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One Book One Community

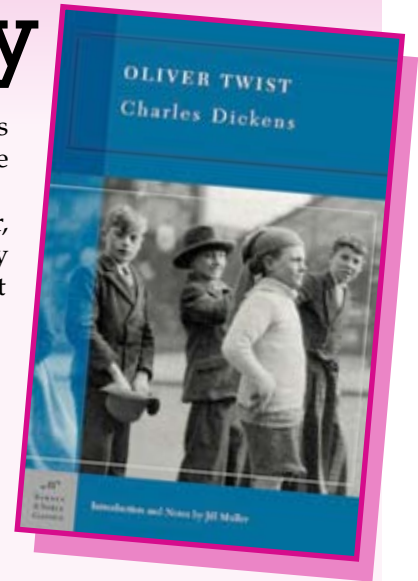
This spring, we invite the community to read the Charles Dickens classic, *Oliver Twist*, and be a part of One Book One Community.

Each year, two books are chosen in the spring and summer, respectively, as official One Book One Community selections. A variety of community partners collaborate to bring the city interesting programming and events throughout the year.

The purpose of One Book One Community is to provide readers with a shared reading experience that leads to open dialogue.

Anyone can participate! Pick up *Oliver Twist* at any Library location or bookstore and start reading! We'll offer several programs this spring to celebrate the selection, including book talks, children's programs, and more!

Check *The Source* and our websites, www.ebrpl.com or  www.ReadOneBook.org, each month this spring for event details and times.



Dickens' Bicentennial Birthday

On Tuesday, February 7, at the Main Library, hear a presentation on Dickens' life by Dr. Sharon Weltman of LSU's Department of English, and participate in other fun Dickens activities! The program starts at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.



Teaching Twist


Dr. Steven Bickmore of LSU's Department of English will lead a seminar for home-schoolers and educators on how to teach Dickens at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, at the Main Library.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

Charles Dickens at 200

The LSU Libraries Special Collections will display an exhibit dedicated to Charles Dickens through the month of April at the Hill Memorial Library.

The exhibit, titled *Charles Dickens at 200: A Celebration of Dickens' Birthday Bicentennial*, runs in conjunction with One Book One Community and its spring selection of Dickens' *Oliver Twist*.

For more information, call (225)  578-6568.



Federal Government Opportunities in the South

Are you interested in a career with the federal government right here in Louisiana? They are hiring for a variety of jobs, most with good pay and good benefits. Anne Nowak of the Library's Career Center will talk about local employment opportunities, careers, application procedures and benefits in federal civil service at the Central Branch on Thursday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: this is an informational event and not a job fair.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2650.



Ask a Lawyer

Take advantage of free and individual counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

Résumé Workshop

At an all-day résumé workshop at the Baker Branch, laptop computers will be set up in a meeting room where patrons can come in at any time to prepare a résumé and leave when completed from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14.

A Baker Reference staff member will help patrons find and use résumé templates, update an existing résumé, help with submitting résumés online, or help to insert a résumé into an online job application.

Patrons will also receive a helpful handout with tips on how to build a résumé, as well as a list of résumé help websites. Please bring a USB jump drive in order to save your finished résumé.

Can't make it? Check out our Online Database, Optimal Résumé, at our website, www.ebrpl.com, or visit the Career Center's website at www.careercenterbr.com.

For more information, call (225) 778-5950.

Recession-Proof Your Career

At a program presented by Anne Nowak of the Library's Career Center, participants will take a "Job Survival and Success Scale" inventory to find out how they perform in a number of soft skills and attitudes crucial to workplace success.

Nowak will also introduce participants to techniques that can help make their current job more recession-proof and receive valuable job search information at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 15, at 11:00 a.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 381-8434.

Career Tips with the Career Coach

Having trouble finding work or putting together a résumé? Anne Nowak from the Library's Career Center will visit the Delmont Gardens Branch to offer tips on how to search for jobs more effectively on Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Nowak will also talk about how to create an excellent résumé. Be sure to stick around for our "Ask the Career Coach" session where Nowak will answer questions.

For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Financial Freedom Workshop

Learn about informative as well as fun and interactive topics that will educate you on how to become a better consumer and experience Financial Freedom!

Mid City Redevelopment Alliance is an HUD-approved nonprofit agency in Baton Rouge that provides free financial literacy education. Representatives will visit branches of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library each month to address different topics about finances.

On Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., learn about the topic "Bankruptcy" at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.



Maintenance Update



Baker: Light bulb and ballast replacements are complete throughout the building.

Eden Park: We have winterized the chiller and boiler water systems.

Jones Creek: The new sliding front doors have been installed and are working well. The contractors have begun the new lighting retrofit. Work is progressing smoothly and efficiently.

Zachary: DPW is completing sheetrock and painting repairs.



New Board Members

The Library Board of Control welcomed two new board members in January.

Jason G. Jacob is a Louisiana State Trooper with a BA from Southeastern Louisiana University and an MPA from LSU. Some of his other community activities include serving as president of the Shenandoah North Homeowners Association and a board member of the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Association.

