feb. | All Day | Lydia Branch | All Ages

Stop by the Lydia Branch with a puzzle and exchange it for another one!

***No registration is required.**

Plant and Seed Exchange

Mon, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23 | All Day | Loreauville Branch | All Ages

Stop by the Loreauville Branch with a plant or seeds and exchange them for another plant! ***No registration is required.**

Family Crocheting for Absolute Beginners

Tues, Jan. 27 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Main Library | Ages 6+

Do you want to learn how to crochet and want to get the family involved? The Main Library will have a crochet class for absolute beginners where we will learn how to make chains and a single crochet stitch. ***Registration is required to attend. Children, ages 12 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own crochet hooks and yarn.**

Valentine Popcorn Balls

Sat, Feb. 7 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Parkview Branch | All Ages

Learn how to make popcorn balls with a Valentine's Day theme! ***Registration is required to attend. Children, ages 12 and under, must be accompanied by an adult.**



Online Resources

ProQuest® African American Heritage Workshop

Learn about our new genealogy resource!

Tues, Feb. 10 | 2:00-3:00 PM | Main Library | Ages 18+



ProQuest® African American Heritage is a groundbreaking digital resource exclusively devoted to African American family history research. In this one-hour workshop, our Reference Librarian will show you how navigate and use this genealogy e-resource!

***No registration is required.**

Brand New Online Resources from EBSCO!

Take a look at some of the new online resources now available for you to use with your library card! You can find these and more on our website at iberialibrary.org in the Link Library under the eResources tab.

- **Biography Reference Ultimate:** This premier biography database offers an unparalleled collection of authoritative biographies and rich contextual information.
- **Consumer Health Complete:** This database is designed to help users get an overall understanding of key topics across the health and wellness spectrum.
- **Home Improvement Resource:** Through a collection of comprehensive full-text content, this database provides detailed, user-friendly "how to" information covering a variety of do-it-yourself home improvement and repair projects.
- **Small Engine Repair Reference Center:** Find information you need to perform routine maintenance or extensive repairs to a variety of small engines.
- **Hobbies & Crafts Source:** A database of detailed "how to" instructions and creative do-it-yourself ideas that meet the interests of nearly every hobby enthusiast.

Take a look at these reference databases and **MORE** on our website!



Visit
Our
Website

www.iberialibrary.org

Questions?
Text a librarian for answers! We're here to help! Text AskIPL to 66746. *Standard message and data rates apply.



Device Advice Main Library By Appointment

Did you know our Reference Librarian can assist you with your electronic device? Call the reference desk at (337) 364-7305 for an appointment for assistance, tips, and advice for your device!

Adult Programming

How do I sign up?

Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise specified. Call any branch of Iberia Parish Library or visit iberialibrary.org to register. Registration for programs opens generally one week before the program date. Please note, programs may be subject to cancellation 15 minutes after the program start time, in the event of no-shows.

Tone Up the Body

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
9:30-10:30 AM
Lydia Branch | Ages 40+

Crafternoon

Tues, Jan. 6 | 3:00-4:00 PM
Main Library | Ages 18+

Do you have a craft or project you've started but haven't finished? Come by the Main Library to work on it! We will have an hour dedicated to working on our crafts be they needlework, crochet, drawing, etc. ***Please bring the supplies needed for your project.**



Coil Rope Bowl
Wed, Jan. 7
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. Peter Branch
Ages 18+

Hot Glue Art

Mon, Jan. 12 | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Jeanerette Branch | Ages 18+

Use hot glue to create a work of art! We'll even add gold or silver foil to give it a shimmer effect.

No-Bake Hot Chocolate Fudge

Mon, Jan. 12 | 10:45-11:45 AM
Lydia Branch | Ages 18+

Learn how to make delicious fudge with no baking required!

Bingo!

Mon, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9
Main Library
3:00-4:00 PM | Ages 50+

Join us at the library for Bingo! Once a month, we host a Bingo afternoon where you can play to win prizes!

