The 34th annual Author-Illustrator program features fun and fabulous Jack Gantos. Gantos’ work includes books for all ages, from his Rotten Ralph picture books for children, to books for older kids including the Joey Pigza series, Jack Henry series, and young adult books The Love Curse of the Rumbaughis, Hole in my Life, and Desire Lines. His first adult novel, Zip Six, was published in 1996, and a second is in progress.

On Thursday, September 29, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, Gantos will present a free program for adults, teens, and children, at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 30, Gantos will lead a workshop for teachers, writers and students at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. A continental breakfast will be offered at 8:00 a.m., and Gantos’ program will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration is required to attend the Friday workshop; the registration fee is $25 for adults and $10 for students.

The Author/Illustrator Program affords teachers, librarians, parents and other interested adults an excellent opportunity for an exchange of ideas with prominent writers, artists, scholars, and performers of literature for children and young adults. Previous notable artists in the field of literature who have been featured include Patricia and Fred McKissack, E. L. Konigsburg, Stephen Kellogg, Paula Danziger, Mercer Mayer, and Richard Peck.

Both events will include a book sale and autograph session, sponsored by Patrons of the Public Library. Gantos will autograph copies of his books that will be sold at the program. There will be free signed bookplates available for books already in your collection.

Gantos’ accolades include the 2010 NCTE/ALAN Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Adolescent Literature, 2005 Library of Congress Outstanding Contribution to American Children’s Literature, and 2001 Boston Public Library Literary Lights Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children’s Literature. Books such as Joey Pigza Loses Control, Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, and Hole in my Life, have received numerous awards.

For more information about Gantos and his work, visit his website at www.jackgantos.com.

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

Big Success

The Booking it with Baby tour was a huge success!

From library branches to daycares to schools, Glen “Big Baby” Davis and the Library promoted literacy and reading to numerous children, teens, and adults! Watch for future announcements to see how we will continue to “Score Big with Books”!

Big Baby and Councilmember C. Denise Marcelle at the Eden Park Branch Summer Reading Party.

Don’t Forget!

Circulating laptops are available at the Main Library! To check out a laptop, adults must have had a Library Card for at least 90 days, that is in good standing. An ID is required. Check-out period is for three days. For more information, call (225) 231-3740.
Chinese Sculptural Rocks

Margaret Koai, a collector and purveyor of Chinese sculptural rocks, will share knowledge in both collection and appreciation of Chinese “scholar rocks” with library patrons at the Main Library, on Saturday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Home Renovation & Repairs Solution Series

Da’ood Walker, skilled carpenter and former Home Depot instructor, will conduct a three-part home renovation and repairs series at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesdays, September 14, 21, and 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

He will present a slideshow of recent renovations and demonstrate a few tips and techniques for successful home improvement and renovations.

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

Fall Flower Gardening

Has your garden been burned to a crisp by the summer heat? Capture the splendor of autumn in your garden with fresh fall gardening ideas from Master Gardener Claire Fontenot at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, on Wednesday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m.

The Louisiana Master Gardener program is a service of the LSU AgCenter designed to meet educational needs of home gardeners.

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

Women’s Week Seminars

In conjunction with Women’s Week, Brendia Johnson, a certified professional in human resources and a Louisiana-licensed real estate professional, will present a series of three seminars at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.
Making Dollars Make Sense covers the components of a marketing plan, and will focus on determining demographic information for the target market. Each participant will have a few minutes to work on creating a 20-second sales pitch.

Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.
It’s My Turn Now focuses on presenting prospective employers with those qualities and experiences that make you shine and discusses the basics of getting the interview, perfecting the interview, and following up on the interview.

Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.
Get Your Slice of Pie addresses the home-buying process. Topics will include selecting the right realtor, staying focused on finding the ideal home, making the purchase offer, inspection and appraisal of the property, and protecting your investment for years to come.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.
And look for Library staff at a variety of other Women’s Week programs around town!

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Saturday, October 15
Author’s Row – Meet local authors and find new books to read!
Attic Treasures – Bring your mysterious treasures to our experts, who will try to help you discover more about them!