Chip Mills serves as Executive Director/Economic Development with the Zachary Chamber of Commerce and has a Bachelor's degree from LSU. Some of his other community activities include serving as a member of FORUM 35 and the Rotary Club of Zachary.

Construction

Left: Construction is under way at the site of the new Main Library in Independence Park. Bottom right and below: Construction is underway at the site of the future Fairwood Branch.



United Through Reading

A book drive for United Through Reading, a non profit organization that gives deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading children's books aloud, will kick off on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library, and will last throughout the year.

The videos are later delivered to their children so that they may experience storytime with their far-away parents. Our goal is to collect 1,000 books. This is part of *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion.*

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

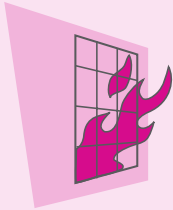


Study Skills for Adults

Kathleen Mattox Johnson continues her monthly workshop to help adults improve their study skills at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 18, at 3:00 p.m.

If you are taking the GED, going back to college or just want to learn new study methods, Johnson can assist you with your goal!

For more information, call (225) 274-4440.



Fire Prevention and Safety Program

Children and parents are invited to meet Freddy, the robotic talking fire truck, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, on Saturday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Come and learn how to make your home environment a safe place for those you love. St. George's Chief of Fire Prevention, Officer Darian Williams, will present a fire prevention and safety program for the whole family.

For more information about St. George's Fire Department, please visit www.stgeorgefire.com.

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Library Closing

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, February 21, for Mardi Gras.

Black History Month Speaker

In the spirit of Black History Month and African-American contributions, Rose Hudson, CEO and president of the Louisiana Lottery, will share her personal story of success at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Sunday, February 19, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Hudson will share her vision, how she's overcome obstacles and the positive impact of diversity in the workplace, as well as her words of wisdom for emerging business leaders.

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2283.

First Elected Black Officials in La.

As the 2012 installment of his series, *Heroes in African-American History*, Dr. Charles Vincent will present a program on the first black elected officials in Louisiana at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

After the program, Vincent will autograph copies of his recent publication, *Black Legislators in Louisiana during Reconstruction*, published by Southern Illinois University Press, 2011.

School supplies will be given to the first 15 students to arrive.

Vincent, professor of history at Southern University and director of the Mwalimu Institute, represents District One on the Baker City Council.

For more information, call (225) 778-5950.

African Dolls

Patrons will learn how to make unique African dolls at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Come and design your own special doll.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.

The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow

Each Saturday in February, the Scotlandville Branch will show one of a four-part documentary television program, *The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow*. The dates and programs are:

Saturday, February 4 *Part One Promises Betrayed (1865-1896)*

Saturday, February 11 . . . *Part Two Fighting Back (1896-1917)*

Saturday, February 18 . . . *Part Three . . . Don't Shout Too Soon (1917-1940)*

Saturday, February 25 . . . *Part Four Terror and Triumph (1940-1954)*

The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow offers the first comprehensive look at race relations in America between the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. This definitive four-part series documents the context in which the laws of segregation known as "Jim Crow" originated and developed.

For more information, call (225) 354-7540.

Traveling Black Inventions Museum

Professor Umar S. Bey, Founder and CEO of the Black Inventors and Scientists Museums, Inc., will present a program at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 4, at 3:00 p.m.

Bey's presentation will animate an exhibit of authentic inventions and replicas created by African Americans, which people use every day.

For more information, call (225) 763-2240.

Project Gutenberg Collection

Project Gutenberg is a book transcription project started in the 1970s that uses volunteers to transcribe public domain (expired copyright) titles for electronic distribution in order to make them freely available to the general public.

There are thousands of titles in the Project Gutenberg collection (including audiobooks), and now, Overdrive has gathered the Project Gutenberg epub format titles into a single collection and makes this collection available to libraries via the Overdrive platform.

To access this collection, Library patrons can click the icon in the lower left section of the Overdrive home page via www.ebrpl.com.

All titles in this collection are available all the time — an unlimited number of patrons can download a single title at one time.

Titles are EPUB format ONLY. Audiobooks can be found at the Project Gutenberg website: www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Gutenberg:The_Audio_Books_Project.

Many of the titles are recognized as classics. *Tom Sawyer*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *Chaucer*, *Shakespeare* (plays, sonnets & criticism), *London*, *Conan Doyle* can all be found in this collection, along with many other perennial favorites for all ages. Great for teen lit assignments!



Click this icon on the Overdrive homepage to access the collection.



Bath Salts

Adults are invited to make their own scented bath salts at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, February 1, at 5:00 p.m.

Participants can also decorate Valentine's Day-themed gift tags to give the bath salts as a present.

For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7450.

Valentine's Day Collage Art

Come learn how to create personal one-of-a-kind Valentine's Day cards at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

Using simple collage techniques taught by Sheila Kelly, collage artist, you can design unique cards that will touch your friends and family on Saturday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. With just a few basic collage skills, you can make beautiful works of art. Materials will be supplied. You may add your own favorite paper, photos or trims.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4440.



