The Master Gardeners will offer a three-week Basic Gardening Series at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, January 20 and 27, and February 3.

Each week will provide an opportunity to learn about new and various topics, with research-based information that will be most helpful for beginning and intermediate gardeners.

The topics scheduled for each session are listed below.

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

January 20
1. Mother Earth
2. On Your Own Turf

January 27
1. Practical Solutions for Small Spaces
2. America’s Most Unwanted

February 3
1. Did an Insect Do That?
2. Mini-Gardens for Children

Calling Authors!

Louisiana Author Row will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Bluebonnet Regional Branch!

We’d love to hear from local and regional authors who would like to participate.

Contact Andi Abraham at (225) 231-3745 or e-mail her at aabraham@ebr.lib.la.us.

Live @ Chelsea’s

Start off a swinging New Year with blues at Chelsea’s! Local blues piano player and singer (and birthday boy) Henry Gray will bring his talents to Chelsea’s for an entertaining show.

Great music, great food and a great time will be had at Chelsea’s Café, 2857 Perkins Road, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 19.

Live @ Chelsea’s is a FREE monthly blues concert featuring local talent. Previous performances have included The Jazz Vipers, Louis Ford, John Smart, Betsy Braud and The Baton Rouge Jazz Ensemble.

Live @ Chelsea’s is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation, the Patrons of the Public Library, and Chelsea’s Café.

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.
The Story of Sharon Paté-Bell

Life-changing events for Ms. Sharon Paté-Bell began with the arrival of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Ms. Paté-Bell and her 12-year old son, Samuel lost everything in the aftermath of the devastating hurricane. She recalls her first glimmer of hope when people from Baton Rouge offered resources to them. She and her son came to live in a shelter in downtown Baton Rouge. A counselor arrived and explained that he would assist her to obtain the basics of life and would mentor her so that she could get an education and suitable employment to support herself and her son.

The counselor drove them to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library on Goodwood Boulevard and showed them all of the free resources that are available at the Library, including computers and educational information. The counselor told Ms. Paté-Bell that she could go to college – something she had never considered to be possible. She learned how to enroll on-line using a Library computer and began her work toward an Associate Degree in Business Administration with Kaplan University. Over the next two years Ms. Paté-Bell spent her days at the Main Library doing class work on the Library computers. She received her Associate Degree in August 2010, and is now working toward her Bachelor Degree in Criminology from American Intercontinental University. Her aspiration is to go to Law School at Louisiana State University upon completing her Bachelor Degree in May 2011.

Ms. Paté-Bell said that she attributes her educational success to the Library staff. She recalls that they were always welcoming, interested in her educational pursuits and able to find just the right book or electronic resource for her. She said she never had to struggle because help was always available at the Library. The staff has a love for books and information and they instilled this in her. She also discovered that the library was a peaceful place where she could come to be inspired and refreshed.

Ms. Paté-Bell said that she would like others to know what she discovered at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. She would like single moms to know that they can get an education at the Library and that they can lead their children by example because “parents who educate themselves can educate their children.” She also discovered that “people with a book in their hands don’t have a bad attitude.” She loves the life the Library gave her.
The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow
Each Saturday in January, the Scotlandville Branch will show one part of a four-part documentary titled The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow.
This documentary offers an extensive look at race relations in America.
Saturday, January 8, 3:00 p.m. “Promises Betrayed (1895-1896)”
Saturday, January 15, 3:00 p.m. “Fighting Back (1896-1917)”
Saturday, January 22, 3:00 p.m. “Don’t Shout Too Soon (1917-1940)”
Saturday, January 29, 3:00 p.m. “Terror and Triumph (1940-1954)”
For more information, call (225) 354-7540.

SCORE Workshop
Thinking about starting a business and being your own boss?
For aspiring entrepreneurs, SCORE (Counselors to America’s Small Business) volunteers will hold a workshop to address myths and realities that entrepreneurs face, as well as discuss what factors go into being a success.
This FREE workshop will help you discover if you are ready to start your own business!
Come and learn from experienced business people at three locations:
• Bluebonnet Branch: Tuesday, February 1
• Main Library: Wednesday, February 2
• Jones Creek Regional Branch: Thursday, February 3
  Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m.
The local chapter of SCORE is a volunteer organization of approximately 62 experienced business people. Its primary mission is to help small businesses start, grow and prosper.
For more information or to register, call (225) 381-7130.

