



Moving Traditions Forward: Documenting Bayou Culture Workshop Series

Learn to document valued traditions, conduct oral history interviews, and share discoveries with your community in a series of four free interactive workshops. These workshops will offer strategies to help ensure traditions are passed on to future generations. Workshop leaders include facilitators from Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education as well as regional folklorists, documentarians, and tradition bearers. Participants can practice skills between workshops and get feedback as their work develops.

Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm ~ Lunch provided

North Branch, Terrebonne Parish Library, 4230 West Park Avenue, Gray, Louisiana

March 30 Exploring Local Folklife and Choosing What to Document This low-key, highly interactive workshop will call on participants' personal traditions as a way of introducing folklife and documentation. Expect an engaging day as we delve into regional culture and brainstorm potential topics.

April 13 Getting Ready for Interviewing: Techniques for Documenting Local Stories and Knowledge Using low-tech equipment and sharing easy, essential interview basics, facilitators will prepare community members to discover more about local traditions and stories through interviewing. Participants are invited to bring their own recorders, cameras, and smart phones for hands-on practice.

April 27 Catch and Release: Documentary Photography and Videography For Your Community Hands-on practice with expert documentarians will teach basics as well as tips for more experienced participants to improve their media skills. Then learn what to do with your work.

May 11 Presenting, Archiving, and Funding Your Project What can you do with your documentation? Explore doable, diverse options for sharing your projects during this workshop.

All workshops are free, but you must register in advance because space is limited. While attendance at all four workshops is recommended, it is not required. For those who complete the series, mentoring will be available to help community members complete their projects. Registration deadline is Monday, March 25. To register, contact Brigid Laborie, Terrebonne Parish Library, blaborie@mytpl.org, or leave a message at 985-876-5861, ext 242. Include your contact details if you leave a message. For information about other workshops, see www.louisianafolklife.org/bayouculture.



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