Let It Snow Door Hanger

Thurs, Jan. 15
3:30-4:30 PM
Loreauville Branch
Ages 18+



Jeanerette Movie Matinee

2:00-4:30 PM
Jeanerette Branch | Ages 18+
Jan. 16

Cheaper By the Dozen (PG)

Feb. 20

Tuck Everlasting (PG)

Snowman Centerpiece

Fri, Jan. 23
3:00-4:00 PM
Parkview Branch
Ages 18+



Adult Programming

Create Your Own Perfume

Mon, Feb. 2 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Parkview Branch | Ages 18+

Learn how perfumes are made using different scents and create your own!



Love You to Pieces Wreath

Fri, Feb. 6

10:45-11:45 AM

Lydia Branch

Ages 18+

Paper Heart Wreath

Thurs, Feb. 5

3:00-4:30 PM

Loreauville Branch

Ages 18+



Mardi Gras Cap

Mon, Feb. 9 | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Jeanerette Branch | Ages 18+

Decoupage caps to have something to wear to the Mardi Gras parades!

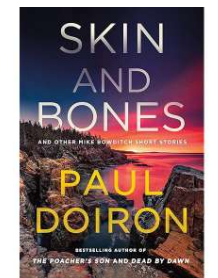
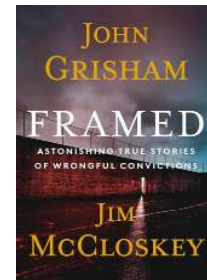
Mardi Gras Banner

Wed, Feb. 11 | 11:00-12:00 PM

St. Peter Branch | Ages 18+

Create a Mardi Gras banner using vinyl to put in your home or on your door!

Featured Titles on cloudLibrary



To access cloudLibrary, download the cloudLibrary app on your Kindle Fire, Android, or IOS device. Select your library, and log-in using your library card number and your PIN number.

Freegalmusic

This album and more are available for FREE download with Freegalmusic. You also have access to unlimited music streaming with ZERO ads! All you need is your library card to download 5 FREE MP3 files per week! Find Freegalmusic on our webpage at iberialibrary.org.



Book Clubs

Book club books are to be picked up and read before the meeting date. For more information about our book clubs and how they work, please, call and a staff member will be happy to help. Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at iberialibrary.org or call any branch of Iberia Parish Library. We thank you for your cooperation.

Main Street Book Club

Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. Main Library. Ages 21+.
(Pick up copy at Main)

Jan. 15: *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden

Feb. 19: *Kate & Frida* by Kim Fay

Ladies Who Lunch Book Club

Third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM. Main Library. Ages 21+.
(Pick up copy at Main)

Jan. 21: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

Feb. 18: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

The Page Turners Book Club

Last Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. Jeanerette Branch. Ages 21+.
(Pick up copy at Jeanerette)

Jan. 29: *Bloodroot* by Amy Greene

Feb. 26: *The Underground Library* by Jennifer Ryan

What YA Reading? Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Main Library. Ages 18+.
(Pick up copy at Main)

Jan. 13: *Once & Future* by Cory McCarthy & Amy Rose Capetta

Feb. 10: *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon

Teen Programming

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Heart Suncatcher
Sat, Jan. 10
1:00-2:00 PM
St. Peter Branch
Ages 13-17

Dragon Keychain Diamond Art
Tues, Jan. 13 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Loreauville Branch | Ages 13-15

Hanging Snowman
Wed, Jan. 14
3:30-4:30 PM
Lydia Branch
Ages 13-17



Game Afternoon
Wed, Jan. 14 | 4:00-5:00 PM
Main Library | Ages 13-17

Get your game on at the library! We'll have plenty of tabletop games to choose from like Clue®, UNO®, and more!

DIY Spray Hand Sanitizer
Fri, Jan. 16 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Parkview Branch | Ages 13-17
Make your own hand sanitizer with a scent of your choice using essential oils.