New Courses Available with Mango Languages
Seven new language courses have been added to the resources available to Library patrons through Mango Languages, an interactive, online language-teaching database.
The new language courses being taught through Mango Languages are:
• Czech Basic and Complete
• Tamil Basic and Complete
• Ukrainian Basic and Complete
• Indonesian Basic and Complete
• Dutch Basic and Complete
• Slovak Basic and Complete
• Croatian Basic and Complete
The Library began offering patrons free access to the Mango Languages database in Spring 2009. Languages already available for study include French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, German, and many more.
Through Mango lessons, users learn their desired new language with conversational and practical teachings, all via online lessons. Words and phrases are taught through sight and sound, with repetition and explanation applied to assist the user’s journey of learning.
Visit www.ebrpl.com and click on “Online Databases” to access Mango Languages today! Patrons use their Library card to log in. A video tutorial is available in the Info Guides section of the Library’s web site.
For more information, contact Library Information Services at (225) 231-3750.
From the Archives…

This 1959 ticket to the Sugar Bowl is just one of the many items from local history at our Baton Rouge Room at the River Center Branch! For more photos from the history of Baton Rouge, visit the Digital Archive online, accessible at our website, www.ebtpl.com.

For more information on the archive and how you can contribute, call (225) 389-4960.

And for great football classics, check out the books, DVDs and audiobooks on display!

### COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

The following computer classes will be held at the Library throughout the month of January, in addition to the daily classes held at the Main Library. Registration is required for some classes. **For more information or to register, call the individual library branch.**

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Thursday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.  
Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything!  
**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007 ****  
Saturday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.  
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2007.  
**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007 ****  
Thursday, January 20, 10:00 a.m.  
Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel 2007.  
**Introduction to Publisher ****  
Thursday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.  
Learn the basics of Microsoft Publisher. | **Setting up an E-mail Account**  
Tuesday, January 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Learn how to set up an e-mail account.  
**Introduction to the Internet**  
Thursday, January 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Learn the basics of the Library’s online catalog.  
**Computers without Fear**  
Thursday, January 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything!  
**Microsoft PowerPoint 2007: Level 1 ****  
Monday, January 3, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Learn the basics of PowerPoint 2007 with this free full-day class offered by LANtec through a special grant from the State Library. Call 1-888-487-2700 to register. |

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Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet.  
**Computers without Fear**  
Thursday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything!  
**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007**  
Saturday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn how to make a flier and other documents.  
**Introduction to the Internet**  
Thursday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn the basics of surfing the Web!  
**Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!** | **Introduction to Computers ****  
Tuesday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn computer terminology, how to use a mouse and how to open and close files.  
**Introduction to the Online Library Catalog ****  
Thursday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn to use the computer version of the Library’s card catalog.  
**Introduction to the Internet ****  
Tuesday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Saturday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Learn the basics of the World Wide Web. |

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Wednesday, January 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Learn how to create a Yahoo mail account.  
**Introduction to Computers**  
Wednesday, January 19, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Learn the basics about computers. | **Microsoft Word 2007: Level 1 ****  
Tuesday, January 4, and Saturday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2007 with this free full-day class offered by LANtect through special grants from the State Library. Call 1-888-487-2700 to register.  
**Microsoft PowerPoint 2007: Level 2 ****  
Tuesday, January 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Learn more about PowerPoint with this free full-day class offered by LANtect through a special grant from the State Library. Must have completed Level 1. Call 1-888-487-2700 to register. |
Construction Update

Maintenance took place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the weeks of November 29 to December 12, and much was completed! The branch received new flooring, painted walls, and other maintenance. Workers trenched and added conduit for additional computer access in the teen and adult areas. Workers also stripped all original carpet and replaced it with fresh carpet, which required the moving of fully-loaded bookshelves, shown in the third photo.