Saturday, October 29
Community History Day – This annual event at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch features numerous displays of historical items as well as entertaining presentations.

Turkey: A Country Where Continents Meet

Turkey is a land of many cultures and the home of ancient and medieval civilizations. Turkey has been and continues to be a cross-road where Europe and Asia meet. Come learn about Turkish culture, food, music, and history with us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, September 17, at noon.

Atlas Foundation Director, Tevfik Akbulut, will be leading this discussion. The Atlas Foundation hosts events to broaden awareness of Turkish culture and encourages dialogue among people of all faiths and nationalities. Turkish coffee, tea, and dessert will be served.

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

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Draw Your Own Graphic Novel!

This program, to be held at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m., will bring together both adult and teen graphic novel enthusiasts to begin their own graphic novels. Participants will have approximately two hours to create their own four panel comic strips related to libraries as a starting point for their own piece of sequential art, and compete for prizes.

Participants will not be allowed to use any computer-aided design programs, and all parts of the creative process must occur on the premises.

Entries will be judged by overall artistic value, and style, and separated by age categories. The judging panel will consist of librarians, support staff, graphic novel enthusiasts, and comic book store owners. Pre-registration is required. Some basic supplies will be furnished by the Library, with participants furnishing other supplies. Upon pre-registration, a list of supplies will be given.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1140.

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 Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m., learn about the topic “Managing Your Money Wisely” at the Eden Park Branch.

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

Résumé Workshop

An all-day résumé workshop at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will include laptop computers set up in the meeting room, so that participants can come in at any time during the workshop hours to prepare their résumé and leave when they are finished.

A Baker Branch Reference staff member will be there to assist in finding and using résumé templates, updating existing résumés, help with online résumé submission, and inserting a résumé into an online job application.

Participants will receive a handout with helpful hints for résumé building, and a list of résumé help websites. Computer usage will be limited to a first come, first served basis with a maximum limit of 8 at a time. Please bring a USB jump drive in order to save completed résumés.

Can’t make it? Check out Optimal Résumé, one of the Library’s free Online Databases at www.ebrpl.com, or visit the Career Center’s website, www.careercenterbr.com.

For more information, call (225) 778-5940.
Parenting 101

A series of workshops will be held at the Eden Park Branch, September 8 through November 10. The workshops will cover the seven key aspects of being a nurturing parent.

This Community Based Parenting Education is made possible through a partnership with Resources Benefitting Families, Wilson Foundation and the Greater Baton Rouge State Fair Foundation.

Workshop dates and topics for September are listed below. All programs start at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 231-3240.

**Thursday, September 8**
Philosophy and Practice of Nurturing Parents

**Thursday, September 15**
Ages and Stages of Growth

**Thursday, September 22**
Building Self-Worth in Children

**Thursday, September 29**
Enhancing Positive Brain Development

Health Awareness & Screening Fair

Charles Vincent, Ph.D., of The Mwalimu Institute and the Baker Branch will co-sponsor a health awareness and screening program on Saturday, September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Presenters and activities will feature voluntary screening tests including those for sickle cell anemia, cholesterol, and blood pressure provided by the staff of the LSU Earl K. Long Medical Center, and information given by representatives from the American Cancer Society, CASA, the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and other health organizations.

A short film on sickle cell anemia will also be shown. Back to school supplies and other amenities will be given to the first fifteen youth who participate.

For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

A Writer’s Workshop with Toni Teepell

Toni Teepell, author of *A Truth Worth Tellin’,* will present a workshop for writers on creating three-dimensional characters at the Carver Branch on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

After the plot, arguably the most important part of a short story or novel is the development of characters. Learn how to use description, setting, dialogue and background to create characters so believable, readers will want to “Google” them to see how they’re doing!

Participate in writing exercises designed for writers at any level. Time will be provided for writers to share and receive feedback.

For more information, call (225) 389-7440.

Readers and Writers Discussion

Dr. Susan Weinstein, an associate professor of English at LSU, will lead a readers and writers book discussion at the Carver Branch on Saturday, September 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Weinstein is the author of *Feel These Words: Writing in the Lives of Urban Youth.*

For more information, call (225) 389-7440.

