

## News

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## Library to Hold Accessibility Open House

COVINGTON, LA - St. Tammany Parish Library is pleased to announce its upcoming event, the Global Accessibility Awareness Day Open House. The event will take place on May 18, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madisonville Library (1123 Main St. Madisonville LA 70447.)

During the Open House event, attendees can learn about the library's Touch Accessible Platform for Interactive Technology, or TAPit, learning station. The TAPit Learning station is an assistive, learning center using "intended touch" to serve those with special needs. The device conforms to ADA standards and is constructed to distinguish between a hand placed on the screen for support and intentional tapping of an image using a finger or assistive device.

The TAPit learning station was funded and gifted to the Madisonville Library by the St. Tammany Library Foundation at the end of 2020.

Global Accessibility Awareness Day is an annual event celebrated on the third Thursday of May, which aims to raise awareness about digital accessibility and the importance of creating digital content that can be accessed by everyone, including people with disabilities.

Find out more information pertaining to the event at the library's website, here.

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The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for nearly seventy years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.