Planting Your Family Tree



Cassie Fedrick, genealogy librarian, will present a program demonstrating and teaching genealogical techniques at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m.

Fedrick will give pointers on conducting an effective search for your forebears.

Can't make it? Check out the Genealogy Infoguide at our website, www.ebrpl.com.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1850.

The Art of Manga

Charsya Paul, founder of P2 Manga Publishing, returns to the Jones Creek Regional Branch with new titles under P2 Manga as well as advice for any aspiring manga-ka.

Artists are invited to bring their manga projects on Saturday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m.

An experienced manga artist since her early teens, Paul has published several works of her own. Her program will include a PowerPoint presentation and a door prize, followed by a book signing.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.



Leap Year Family Bingo Night

It only comes once every four years – join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch for an evening of family fun with Leap Year Bingo on Wednesday, February 29, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Picture This!

Come learn how to upload and edit pictures from your camera and cell phone at the Jones Creek Regional Branch, on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Bring the electronic device you wish to use and its data cord.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.



Gift Book Moving Sale

We're holding a Clearance/ Moving Gift Book Sale at the OLD Recycled Reads location, 13505 Hooper Road in Central, on Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Everything is 10 cents...or even less! For details on our new location and regular gift book sale, see page 16.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

GEEK WEEK

"Geek Week" will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the week of February 26. Check our website for times!

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.



Food for Fines

In December, we collected non-perishable items for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in exchange for a waiver of \$1 off library fines per item. This was a HUGE success! By our estimations, approximately 9,475 pounds of items were donated! Thanks to all who helped out.

It's Carnival Time!

Wedding planner Trina King returns to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to show participants how to make their own Mardi Gras umbrellas just in time for parades on Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.

All materials will be furnished for this workshop.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.



Mask-Querade

Get in the carnival spirit with glittery Mardi Gras masks! Design your own feathered "bejeweled" mask for Fat Tuesday at the Jones Creek Regional Branch, on Monday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Come and Strut Your Stuff

Bring your Mardi Gras mask and your umbrella and learn the art of the second line! Staff at the Jones Creek Regional Branch will teach you how to dance and follow a parade or brass band on Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.



Sweets for the Sweet

Bring your favorite Valentine and get your "just desserts" at the Jones Creek Regional Branch as we hold our annual "Sweets for the Sweet" party.

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, indulge your sweet tooth in luscious chocolate, candy, cakes and cookies! There will be door prizes and romantic Valentine music.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Introduction to American Sign Language

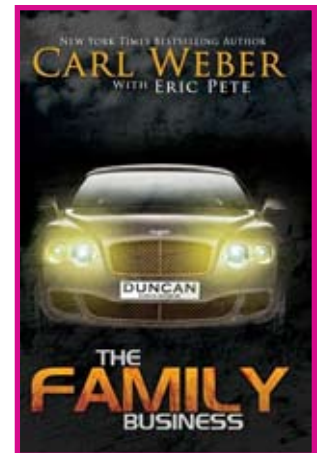
Presenter Wesley Bellan will show an educational video on the basics of ASL, as well as speak on deaf culture and deaf education in Louisiana on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Carl Weber and Eric Pete Book Signing

Authors Carl Weber and Eric Pete, writers of urban and contemporary fiction, will sell and sign their new book, *The Family Business*, at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. Weber's books include *The Choir Director* and *Up to No Good*. Pete's works include *Gets No Love* and *Don't Get It Twisted*.

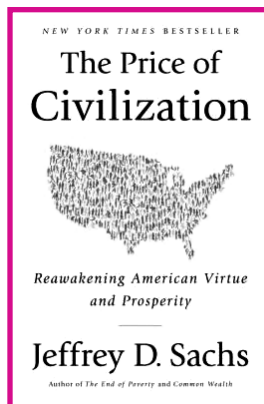
For more information, call (225) 354-7550.



Price of Civilization Book Talk

Come to a videoconference with Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, author of best-selling books *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* and *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* on Monday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Sachs will “visit” the Main Library via a big screen to discuss his latest book, *The Price of Civilization: Reawakening American Virtue and Prosperity*, about restoring America to its original promise, focusing not only on steps to rectify the economic problems the country faces but also advocating a return of virtue and humane behavior in our everyday lives.



For more information, call (225) 231-3710.



This program is in conjunction with *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion*.

Pride & Prejudice with the Swine Palace

LSU’s Swine Palace Theatre’s production of *Pride & Prejudice* will run from February 1-19. In conjunction with their production, members of the Swine Palace will help present several themed programs at library branches this month!

For more information, call the individual library branch.



- **Project Regency**

Saturday, February 4, 2:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Corey Globke, costume designer for LSU’s Swine Palace Theatre, will present actual costumes from *Pride & Prejudice* and discuss the work that goes into costume design.

- **Austen Uncovered: Regency Rumours in Red Stick**

Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Zachary Branch

Teen workshop featuring MFA students from the Swine Palace resident ensemble; will include scenes from the play, and a discussion of the novel and importance of Austen.