Author Talk

Toni McGee Causey, author of the “Bobbie Faye” trilogy, will be the guest speaker at the Baker Branch’s Saturday Book Club on Saturday, September 3, at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.
The following computer classes will be held throughout the month of September, in addition to the daily classes held at the Main Library. Registration for some classes is required.* We also offer online video tutorials — visit ebrpl.libguides.com/computereducation.

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

**Baker Branch**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
Thursday, September 1, 10:00 a.m.
Learn about margins, font types and sizes, and more!

**Introduction to the Internet***
Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to navigate the Internet for fun and research!

**Introduction to Publisher***
Thursday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to make a flyer, pamphlet and more.

**Introduction to PowerPoint***
Thursday, September 29, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a slideshow presentation.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007***
Thursday, September 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn to make a flyer, pamphlet and more.

**Computers without Fear***
Thursday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn computer basics without the worry about “breaking” anything!

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn to create and edit documents.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel***
Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet

**Intermediate Microsoft Word***
Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn how to separate text into columns.

**Introduction to the Internet***
Thursday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn the basics of “surfing the web!”

**Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint***
Tuesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn how to prepare slides for a presentation.

**Carver Branch**

**Introduction to PowerPoint***
Thursday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to prepare slides for a presentation.

**Setting up an E-mail Account***
Tuesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to set up an e-mail account, send and check e-mails, and add and open attachments.

**Computers without Fear***
Tuesday, September 27, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Learn the basic parts of the computer, and how to use them.

**Eden Park Branch**

**Computer without Fear***
Saturday, September 3, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Learn computer basics.

**Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint***
Saturday, September 10, 11:00 a.m.
Learn to create a basic presentation.

**Introduction to PowerPoint***
Wednesday, September 28, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Learn how to make a flyer, calendar and more.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Introduction to the Online Catalog and Databases***
Thursday, September 1, Wednesday, September 14 & Saturday, September 17, all 10:00 a.m. to noon
Learn to use the computer version of the card catalog.

**Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!**
Hair Bows
Teens will learn how to make their own stylish hair bows out of decorative ribbon and barrettes at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, September 24, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1170.

Zachary Teen Book Club
Join the Zachary Branch for the first book club meeting of the new school year on Saturday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m.
Our September selection, *Assassin* by Grace Cavendish, is the first book in the *Lady Grace* mystery series.
Grace, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth I, is a witty, observant young lady who is called upon to solve the murder of one of her suitors.
This book will appeal to both mystery lovers and fans of historical fiction.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Altered Tees
Teens will alter and personalize a favorite T-shirt at the Main Library on Saturday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3770.

Football Frenzy
Hey, teens! Come to the Baker Branch and make a paper football, then try your skills at finger-flicking field goals on Thursday, September 1, at 4:00 p.m.
We’ll discuss the upcoming seasons for the Jags and the Tigers. Go team! For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Collage a Magnet
Come to the Baker Branch to make a collage magnet using old magazines and recycled refrigerator magnets on Wednesday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m.
You could make a “manga magnet” using pictures from discarded issues of *Shonen Jump*, or you could make a “dream vacation” magnet using pictures from discarded travel magazines.
Let your own creativity guide you!
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Step-Dancing Workshop
Stepping or step-dancing is a form of percussive dance in which the participant’s entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word and hand claps generally performed by groups of three or more.
Tweens and teens are invited to the Carver Branch for a stepping demonstration by members of the Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority on Monday, September 12, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Stencil Designs
Do you have a plain T-shirt or tote bag that needs a cool design? Bring it to the Eden Park Branch and choose a stencil to paint a design on your shirt or bag!
We will have stencils for both guys and girls to choose from on Thursday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3260.