Kool-Aid Lip Gloss
Sat, Jan. 24
12:00-1:30 PM
Jeanerette Branch
Ages 13-17

Wall Mounted Coat Rack
Tues, Feb. 3
3:00-4:15 PM
Loreauville Branch
Ages 13-16



Mardi Gras Earrings
Sat, Feb. 7 | 12:00-1:00 PM
Jeanerette Branch | Ages 13-16



Valentine's Day Tote Bags
Mon, Feb. 9
3:30-4:30 PM
Lydia Branch
Ages 13-17

Mardi Gras Bead Mosaic
Wed, Feb. 11 | 4:00-5:00 PM
Main Library | Ages 13-17

Collage Picture Frame
Fri, Feb. 20 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Parkview Branch | Ages 13-17

Charm Bracelet
Sat, Feb. 21 | 1:00-2:00 PM
St. Peter Branch | Ages 13-17



Learning Express Library™ is a comprehensive interactive learning platform of tests, courses, and career preparation for students and adults. Build your math skills, improve your writing and grammar, or take practice tests for the ACT, Driver's Ed, and more! To access Learning Express Library™, visit the library's online resource page at iberialibrary.org.



Fiero Code is a self-guided online software program that teaches kids and teens how to code through hundreds of coding tutorials and dozens of real-world projects. Fiero Code offers a gamified learning experience with customizable avatars as you learn to build websites, video games, apps, and more! Fiero Code offers more than 300 coding tutorials all geared towards ages 8 - 18! To access Fiero Code, visit the library's online resource page at iberialibrary.org.



NoveList K-8 Plus is a great tool to use when looking for your next great read! Looking for adventure stories, mysteries, fantasy, or something similar to your favorite series? You will find it all here. To access NoveList K-8 plus, visit the library's online resource page at iberialibrary.org.

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Winter Pinecones

Fri, Jan. 9 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Main Library | Ages 10-12

Learn how to make a wintry pinecone!

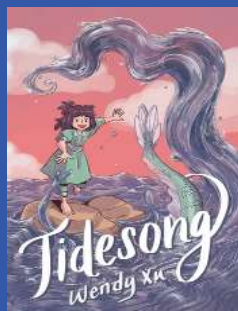
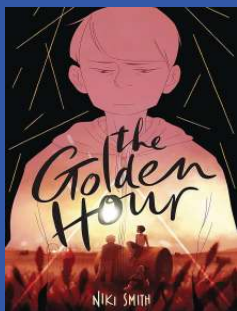
STEM Sledding

Thurs, Jan. 22 | 3:45-4:45 PM

Main Library | Ages 10-12

Join in on a fun STEM challenge that decides who can build the best ramp for their sled! Will your sled go the farthest?

**GRAPHIC
NOVELS**
reading list



Snowman Slime

Mon, Jan. 5

3:30-4:30 PM

Parkview Branch

Ages 8-10



Paper Plate Snowman Wreath

Sat, Jan. 10

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Jeanerette Branch

Ages 5-7

Snowflake Salt Painting

Mon, Jan. 12

3:30-4:30 PM

Loreauville Branch

Ages 8-10



3D Snow Scene

Fri, Jan. 16

3:30-4:30 PM

Lydia Branch

Ages 8-10

Children's Programming

Valentine Monster

Sat, Jan. 24
1:00-2:00 PM
St. Peter Branch
Ages 5-6



Love Bugs
Wed, Feb. 11
3:30-4:30 PM
Lydia Branch
Ages 8-10



Groundhog Day Fun

Thurs, Jan. 29 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Main Library | Ages 5-7
Groundhog Day is February 2nd! Join us for a fun hour filled with groundhog and shadow-themed crafts!



Foil Heart
Thurs, Feb. 12
3:30-4:30 PM
Jeanerette Branch
Ages 8-10

Valentine Creations

Wed, Feb. 4
3:30-4:30 PM
Loreauville Branch
Ages 8-10



Learn how to make a love bug and Valentine dog using candy! We'll also create Valentine-themed paper fortune cookies!