- **Austen Uncovered: Regency Rumours in Red Stick**

Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch

Friday, February 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library

Workshop will include scenes from the play, and discussion.

For more information on the Swine Palace and its production, visit www.swinepalace.org/productions/pride-and-prejudice.

Baker Branch

“Baker Evening Book Club”

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Hornes: An American Family
by Gail Buckley

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Follies by Paul Auster

Carver Branch

Tuesday, February 14, 4:00 p.m.

Governor Edwin Edwards
by Leo Honeycutt

Central Branch

Thursday, February 23, 11:00 a.m.

Caleb’s Crossing
by Geraldine Brooks

Delmont Gardens Branch

Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

The Upper Room by Mary Monroe

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

“Science Fiction Book Club”

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.

2001: A Space Odyssey
by Arthur C. Clarke

Jones Creek Regional Branch

“JCR Book Club”

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m.

Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry
“Books Into Movies”

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Men Who Stare at Goats
by Jon Ronson

Main Library

“Mystery Lovers Book Club”

Tuesday, February 14, noon

Mysteries with romance and Valentine’s Day themes

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

“Like It... Or Not Book Club”

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.

Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree by Susan W. Albert

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY



The following computer classes will be held throughout the Library system during the month, in addition to the daily classes held at the Main Library. The complete schedule is available on the Library's website.

Registration is required for some classes. *

For more information or to register, call the individual library branch.

Baker Branch

Introduction to Computers*

Thursday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything.

Introduction to Word 2007 *

Saturday, February 11, 2:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2007*

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to use Excel's more advanced math functions.

Introduction to Gmail*

Thursday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create a free email account with Gmail.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Introduction to Gmail

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create a Gmail account.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to prepare slides for a computer presentation.

Computers without Fear

Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.

Learn computer basics.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher to make a flyer or other document.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007

Thursday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create and edit documents.

Introduction to the Internet

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

Learn the basics of surfing the Web!

Carver Branch

Setting up an E-mail Account

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to set up an email account.

Résumé Class

Thursday, February 16, 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create a résumé using Microsoft Word.

Introduction to Publisher

Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.

Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher.

Delmont Gardens Branch

Computers without Fear *

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.

Learn basic computer skills.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*

Thursday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of creating a document.

Introduction to Emailing*

Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to sign up for an email account.

Internet Surfing*

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to browse the Internet.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher*

Thursday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.

Practice making a flyer.

Eden Park Branch

Computers without Fear*

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to approach a computer for various tasks.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create a document.

Introduction to Publisher*

Wednesday, February 15, 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a basic flyer or other document in Publisher.

Introduction to Gmail*

Saturday, February 25, 11:00 a.m.

Learn how to create an email account.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Introduction to Computers *

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 7, 4 p.m.

Learn the basics about computers.

Introduction to Microsoft Word *

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to edit a document.

Create a Newsletter with Microsoft Word *

Tuesday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a newsletter in Word.

Introduction to the Internet *

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to navigate the Internet.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Introduction to the Internet *

Wednesday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.

An introduction to the World Wide Web.

Introduction to the Online Catalog and Databases *

Thursday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.

Learn about the Library's online catalog and databases.

Ebook Workshop *

Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 29, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a hands-on workshop on

downloading ebooks and audiobooks.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Computer Basics *

Saturday, February 4 and 18, 11:00 a.m.

Learn the basics about computers.

Introduction to Microsoft Word *

Saturday, February 11 and 25, 11:00 a.m.

Learn what Word is and what it does.

Amazon.com Made Easy

Thursday, February 23, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of selling on Amazon.com.

River Center Branch

Introduction to Microsoft Word with Résumé'

Wednesday, February 8, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the commands of Microsoft Word and

explore Word's résumé templates.

Computer Basics

Saturday, February 11, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 5:00 p.m.

Receive a description of the components located inside a computer.

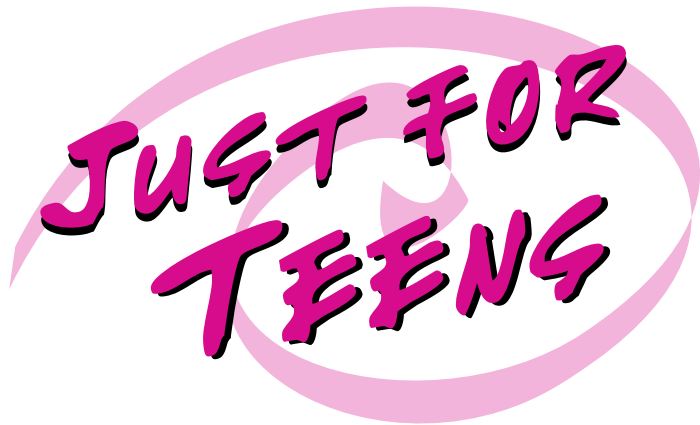
Introduction to E-mail

Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 p.m.

Learn how to create and use an e-mail account.



Visit a library branch
near you for
free wireless Internet!



