

Libraries Southwest

Promoting and enhancing library services in southwest Louisiana.

What is "Libraries Southwest?"

Libraries Southwest (LSW) is a non-profit consortium made up of various libraries, librarians, trustees, and individuals interested in the promotion and enhancement of libraries and library services in Southwest Louisiana.

In 1998, LSW was designed to provide regional decision-makers in the library world with opportunities to share ideas, solutions, and knowledge.

More importantly, the combined resources of Libraries Southwest allows member libraries to offer to their patrons services and programs they might not otherwise be able to provide.

Institutional Members

Public Parish

Libraries:

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Evangeline
Jeff Davis
Vernon

School & Academic

Libraries:

Calcasieu Schools
Frazar Memorial
Northwestern State @
Ft. Polk
Sowela Technical &
Community College.

How does Libraries Southwest benefit me?

There are many benefits available to you through your library, thanks to your library's membership in LSW. Some of these include:

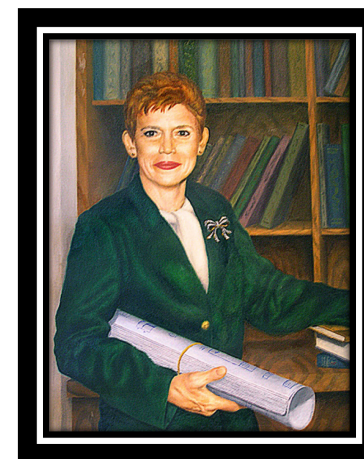
- LSW library card from your home library that allows check-out privileges at Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, and Vernon parish public libraries.

- Access to regional special collections including: tourism (Allen), grant writing (Beauregard), genealogy (Calcasieu), archival collections of area historical documents (Frazier Memorial and Vernon), and federal and state government documents (Vernon).

- Access to services individual libraries may not have been able to otherwise afford. OverDrive digital library is one example of this.

- Better library service resulting from LSW - sponsored staff development workshops and monthly meetings.

- Annual Author's Dinner, an evening meal accompanied by a presentation from a regional author. *This is a paid event.



Lynda Carlberg Award

Lynda Carlberg was the former director of the Calcasieu Parish Library System, 1978-1997. She was active in state, regional and national library activities. She was a founding member and, indeed, the heart of Libraries Southwest.

The Carlberg Award was established to honor the memory of a dear friend, and to honor special individuals for their contributions to Libraries.

A list of previous recipients of the Carlberg Award can be found online at library.beau.org/lsw/carlberg.