Mardi Gras Play-Dough
Fri, Feb. 13
3:30-4:30 PM
Parkview Branch
Ages 5-7

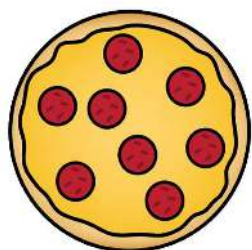


Valentine Windchime

Sat, Feb. 7 | 1:00-2:00 PM
St. Peter Branch | Ages 8-10

Watercolor Postcards

Thurs, Feb. 19 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Main Library | Ages 8-10
Use watercolor markers to design unique postcards!



Pizza Day
Mon, Feb. 9
3:30-4:30 PM
Main Library
Ages 5-7
It's National Pizza Day! Let's celebrate

with fun pizza crafts and a special pizza scavenger hunt!

Did you know?

All Iberia Parish Library programs and events are FREE to attend! You can see all of our upcoming events here in the newsletter and on our website at iberialibrary.org under the Calendar of Events tab!

Children's Programming

What are drop-in crafts?

Drop-in crafts can typically be completed within 15 minutes, with adult supervision. Dates listed are the start dates. Crafts will remain available while supplies last. Drop in crafts are for ages 4-11.

Drop-in Crafts

Heart on a Stick

Mon, Jan. 5

St. Peter Branch | All Day

Snowflake Wand Bookmark

Mon, Jan. 12

Parkview Branch | All Day

Mardi Gras Mask

Sat, Jan. 31

Main Library | All Day

Winter Hat & Mittens

Mon, Feb. 2

Main Library | All Day

Valentine's Day Heart

Mon, Feb. 9

Parkview Branch | All Day



Children, ages 0-6, and their guardians are invited to join us on a mission to read 1,000 books before the first day of Kindergarten! Now available via Beanstack! Visit iberialibrary.org or speak with a staff member today!



A Look Into Accelerated Reading Levels

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a software program for K-12 schools for monitoring reading practice. The Iberia Parish Library may help you navigate your search for books on your level.

All branches of your Iberia Parish Library have children's and teen books to fit the needs of each student.

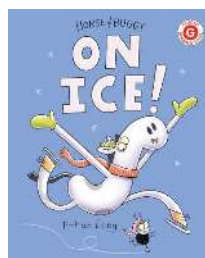
How do I know if a book is AR?

Each book has a stamp on the inside back cover or the first few pages. This stamp indicates the reading level, AR points, and a Quiz Number. If you are unsure of a book's AR information, a staff member will be happy to assist you!

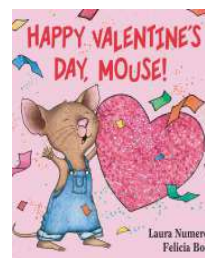
Important Links:

www.arbookfinder.com

www.iberialibrary.org



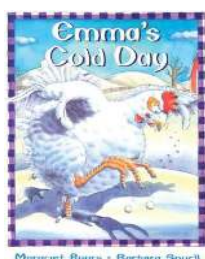
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Level 1



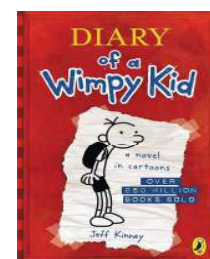
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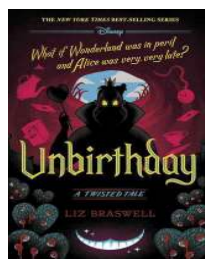
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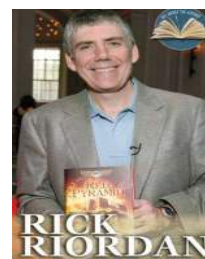
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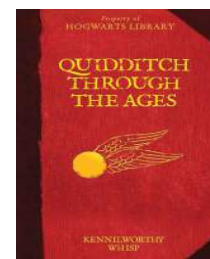
Level 5



Level 6



Level 7



Level 8

Miss Humblebee's Academy

Kindergarten Prep

Families can access Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy through your Iberia Parish Library. This award-winning program prepares children ages 3 to 6 for kindergarten proficiency with hundreds of guided lessons using videos, music, eBooks, teacher-led tutorials, and more. To ensure screen time is limited, 40 percent of the material is off-line and includes printable resources and science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM) activities.