Mardi Gras Mosaics

Tweens and teens ages 12-18 are invited to the Baker Branch to catch the Mardi Gras spirit by making a mosaic out of colorful Mardi Gras beads!

You'll get to create your own design on Wednesday, February 15, at 4:00 p.m.

No need to bring beads, all supplies will be provided.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Mardi Gras Monday Mosaics

Hey teens! Come and hang out at the Main Library and make a mosaic wall hanging with Mardi Gras beads on Monday, February 20, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

TumbleReadables

TumbleReadables is a collection of online read-along titles in categories such as Graphic Novels, Early Readers, Chapter Books, Teen Fiction, Classics, and Drama/Poetry.



The Read-Alongs highlight the sentences as they are narrated aloud, turn the page automatically, and offer the ability to customize your screen by changing the font size and screen/text color, to name just a few options.

Read-Alongs are great for emergent, struggling, and reluctant readers, and are an excellent tool for ESL students. With a fun, stylish interface, Read-Alongs will also appeal to accomplished readers who are excited to follow along to the narration of their favorite books.

For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Baker Teen Club

Hey, teens! Here's your chance to meet and give us your suggestions for future programs at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, February 29, at 4:00 p.m.

Then, hang out together and play board games. We'll have Black Heritage trivia, *Jenga*, *Scattergories*, and more! This program is for ages 12-18.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.



Free ACT Practice Test

Teens in grades 9-12 are encouraged to come take a free ACT Practice Test sponsored by the Princeton Review at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A scores-back and review session will be held Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring no. 2 pencils and a calculator.

Registration is required online at www.princetonreview.com. For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

Can't make it? Visit Learning Express, one of our Online Databases, and set up your own practice test, at www.ebrpl.com.



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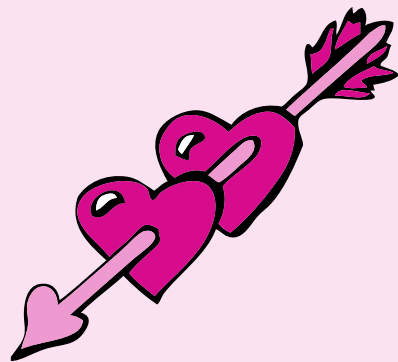


From Our Louisiana Past

Celebrate our state's bicentennial this year by learning more about our rich history and culture on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Zachary Branch.

In our first teen presentation, staff from Centenary Historic Site will talk about medicine and medical instruments used during the Civil War.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.



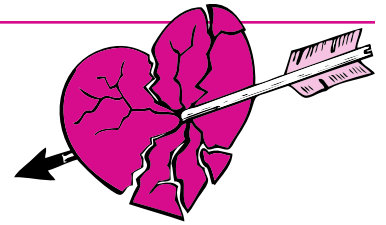
Cupids on Strike!

Don't like Cupid? Then come rock your independence with us at the Scotlandville Branch! We'll be making black flowers, altering romance book covers, playing some games and much, much more on Monday, February 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Everything will be based on an anti-Valentine's Day theme. So, if you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend and you want to hang out, enjoy some refreshments and have a lot of fun, make plans to attend the best anti-Valentine's Day party ever! Don't forget to wear black!

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

JUST FOR TEENS



Anti-Valentine's Day

Love stinks! Teens and tweens ages 12-18 are invited to the Carver Branch to un-celebrate Valentine's Day on Monday, February 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Activities will include *Valentine Taboo*, *Best Break-Up Letter*, *Find Your Famous Ex*, *Graffiti Romance Covers*, and anti-Valentine making. We'll also be breaking open an anti-Valentine's Day piñata!

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.



Decoupage Heart

Teens 12-18 will be making a decoupage heart decoration at the Delmont Gardens Branch using colorful tissue paper and craft supplies to give to a loved one just in time for Valentine's Day on Friday, February 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7070.

Valentines for Veterans

Come to the Youth Services Department at the Zachary Branch anytime between February 1 and 13 to make a nice card for a Veteran!

The Library will then deliver cards to the Jackson War Veterans Home in Jackson, Louisiana for Valentine's Day.

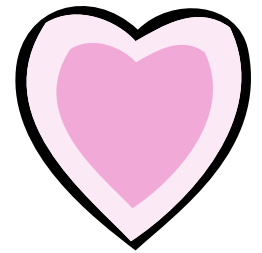
For more information, call (225) 685-1870.

Heart Picture Frame Craft

Valentine's Day is almost here! Are you still looking for a present for someone you love? Come to the Zachary Branch and decorate a heart-shaped picture frame on Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Include a favorite photo and this make this fun and easy craft a great gift for a family member, friend or sweetheart!

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.



A Rose for Your Valentine

Teens, surprise your friends with a beautiful Valentine rose that you made yourself at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m.

It's fun, easy and made from an egg carton!

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1540.

Un-Valentine's Day Celebration

Are you tired of Valentine's Day and all the "stuff" that goes with it?

If you answered yes, then the River Center Branch is the place to be for a fun un-Valentine's Day Celebration on Saturday, February 11, at 2:30 p.m.

