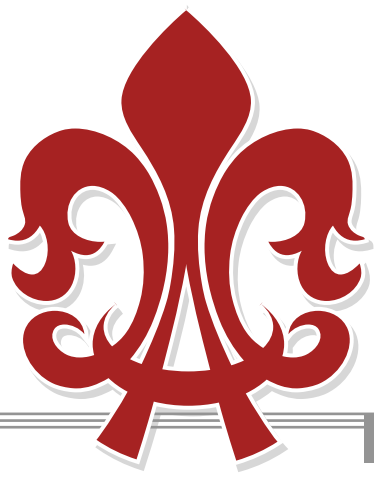




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## Library gets ready for 10th birthday bash

Event leads fall of family fun, community events

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The Lafayette Public Library is inviting the community to “Save the Date” for a milestone event — the East Regional Library’s 10th Birthday Celebration. The family-friendly festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the East Regional Library.

Guests of all ages can enjoy a full day of entertainment and activities, including:

- Performance by Mitch the Magician
- Face painting with Susie Q
- A bubbly visit from the Bubble Bus
- Meet-and-greets with Cinderella and Spider-Man

The birthday celebration is just one event in a packed fall lineup at Lafayette Public Library locations across the parish. Upcoming programs include:

• **Natural History Dioramas** — Christopher Kingwell demonstrates zoology-inspired diorama building while teaching about animals and their habitats. *4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, South Regional Library*

• **Louisiana Orphan Train: The Untold Stories** — Presentation and short film with Martha Aubert and the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum. *6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, Main Library*

• **K-Pop Kommunity Meet-up** —

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Community members are invited to celebrate the East Regional Library’s 10th Birthday with a family-friendly festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. See other events in the coming weeks. AARON GONSOULIN / THE DAILY ADVERTISER



Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry speaks to an audience at Louisiana Tech University on Aug. 25. GREG HILBURN/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Gov. Landry announces \$80M microchip project

Greg Hilburn  
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Radiance Technologies will invest \$80 million to build a secure microchip packaging facility in Ruston in partnership with the city and Louisiana Tech, Gov. Jeff Landry announced Monday on the university campus.

The “secure” microchips are used for U.S. military applications and other sensitive data like financial transactions.

“North Louisiana has answered the call to defend our nation for generations, and today we carry that tradition forward with this landmark investment from Radiance Technologies,” Landry said. “This new secure microchip facility not only strengthens our national security, it also

positions North Louisiana as a hub for advanced manufacturing, bringing new jobs and technical expertise that allow us to embrace higher education partnerships and new possibilities.”

Construction on the 40,000-square-foot facility just north of the Ruston Sports Complex will begin in the spring

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## Website ranks the 9 best campsites in LA

Presley Bo Tyler  
Shreveport Times  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each year, Hipcamp compiles data from booking, reviews and ratings across more than 500,000 available sites to find the best campsites, including those in Louisiana.

Within this year’s Hipcamp Awards, the best Hipcamps can be found in each state, with nine campsites said to be the best in Louisiana.

These sites range from primitive campsite locations in secluded areas to properties that offer lodging and amenities.

### 9 best camps in Louisiana

No matter the camping style, whether its tents or RVs, Hipcamp’s picks for the best campgrounds in Louisiana has something for everyone.

### Hart’s Corner Camping

Hart’s Corner Camping in Oil City offers primitive camping on Caddo Lake, which is a naturally formed freshwater lake that spans 25,400 acres and crosses from Louisiana into Texas. The lake is home to one of the largest cypress forest in the world, and the area was once the dwelling place of Caddo Native Americans. While camping, visitors can launch kayaks, canoes and peddle boats from the shore, says Hipcamp. Staying here costs \$30 per night, according to Hipcamp.

### Free Range Humanity Project

Free Range Humanity Project in Plain Dealing encompasses 69 acres of raw land that has remained untouched since 1944, making the landscape full

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