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#### Learn Louisiana Music Traditions at the Library

Natchitoches, LA, June 21, 2022 – The Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) will be hosting Johnette Downing as part of this year's Summer Reading Program (SRP), "Oceans of Possibilities!" For some fun interactive storytelling and music with this Louisiana artist and author, the public is invited to attend any of the no-cost and open-to-the-public performances of "Fins and Grins, Songs of the Sea," on Wednesday, June 22 at 2 PM, at the Northeast Branch in Campti, and Thursday, June 23, at the Main Branch, at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 6 PM.

Called the "Musical Ambassador to Children" and the "Pied Piper of Louisiana Music Traditions," Johnette Downing is a multi-award-winning singer, musician, composer, author, and poet, who serves up a gumbo of Louisiana roots music and stories in a toe-tapping, two-stepping good time for children and adults across the globe.

For a full schedule of NPL SRP performances and events, visit [natlib.org](http://natlib.org) and follow the NPL on social media. To register for SRP online, text SUMMER to 318-357-3280. Weekly programs for teens and adults will be offered in addition to the children's performances. SRP participants can read to earn prizes and entries for grand prize drawings for their age group through July 31.

#### PHOTOS:

-Johnette Downing.jpg

Downing's writing has also been featured on the NPL's Reading Trail at Pierson & Mallett Park on East 5<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss her live for the summer reading program this week at the NPL.

-NPL Logo.jpg

#### About the Natchitoches Parish Library

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.