Wear black, if you want, and make un-Valentine's Day cards for your friends or former sweethearts. Bring your favorite un-love songs and enjoy the company of other "un-Valentine" teens. We'll have refreshments, and there will even be an award for the best un-Valentine's Day card!

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.



Victorian Feather-Work Hair Accessories

Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to create cool hair barrettes and clips modeled after Victorian feather-work on Monday, February 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All supplies and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (225) 763-2270.



Victorian Parlor Games

Charles Dickens, an English novelist, is considered the greatest of the Victorian period. Since the One Book One Community book is his novel, *Oliver Twist*, why don't we play some Victorian Parlor games at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch?

We'll have a blast playing *Charades*, *The Name Game*, *Dictionary*, *Name the Nursery Rhyme* and more! To add to the fun, teens are encouraged to wear Victorian-style clothes or dress as their favorite Dickens character on Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Cool Teen Games from the 1800s

Teens will play silly games at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch that were popular back in the days of Charles Dickens on Monday, February 20, 2:30 p.m.

Have fun playing the games you may have played when you were a kid! We'll have a great time before Mardi Gras, join us!

For more information, call (225) 274-4470.



Black History Month Quiz Bowl!

Calling all tweens and teens ages 12-17! You're invited to the Eden Park Branch for a quiz bowl to celebrate Black History Month on Thursday, February 23, at 3:00 p.m.

How well do you know your history? We will be asking both easy and hard questions about the history and accomplishments of prominent African-Americans. Small prizes will be awarded to teens who participate!

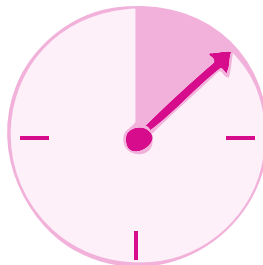
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3250.

Minute to Win It

Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Branch where they'll have just one minute to compete in silly challenges and funny games!

Come and join the fun on Thursday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4470.



Exploring Magnets

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to participate in science experiments that will demonstrate the power of neodymium magnets on Saturday, February 4, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1170.

KIDS' STUFF

Valentine's Day Heart Magnet Make and Take Craft

Happy Valentine's Day! Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, February 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to make a heart magnet that they can take home to enjoy by using craft foam, magnets, pipe-cleaners, sequins and glitter!

Please remember that children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.



String-a-Long Heart Pop-Up Valentine Card

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to make a beautiful pop-up Valentine's Day card for a favorite person on Saturday, February 4, at 2:30 p.m.

Children ages 5-11 are invited to join the fun!

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Valentine's Day Storytime & Craft

Children ages 5-8 are invited to join us at the Central Branch for a special Valentine's Day storytime and craft on Tuesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.

We'll listen to some fun Valentine's Day stories and make a lovely heart wreath.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

African American Read-In

In celebration of Black History Month, children and families are invited to various library branches to share literature, poems, and other prose by African American authors.

See details below; registration is required for some branches. For more information, call the individual branch.

Main Library

Saturday, February 11, 2:30 p.m.
Read a selection of literature by an African American author, or just come be a part of the audience! Selections can be read individually or part of a group.

Baker Branch

Thursday, February 23, 4:30 p.m.

Carver Branch

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
Children ages 6-11 will share poems and stories by African American authors.

Delmont Gardens

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
Read a selection of literature by an African American author, or just come be a part of the audience! Selections can be read individually or part of a group.

Eden Park Branch

Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.
Families are invited to participate by reading a brief item written by African American authors and poets. For children ages 5-11.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
Children ages 3 and up will recite short verses from African American authors and sing songs.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

February 1-29
Guest presenters from the community will read books, poems, and tell stories throughout the month.

Scotlandville Branch

Saturday, February 18, 3:00 p.m.
Sign up to read, dance, or sing - there is no age limit!

KIDS' STUFF

The World of Percussion

Curtis Pierre, a master percussionist who has studied with professional Brazilian artists in dance, drum, and percussion, will perform and discuss the cultural history of Samba music for elementary students and general audience.

Pierre will perform on the following dates. All performances begin at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 9 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Thursday, February 16 – Main Library

Thursday, February 23 – Scotlandville Branch

For more information, call the individual branch.

This program is supported in part by a Decentralized Arts Funding Grant from the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge in cooperation with the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and Louisiana State Arts Council.

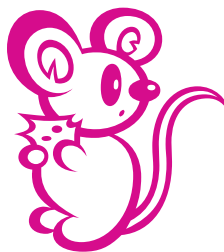
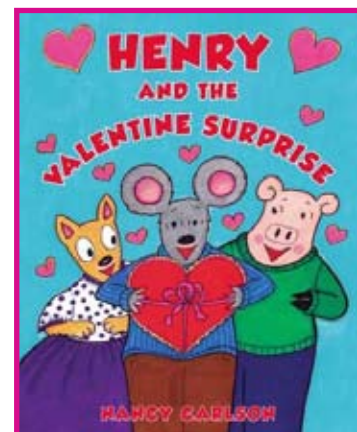


Make a Family Tree of Love

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Baker Branch to make a special keepsake for Valentine's Day—a family tree filled with pretty hearts that have all of your family and pets' names written on them!