The Library Board of Control heard from architect Mike Sullivan of the Looney Ricks Kiss Architects at the monthly board meeting December 16. The Board accepted the Design Development package for the Rouzan Branch Library. The next step in the process will be the development of the construction documents and the bid package with the Department of Public Works, which will lead to selecting a general contractor for the project and ultimate ground-breaking in 2011.

Meeting Room Applications Online

The Library is shifting to a January-December calendar, and all non-profit groups and community organizations currently using the public meeting rooms will need to reapply. The process is online.

To access the meeting room application online, visit www.ebrpl.com, click “About the Library,” then “Services,” then “Meeting Rooms.”

We Want Your Stuff!

As you are packing up after the holidays or starting the daunting process of Spring Cleaning, remember the Library!

We would love to conserve and preserve your precious memories – scrapbooks, photographs and memorabilia related to East Baton Rouge Parish as part of the Baton Rouge collection housed at the River Center Branch. For more information, contact archivist Melissa Eastin at (225) 389-4960, or meastin@ebr.lib.la.us.

Waive it Wednesday!

Turn in your overdue materials fine-free every last Wednesday of the month! No questions asked! Just bring materials in to the returns desk when the Library is open.

For more information, call (225) 231-3740.
SAT Practice Test

An SAT practice test will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, January 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a review session following on Thursday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Teen Poetry Circle

Do you like to read and write poetry? If so, come to the Baker Branch's Teen Poetry Circle!

Teens and tweens ages 12-18 will get to read aloud their favorite poems and/or share their own original poems in an informal setting on Tuesday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m.

We'll also have some fun writing exercises to get your poetic juices flowing!

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

Steppin’ with Tameka

Library staff member Tameka Roby will teach steppin’ to teens at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Steppin’ is a tradition consisting of choreographed dances and is performed at celebrations, ceremonies, and athletic events.

Steppin’ generally involves clapping, stomping and sometimes rhythms and chants.

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

Trivia Day

Come and play board games to celebrate National Trivia Day at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! We’ll start on Tuesday, January 4, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Teen Knit Night

Are you a teen who likes to knit? Join us at the Main Library on the last Tuesday of the month from January to April for Teen Knit Night. This month’s meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

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

Gaming @ the Library!

• Halo 3 – Get ready for an epic battle! Teens ages 13-18 are invited to show off their combat skills at the Baker Branch while playing Halo 3. Let’s see who comes out on top on Thursday, January 20, at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

• Madden Football Tournament – In anticipation of the Super Bowl on February 6, tweens and teens are invited to participate in a weeklong Madden tournament on the XBOX at the Carver Branch. Come out to compete at 3:30 p.m. Monday, January 24 through Friday, January 28. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

• Game Day – Teens, do you love football? Come and play Madden 2010 on the XBOX 360 at the Main Library on Saturday, January 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

• Super Smash Bros. @ the Library – Teens are invited to come and play Super Smash Bros. and battle to the end at the Scotlandville Branch, on Wednesday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (225) 354-7500.

• Wii Tennis Tournament – Teens can have fun with a Wii tennis tournament on Wednesday, January 12, at 2:30 p.m. Come join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch while school is out and you’re looking for something to do! For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

• Wii Mario Kart – The Mario Brothers are back at the River Center Branch! Teens ages 12-17, get ready for non-stop racing action and test your driving skills on the Wii on Saturday, January 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 389-4959.
Dances of the World

Recognized for their dynamic and colorful performances, Komenka presents dances from around the world. In this exciting program, children ages 6-11 will be delighted as beautifully-costumed dancers share the unique traditions of dance and music, opening the eyes of the audience to diverse cultures.

Audience members will learn to appreciate and respect their own and other heritages. Programs include selections from Europe, Asia and America.

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.

Dates of performances are listed below.

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

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Disney Dance Dance Revolution

Children ages 5-10 are invited to celebrate the start of the New Year by playing Disney Dance Dance Revolution at the Baker Branch on Thursday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Marvelous Magazines

Children ages 7-11 will be introduced to the great collection of children’s magazines available to check out at the Baker Branch.

Then, they’ll cut out images and words from old, discarded magazines and make a collage that describes their personality and interests on Saturday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Don’t Be Afraid Little Pip!