Pull Tab Bracelet
Are you the crafty type? Do you care about recycling? Come to the Zachary Branch and make a funky and fun bracelet out of recycled pull tabs on Tuesday, September 13, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Calligraphy
Teens will learn skills in calligraphy in part one of a series of three sessions at the Main Library. The first session is Saturday, September 24, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3770.
Games @ the Library

Super Smash Brothers Brawl! - They’re back and raring to go! Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, September 24, at 2:30 p.m. for Super Smash Brothers Brawl on the Wii. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fun and mayhem. For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Teen Game Day - Teens will play Madden 2010 on the XBOX 360 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1170.

Monday Night Madness - Get away from the back to school stress and show off your mad skills during our September Monday Night Madness game nights at the Scotlandville Branch! We’ll play Mario Kart on Monday, September 12; Rock Band on Monday, September 19; and then finish off the fun with Super Smash Brothers Brawl on Monday, September 26! Don’t miss out – the gaming begins each week at 4:00 p.m. and lasts until 6:00 p.m. Popcorn, cookies and lemonade will be provided. For more information, call (225) 354-7500.

Kid’s Stuff

Bike Book

Come to the Baker Branch and listen to a reading of D.W. Rides Again by Marc Brown on Thursday, September 8, at 5:00 p.m.

After the story, children ages 3-6 will make a simple booklet about their own bicycle, tricycle or big wheel.

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

Music is FUNdamental

Kids ages 7-11 will use shakers, wrist bells, and bongo drums to learn the fundamentals of music in a joyful way at the Baker Branch. Each child will have a chance to improvise their own music on a Yamaha organ Saturday, September 10, at 3:00 p.m.

They’ll also receive instructions on how to make musical instruments at home.

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

A Scarecrow Story and Craft

Fall is here! It’s the time of colorful leaves, pumpkins, and scarecrows at the Baker Branch!

Children ages 3-8 will listen to the story, The Little Scarecrow Boy by Margaret Wise Brown, and then make their very own cute scarecrow out of a paper bag on Wednesday, September 28, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Create Your Own Bookmark!

Thank You Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco will be read to children ages 8-11 at the Carver Branch, and afterwards participants will create their own bookmark on Tuesday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m.

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

September is National Honey Month!

Children ages 6-11 are invited to join us at the Carver Branch as Mark Bordelon, a beekeeper, talks about bees and beekeeping, shows us equipment such as a beekeeping suit and boxes used for hives, and answers your questions about bees and beekeeping! We will start learning about bees on Saturday, September 17, at 3:00 p.m. Groups must register.

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

That's What I Like!

Children ages 7-9 (or reading on a 3rd-grade level) are invited to read short sections from a variety of books at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Participants might just discover some new authors and series that they like!

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

Talk Like a Pirate

In celebration of Talk Like a Pirate Day, children ages 6-8 will listen to the story, Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs, by Giles Andreae on Monday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

After the story, each child will make their own pirate sword.

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

Fun with the Alphabet

Join us at the Carver Branch as we read the book LMNO Peas by Keith Baker on Tuesday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 4-6 will decorate their own letter of the alphabet using construction paper green peas.

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

Autumn Mobile

Children ages 3-6 will listen to the story, Blue Burt and Wiggles by Derek Anderson, then make an autumn-themed mobile on Thursday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Branch.

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

Tiara Club Story and Craft

Children ages 8-11 are invited to join us at the Central Branch as we read an excerpt from Princess Charlotte and the Birthday Ball, and create a special look for a princess of our own on Saturday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Chrysanthemum Story and Craft

Join as at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch as we celebrate Chrysanthemum Day in Japan. Children ages 5 and up will make beautiful tissue paper chrysanthemums in all colors after listening to the story, Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes, on Saturday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Elephant Appreciation Day Story and Craft

Celebrate Elephant Appreciation Day at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch by sculpting paper elephant ear hats and listening to the story, Mister Mamboo’s Hat by Ralph Leemis on Saturday, September 24, at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4460.
Football Fever Make and Take

Children ages 4-6 can stop by the Children’s Room at the Jones Creek Regional Branch any time between 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, and make a stuffed paper football in their favorite team’s colors.

Team colors will be available for local universities and the Saints.

Fall sports books will be on display for checkout.

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

Look at that Doggy!