Henry and the Valentine Surprise by Nancy Carlson will be read aloud before the craft on Tuesday, February 7, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.



A Little Mouse Valentine Story/Craft

Children ages 4-9 will listen to the story *Little Mouse's Big Valentine* by Thacher Hurd at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 4, at 2:30 p.m.

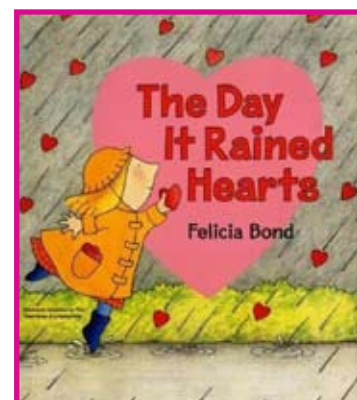
After the story, they'll create a mouse valentine patterned after the main character in the book "Little Mouse."

For more information, call (225) 658-1560.

Purr-fect Valentine

Get ready for *Random Act of Kindness* week at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! Children ages 3-5 will listen to Felicia Bond's *The Day It Rained Hearts*, and then make a purr-fect Valentine to surprise someone special on Saturday, February 11, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.



Make a Mardi Gras Mask!

- Children ages 4-11 are invited to the **Jones Creek Regional Branch** on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. to make a hand-held Mardi Gras mask. For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

- After hearing the story *The Greentail Mouse* by Leo Lionni, kids ages 4 and up will create their own Mardi Gras Mask on Monday, February 20, at 4:30 p.m. at the **Pride-Chaneyville Branch**. For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1560.

- Children ages 5 and up are invited to come and join the fun at the **Central Branch** as we decorate a Mardi Gras mask with feathers and paper mosaic tiles on Monday, February 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 262-2660.



Mardi Gras Story/Craft

Children ages 4-11 are invited to come celebrate the Mardi Gras season at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, February 18, at 2:30 p.m. with a special storytime and craft at the Eden Park Branch!

We will read *On Mardi Gras Day* by Fatima Shaik, and after the story, we'll make Mardi Gras day masks!

For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3260.



Chess at the Library

Would you like to learn how to play Chess? Do you already have skills, but would like to improve them? Well, if you answered yes, then this program may be just right for you!

Children ages 9-13 are invited to come to the Main Library for Chess lessons on Saturdays, February 11 and 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Level I Beginning and Level II Intermediate lessons are available. Brave adults are welcome, too!

Please remember, participants under the age of 9 must receive permission from the instructor, and must be accompanied by an adult.

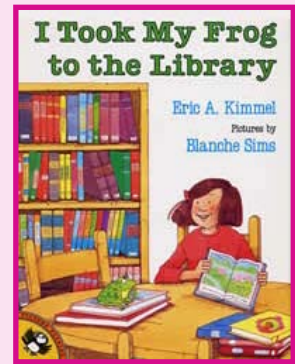
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3760.

National Children's Dental Health Month

In observance of National Children's Dental Health Month, children ages 4-11 and their parents are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to attend a demonstration of proper dental health on Wednesday, February 15, at 4:00 p.m.

Kids, come ready to "rock your smile," and learn how to take good care of your teeth!

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.



Library Lovers' Month Storytime & Craft

Children ages 4-8 are invited to the River Center Branch to continue their celebration of Library Lovers' Month with a special "Library" storytime and craft on Saturday, February 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Hear *I Took My Frog to the Library* by Eric Kimmel, and other fun stories about libraries.

After the story, children will have fun making their own original bookmarks using cardstock, crayons, markers, stickers, foam shapes, feathers, sequins, scissors and glue! This is a perfect opportunity for children to check out a book and use their new bookmark.

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Polar Bear Day Storytime & Craft

Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, February 25, 2:00 p.m. to get ready for Polar Bear Day! Children ages 3 and up will hear *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin, Jr., and other polar bear stories.

Then the children will make a handprint polar bear picture using their own handprint, white tempera paint, black colors or markers and blue construction paper.

This is a fun, easy craft that can easily be displayed on the family refrigerator art gallery or in the children's bedrooms. For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Jane Yolen Read-In

In honor of Jane Yolen's birthday, on Saturday, February 11, we will be reading selected Jane Yolen books all day long at the Scotlandville Branch! Come by the Children's Room anytime that day to hear your favorites.

We will even have a ballot box available for you to vote on your favorite Jane Yolen book!

For children ages 3-11. All children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Sorry, no groups.

For more information, call (225) 354-7560.



Firemen Know!

Nobody knows fire safety like a fireman! Come to the Zachary Branch to learn about fire safety from the Zachary Fire Department on Saturday, February 25, at 10:00 a.m.

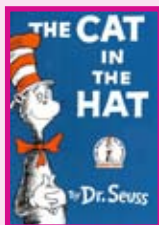
Then we'll go outside to get a close-up look at one of those shiny, red fire trucks! Books on fire safety, firemen and fire trucks will be available for check out. All ages welcome!