Children ages 3 and up will listen to Karma Wilson’s story, Don’t Be Afraid Little Pip, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Then, they’ll make their own construction paper penguin to take home, on Saturday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Dog Tales at the Library

LSU Tiger HATS will visit the Carver Branch with their specially-trained dogs on Sunday, January 9, at 3:00 p.m.

These dogs serve as excellent reading companions for young children ages 5-8. Come read to your favorite dog!

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

“I Have a Dream” Box

Children ages 7 and up will listen to Myra Cohn Livingston’s book, Let Freedom Ring: A Ballad of Martin Luther King Jr., at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

Each child will make a box from colorful book covers and write some of their dreams on strips of paper to put inside the box on Saturday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Story of Felt

Do you know how felt is made? Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch and find out!

Children ages 7 and up will hear a story about how wool felt was discovered, learn what animals produce wool, and hear about the qualities of wool on Saturday, January 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Then, using raw wool, soap and water, children will make their own felt squares.

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.
Three Bears
Children ages 2-5 will listen to the story of the Three Bears and complete a Three Bears puzzle craft at the Central Branch on Saturday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Lunar New Year
Staff will read Bringing in the New Year by Grace Lin at the Jones Creek Regional Branch, and then children ages 4-11 will make a lucky paper dragon to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Saturday, January 29, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Buddy Book Club
Each month, readers and non-readers will buddy up to read a common book at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.
A related craft will follow for the buddies to create together. This month, the children ages 4 and up will read Tops and Bottoms and create a paper garden on Saturday, January 29, at 2:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Poetry Break Day
January 13 is Poetry Break Day! So let’s get together and read some poetry at the Carver Branch! Children ages 9-11 will celebrate this day on Thursday, January 13, at 4:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

We Read Together Book Club
January 4 is Jacob Grimm’s birthday, so for this month’s book club at the Carver Branch, children ages 7-11 will read fairytales by the Brothers Grimm on Tuesday, January 4, at 4:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Let There Be Peace!
In celebration of Martin Luther King’s birthday, children ages 6 and up will have the opportunity to make their own peace dove at the Carver Branch on Saturday, January 15, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Good Luck in Your Hand
In celebration of International Creativity Month, children ages 6 and up are invited to join us as we read Fatuma’s New Cloth by Leslie Bulion, and learn about the Khamsa of Morocco at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Squirrels Need Love, Too!
In celebration of Squirrel Appreciation Day, children ages 8 and up will read The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin by Beatrix Potter and make a 3-D squirrel at the Carver Branch on Friday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

My Friend Maisy
Come listen to Maisy Goes to the Library and Maisy Big, Maisy Small by Lucy Cousins at the Jones Creek Branch on Saturday, January 8, at 2:30 p.m.
Children ages 4 and up will make their own Maisy ears and Maisy memory game.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Patches the Fire Dog
“Patches” the Robot Fire Dog along with Inspector David Sevier of the Baton Rouge Fire Department will visit and teach children the basics of fire safety at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Polar Bear, Polar Bear
Children ages 3-6 will listen to the stories, Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin and Hush Little Polar Bear by Jeff Mack at the Baker Branch. Afterward, children will get to make their own little polar bear to take home, and it all begins at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 31.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
Winter/Spring Chess at the Library

Children ages 9 and older are invited to take chess classes for beginners in January and February, and then participate in a tournament in March, all at the Main Library. Classes will be held this month on Saturdays, January 15 and 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach the basic moves and strategies.

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

Snowflakes! Snowflakes! Snowflakes!

It may not be snowing outside, but we can make it snow inside at the Main Library!

Children ages 6-9 will listen to the story Snowflake Bentley, a Caldecott winning book by Jacqueline Briggs Martin about Wilson Bentley, the snowflake photographer. Then we’ll bring snowflakes to life with a fun and easy craft, on Saturday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m.

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

It’s Time to Make Thummies!

After children listen to the story, Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young, they will make fingerprint critters from ink at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 8, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Me and My Family Tree

Children ages 6-11 will listen to the story Me and My Family Tree by Joan Sweeney at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, and then they’ll make a name wall hanger on Saturday, January 22, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Caldecott Storytime!

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist with the most distinguished picture book illustrations.