In celebration of National Dog Week, children ages 2-4 will listen to Please Take Me For a Walk by Susan Gal at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m.

After the story, each child will make a dog hat.

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

Fun with Biscuit

Children ages 4-6 will have a fun time with Biscuit, the adorable puppy featured in Alyssa Capucilli’s primer books, at the Main Library on Saturday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Plan to have a “dog-gone” good time with stories, songs and activities!

Children are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed dog.

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

School Daze Memo Pad

Jot down your homework assignment or your friends’ phone numbers in a memo pad that you designed yourself at the Jones Creek Regional Branch!

Children ages 8-11 will make a memo pad and read selections from First Food Fight This Fall by Marilyn Singer and Silly School Riddles by Lisa Eisenberg on Saturday, September 17, at 2:30 p.m.

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

National Hispanic Heritage Story/Craft and Celebration

After listening to the amazing story about Margaret and the Margarita, by Lynn Reiser, let’s celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! Children will make a beautiful construction paper butterfly while listening to fun music on Saturday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Make Backyard Telephones!

Children ages 5-9 will listen to excerpts from the book, Alexander Graham Bell and the Telephone, by Christine Webster at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Afterward, they will create their own working telephones on Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Japanese String Art

After listening to the story The Beckoning Cat, children ages 6 and up will create Japanese string art, also known as Japanese Mizuhiki at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Fall Chess at the Library

The Main Library will host chess classes for beginners – Level I and Intermediate Level II. Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach the basic moves and strategies for children ages 9-11. Brave adults are welcome. Younger children may attend with permission from the chess coach, and an adult supervisor.

The classes will take place at 10:00 a.m. over a period of five Saturdays – September 17, October 1, October 15, October 29 and November 12.

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

Johnny Appleseed

After listening to Johnny Appleseed by Stephen Kellogg at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, children ages 5-9 will make a colorful apple mobile craft on Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Books about apples will be on display.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1560.
Welcome to Fall Storytime and Craft

Celebrate the beginning of autumn at the River Center Branch!
Children ages 4-8 will hear *Hooray for Fall* by Kazuo Iwamura and other fall stories on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m.
Make a creative leaf picture using fall leaves, cardstock, scissors and glue.
For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

The Book Bunch: *Rotten Ralph*

Children ages 7-11 are invited to join the Book Bunch at the Zachary Branch as we read excerpts from the *Rotten Ralph* series and learn about the author, Jack Gantos on Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.
Then, get your parents to take you to the Library’s Author-Illustrator program September 29 at the Bluebonnet Branch to hear Gantos speak and get his autograph in your book!
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1860.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Ladies and gentlemen, don your fancy clothes and join us for a *Fancy Nancy*-style tea party at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, September 14, at 10:45 a.m.
We’ll read some *Fancy Nancy* books, learn some fancy books, decorate sparkling tiaras and crowns and enjoy delicious refreshments.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1860.

Overheard in the Stacks...

On August 8, 2011, an adult patron shared this story with the children’s room staff at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch: He said he had met a boy who had just come to Baton Rouge two weeks earlier from Japan. He asked the boy how he liked the United States. The boy said he loved it — that he was a millionaire.
He said “I have a library card and with the card I can get about a million books and it costs me nothing.”
The man told us that as he was checking out his CD book that day that he had a greater appreciation for that privilege. He too felt like a millionaire.
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 six 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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**Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old**

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**Combined Age Storytime**

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Baker Branch
Life Interpretations: Art Exhibit
The exhibit will feature acrylic canvas paintings, paintings on wood, rock art, and wire sculpture. Working primarily in non-representational abstract expressionism, Irma Alexander interprets the emotions of life from a perspective on the beauty and joy of life.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Constitution Week

Origami
Mr. Sze and Mr. Hu will exhibit their colorful and intricate origami at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch during the month of September.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Crewel Art
Baton Rouge crewel enthusiast, June Abadie exhibits just a few of her many works of art.

Turkey: A Country Where Continents Meet
Crafts from the country of Turkey will be on display.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Heirloom Beading
Handcrafted heirloom quality beaded jewelry and decorative objects.

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