For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Read Across America

In honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2, the Scotlandville Branch will be reading selected Dr. Seuss books during the week of February 27 through March 3! Come by the children's room anytime during this week to hear your favorites.

For more information, call (225) 354-7560.

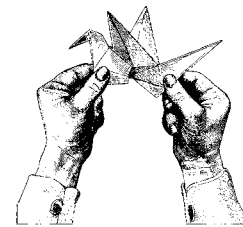


KIDS' STUFF

Origami with Mr. Sze

Baton Rouge origami artist Peter Sze will teach children ages 7-11 how to make their own paper folding projects at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 18, 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

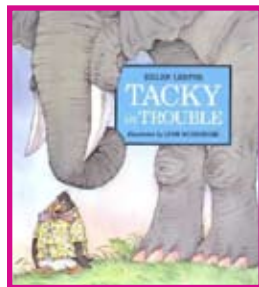


Bio Book Club

Children ages 8-11 are invited to join us for the second installment of the Bio Book Club on Saturday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m. and explore the fascinating, diverse selection of biographies available in the Children's Room at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

The first meeting was about musicians—we discussed their lives, listened and danced to their various types of music. Choose a biography and find out how much fun it is to learn about the lives of famous people!

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.



Tacky the Penguin

After hearing the story of a funny penguin, *Tacky in Trouble* by Helen Lester, children ages 8-11 will make their own *Tacky* penguin to take home at the Carver Branch on Thursday, February 23, 4:30 p.m.

He'll be made out of ankle socks, foam balls and other goodies! Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Louie Puppet Story/Craft

Children ages 3-11 will listen to the story, *Louie* by Ezra Jack Keats, at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, February 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After the story, the children will make a puppet like Gussie in the story, using a paper bag, a clown pattern and crayons! Please remember that children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.

The Mitten Story/Craft

Are you ready for winter and winter stories?

Join us at the Central Branch on Thursday, February 23, at 10:30 p.m. as we read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, and stay to decorate and glue a paper mitten onto a wondrous winter scene!

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.



Fat Cat Story/Craft

After listening to the story *Drat the Fat Cat* by Pat Thomson, children ages 4-8 will make a movable fat cat character at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.



Storytime at the library

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans, and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children's Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading. You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer seven different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group.

For more information, call your local library. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.



Keep track of your
children's library books
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[www.libraryelf.com!](http://www.libraryelf.com)

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

Bluebonnet	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek	Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Baker	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:30 a.m.
Bluebonnet	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
Central	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00 a.m.
Delmont Gardens	Thursday, February 16	10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Baker	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
Bluebonnet	Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27	10:30 a.m.
Carver	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00 a.m.
	Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23	10:00 a.m.
Central	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
Delmont Gardens	Thursdays, February 9, 16	10:30 a.m.
Eden Park	Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23	10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28	10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
River Center	Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23	10:00 a.m.
Scotlandville	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, February, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00 a.m.

PJ or Night Storytimes

Greenwell Springs	Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23	7:00 p.m.
Jones Creek	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 p.m.

Family Storytime

Baker	Thursday, February 2	5:30 p.m.
Bluebonnet	Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27	6:30 p.m.
Eden Park	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28	5:00 p.m.

Spanish Storytime

Bluebonnet	Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23	10:30 a.m.
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Combined Age Storytime

Scotlandville	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	3:00 p.m.
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East Baton Rouge Parish Library**Main Library**7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.**Branch Libraries****Baker Branch Library**3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library**9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Carver Branch Library**720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Central Branch Library**11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Delmont Gardens Branch Library**3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Eden Park Branch Library**5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Greenwell Springs Road****Regional Branch Library**11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Jones Creek Regional Branch Library**6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library**13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**River Center Branch Library**120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Scotlandville Branch Library**7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Zachary Branch Library**1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**Library Information Service**

(225) 231-3750

Text a librarian at 66746
Start message with "eref"www.ebrpl.com

ON VIEW at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch***Faces of Alzheimer's***

A photo gallery exhibit will feature local Alzheimer's patients.

Haiti Remembered There and Here: 1791-1810

Former library staff member Edna Jordan Smith displays artifacts from her personal Black History collection.

Carver Branch***Dolls of the World***

More than 140 different dolls from more than 60 countries will be on display.

Eden Park***Jeweled Inspiration***

Jeanne Brown will display jewelry she has crafted inspired by local sports teams.

The Jester

Children's librarian Mary Ricard exhibits her collection of jesters.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch***Black History Month***

George Washington Carver and Martin Luther King, Jr. are honored.

BREC Leisure Class Art Show

Students will exhibit a variety of paintings.

Jones Creek Regional Branch***Alzheimer's Photo Exhibit***

An exhibit of photos by the Alzheimer's Services of the Capital.

Origami

Baton Rouge origami artist Peter Sze displays his work.

**LIBRARY**
GIFT BOOK SALE**RECYCLED READS**238 Little John Street
Saturday, February 25
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.