Whether it's covering core subject areas, social and emotional learning, or fitness, this program gives all children the opportunity to learn in a safe online classroom environment, with no pop-ups, ads, or links to other websites.

This resource supports parents and caregivers too. Helpful resources include an interactive kindergarten-readiness checklist and age-related developmental milestones, along with printable trackers, charts, planners, and schedules. Weekly email notifications provide a snapshot of the child's progress and performance, helping parents to identify their child's strengths, pinpoint trouble spots, view improvement over time, and measure their progress through a kindergarten-readiness assessment.



Explore Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy

- Tailored for Early Learning, Ages 3–6
- Standards-Based Curriculum
- Online and Off-line Hands-on Activities
- Hundreds of Guided Lessons
- Resources for Parents and Caregivers
- Tracks School Readiness

Why wait?

Access now on the library's website for serious learning fun!



www.iberialibrary.org

You can access Miss Humblebee's Academy at iberialibrary.org under the eResources tab in the Link Library.



Main Library

Storytime

10:00 AM | Every Thursday

Jan. 8

Jan. 15

Jan. 22

Jan. 29

Feb. 5

Feb. 12

Feb. 19

Feb. 26

Baby Play

10:30 AM | 3rd Friday each month

Jan. 16

Feb. 20

St. Peter Branch

Storytime

No storytime will be held in January & February.

Parkview Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 2nd Tuesday each month

Jan. 13

Feb. 10

Jeanerette Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 3rd Thursday each month

Jan. 15

Feb. 19

Storytime

Ages 0-6 | No Registration

Enjoy a story paired with corresponding activities such as crafts, short films, and more!

Baby Play

Ages 0-18 Months

Registration Required

Enjoy sensory play and sing songs and rhymes like Pat-a-Cake and more!

Chick-fil-A Craft Night

Tues, Jan. 13 & Feb. 10

5:00-6:30 PM | No Registration

Come see us at Chick-fil-A's craft night!

Lydia Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 2nd Tuesday each month

Jan. 13

Feb. 10

Loreauville Branch

Storytime

3:30 PM | 2nd Wednesday each month

Jan. 14

Feb. 11

Coteau Branch

Storytime

No storytime will be held in January & February.

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Winter Hours

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Library Closures:

All Branches:

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 16: Presidents' Day

Feb. 17: Mardi Gras

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LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY

445 E. Main Street, New Iberia
Front Desk: 364-7024
Children's: 364-7134
Fax Number: 364-7042
Email: newiberialib@yahoo.com
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-8:00 PM
Fri & Sat 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Sun 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

COTEAU LIBRARY

2306 Coteau Rd, New Iberia
Phone: 364-7430
Email: Coteau@iberialibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

JEANERETTE LIBRARY

411 Kentucky Street, Jeanerette
Phone: 276-4014
Fax: 276-9595
Email: jeaneretelibrary@iberialibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

LOREAUVILLE LIBRARY

612 Ed Broussard Rd, New Iberia
Phone: 229-6348
Email: Loreauville@iberialibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

LYDIA LIBRARY

4800 Freyou Rd, New Iberia
Phone: 364-7808
Email: lydialibrary@iberialibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

PARKVIEW LIBRARY

500 Grand Pré Blvd., New Iberia
Phone: 364-7480
Fax: 364-7714
Email: parkviewlibrary@iberialibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

ST. PETER LIBRARY

1111 W. St. Peter Street, New Iberia
Phone: 364-7670
Fax: 364-7261
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Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

DELCAMBRE LIBRARY

206 W. Main Street, Delcambre
Phone: 685-2388
Email: delcambre@vermillion.lib.la.us
Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
1:30-5:30 PM
Fri 10:00 AM-12:30 PM