Several Caldecott winning titles will be read aloud to children at the River Center Branch, followed by a book-making craft on Saturday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 3-6 will illustrate their own story with crayons and markers on a six-page paper pamphlet “book” to take home and keep!

For more information, call (225) 389-4959, and for a complete list of Caldecott winners, check out the Kids Page at www.ebrpl.com.

Sam and the Tigers!

Children ages 4-7 are invited to join us as we celebrate award-winning author Julius Lester’s birthday at the River Center Branch.

Listen to a reading of Sam and the Tigers by Julius Lester, and then have fun making a tiger puppet using a paper bag, wiggle eyes, and black construction paper on Saturday, January 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Be sure to check out some of our other Lester titles on display at the library!

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

National Puzzle Day Make-and-Take Craft

Come to the library and celebrate National Puzzle Day at the River Center Branch!

Children ages 4 to 7 will make a popsicle jigsaw puzzle to take home on Saturday, January 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come and have some creative fun!

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.
Max and Ruby Party

It’s Bunny Time! Children ages 3-6 are invited to come and celebrate the favorite children's books about Max and Ruby by Rosemary Wells at the Scotlandville Branch. Then, play Pin the Tail on Max and watch videos on Wednesday, January 5, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Hat Day

Celebrate Hat Day at the Scotlandville Branch! Children ages 3-11 may come and make their own fun paper hat to wear home on Tuesday, January 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

The Book Bunch

The Zachary Branch starts the year off with its new children's book club, The Book Bunch!

At this introductory meeting on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m., participants ages 7-11 will learn about the Newbery Award and make decisions about what books to read to discuss at future meetings.

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

Box of Crayons

In honor of Martin Luther King, children will learn about diversity at the Zachary Branch!

Stop by any time on Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16 to draw a self-portrait on a crayon which we will display at the Library in a crayon box.

Children will read the poem A Box of Crayons by Shane DeRolf. Books about Dr. King and diversity will be available for children to check out and learn more.

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

African American Read-In 2011

Community volunteer readers will share their favorite African-American literature during the African-American Read-In at libraries in February. Family and friends are invited to share a reading from a work authored by an African-American. Readers must register in advance by calling their participating library. The goal of the African-American Read-In, a national celebration which began 21 years ago, is to make literature an important part of Black History month.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

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

Greenbriar Elementary School third grade classes, ages 8-9, will read or recite their favorite poems or book passages. All are invited to watch.

Carver Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 4:00 p.m.

Patrons will read two-minute excerpts from books by African-American authors previously selected and put on display. All ages are invited to participate.

Scotlandville Branch

Saturday, February 5, 10:00 a.m.

Participants may select from readings and poetry in advance to read aloud to the group. All ages are welcome. For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560

Main Library

Saturday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.

Open to everyone ages 4 and up. Reading selections must be approved in advance by Mary Ricard, Children’s Librarian. For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3760.

Eden Park Branch

Sunday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.

Each child will pick a reading from appropriate selections by the staff. The program is open to ages 7-11. For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3260.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Saturday, February 19, 2:30 p.m.

Staff will read The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy, and then participants ages 3 and up will create an accompanying paper quilt craft. For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Homework Help

Learning Express, Tutor.com, and more are available at the Library’s website to help kids and teens with school.

We have databases with general resources for students such as Kids Search, Credo Reference, and the World Book Online Encyclopedia, as well as Literature Resource-based databases like Gale Literature for Students and the Literary Reference Center.

Just go to www.ebrpl.com and click on “Online Databases” for instant help! Have your library card ready!
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 five 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.

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**Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old**

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ON VIEW at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
An Introduction to the Baton Rouge Room
A sample of resources available in the Baton Rouge Room will be on display.

Fibers of Tradition
WA Weavers will display handmade items created from four different fibers – cotton, wool, linen, and silk.

Baton Rouge Zoo
BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo exhibit will feature the exciting things happening at the zoo.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Art League of Central
The Art League of Central will have their paintings on display.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Pelican Collection
Local collector David Smith will share his large collection of pelicans made from a variety of materials.

Scotlandville Branch
The Evolution of Stolen Ambitions
Monica George will display some of her poetry.

LIBRARY • BOOK • SALE
Recycled Reads, 13505 Hooper Road
Saturday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.