I geek the holidays!

- Patron computer replacement project is complete – this means all public computers at all branches are new!
- Food Bank Food Drive—Bring one can or dried good and we will waive $1 owed on library fines per item; does not apply to charges for damages or bills for lost materials.
- Free holiday programs all month!
- Gift Wrap at B&N to benefit POPL, the Patrons of the Public Library friends group on Thursday, December 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Visit the Bookmobile at the Festival of Lights Friday, December 2, downtown.
- Bookmobiles will be on parade throughout December.
- Download holiday music on Freegal and check out the holiday playlists (or make your own) on Music Online!
- Library bookmarks make great stocking stuffers!

History at Your Fingertips

The Library maintains complete microfilm collections for New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and even the New York Times, which is an especially valuable resource for scholars and historians.

However, thanks to a new Library acquisition, you won’t have to visit the Main Library’s Microfilm Room any more to access this kind of unique Louisiana info… You can now access it from home or school or work—all you need is your library card.

Times-Picayune Historical is now online and accessible to our library patrons via the Library’s Newsbank Online Database at www.ebrpl.com. It looks like a newspaper but, since it is a digital microfilm copy, it is fully searchable… the headlines, the news articles, the ads, the obituaries, and more!

This new collection covers the years 1837-1988, making it an ideal resource for students, researchers, and genealogists. You can see what happened on the day you were born, marvel over the price of gas in the ’50s, check out local political news from the turbulent ’60s, research obituaries, and even check out the comics and the ads.

You’ll be able to read, scan, or search The Times-Picayune in all of its versions from 1837 to 1988, at which point the Library’s regular Newsbank Database takes over the job and offers complete access to several Louisiana newspapers.

And the historical digital microfilm of The Advocate to is still to come! It is currently being digitized but it is such a huge project that it will take more than a year; once enough material is scanned, it will join the Times-Picayune Historical archive on the Library’s Newsbank page. The Library also provides access to ProQuest’s Digital Microfilm Collection for the New York Times from 2008 to the present; this collection is also available on the Online Database page under “Digital Microfilm.”

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.
The Sounds of the Season

Need a little help getting into the Christmas spirit? Come hear the Zachary High Bronco Beat Choir sing some of your favorite Christmas tunes at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m.

The Bronco Beat Choir, under the direction of Jason Bowers, is an acapella group that performs vocal jazz, show choir and madrigals. Hot chocolate will be served.

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

Scrapbook Your Special Occasion

Scrapbook participants will finalize this series at the Eden Park Branch with a completed project ready to be presented as a Christmas gift or book of memories to be cherished for years to come.

Participants will also create a Christmas card using scrapbook techniques, on Saturday, December 17, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The cards will be sent to our troops.

For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3240.

Get Ready For Kwanzaa

At the Eden Park Branch, questions about the holiday of Kwanzaa will be answered, such as:

- What is Kwanzaa?
- How is Kwanzaa celebrated?
- What can I do to commemorate the seven principles of Kwanzaa?
- Do I have to observe all seven days to celebrate the holiday?

Library instructor George Miller will give a presentation about Kwanzaa traditions on Sunday, December 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3240.

Reading of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol

Children, teens and adults are invited to join us at the Central Branch, for a reading of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol on Monday, December 19, Tuesday, December 20, and Wednesday, December 21, all at 4:00 p.m.

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

A Dickens Drive-In Movie Night!

Come to the Main Library on Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. to watch two classic film renditions of A Christmas Carol, one featuring Scrooge McDuck and the other the incredible Muppets! Bring the whole family as we watch Mickey’s Christmas and The Muppet Christmas Carol outside drive-in style – the popcorn’s on us! Call 225-231-3740 for more information.

Dickens not your cup of tea? Join us for It’s a Wonderful Life inside at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Study Skills for Adults

Kathleen Mattox Johnson, who oversees the GED program at the Christa McAuliffe Adult Center, will teach adults studying for the GED or other tests how to improve their study skills at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.

Johnson will also give tips and pointers to parents who want to help their teens study better and more efficiently. Parents are welcome to bring their teens with them to this workshop.

Johnson has tutored adults and teens for more than 10 years.

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

Carol Singing @ the Creek

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Choirs from area churches and schools will fill the library with holiday sounds!

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

The Sounds of the Season

Read more about the East Baton Rouge Parish Library at http://www.ebrpl.com
Milling Your Own Grains – The Hows and Whys

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for a two-part informational demonstration on the benefits of milling your own grains and making your own bread, given by Renee Bethel.

Bethel will touch on topics such as the various types of grains and how to mill them yourself using household tools on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. Bethel will also explain how to soak your freshly-milled flour and the benefits of butter.

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

What It Was Like: Living with the Possibility of Having To Have a Heart Transplant

C. Elaine Williams, author of What It Was Like (Living with the Possibility of Having to Have a Heart Transplant), will be available to sign copies of her book after a discussion about her work at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m.

The book gives an inside look at the author’s experience before, during and after being diagnosed with a very serious heart condition. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men and women in the nation, and this book gives a personal account and testimony of survival.

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

Gris Gris Bags and Holiday Sachets

New Orleans native and journalist Chere’ Dastugue Coen has joined with writer Jude Bradley to examine the history, culture and lure of “gris gris” or mojo bags in their book, Magic’s in the Bag: Creating Spellbinding Gris Gris Bags and Sachets.

Coen will talk about her book and help participants make their own holiday good luck mojo bags at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Materials will be provided, however, workshop attendees are encouraged to bring their own special ingredients, such as herbs, stones, sea shells and personal tokens.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographs.

Coen teaches mass market novel-writing classes, genealogy research and writing and all-day seminars to jump-start a writing career at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Continuing Education Department.

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

Pardon Our Progress
Parking spaces at the Main Library have been adjusted due to work on the construction site. We apologize for the inconvenience.

• Main Library: Notice to proceed was issued for November 1 construction start date. Trees have been marked to be protected, the construction fence has been erected and the site is being cleared.

• Fairwood Branch: Site work continues; the building footprint is being staked off for installation of grade beams and sub-drainage continues to be installed throughout the site.

• Rouzan Branch: Construction Documents have been reviewed by staff and all comments and notations have been returned to the architect.

• River Center Branch: The architectural services contract is being drafted.

Maintenance Update:

• Bluebonnet Regional and Jones Creek Regional Branches: New meeting room partition walls have been installed.

• Jones Creek Regional Branch: The bid for the lighting project has been awarded. Purchasing is preparing the contract, which, when ready, will go to the Mayor’s office for his signature.

• Scotlandville Branch: Scotlandville’s energy management audit has been completed and the necessary repairs have been made.

• Central Branch: Central’s energy management audit has been completed; we plan to complete the necessary repairs within the next few months.

• Baker Branch: Baker is next on the list for the energy management audit.

• Jones Creek Regional Branch: A purchase order has been issued for the new sliding front doors. They should be delivered and be ready to install early next year.

The Library on Your TV!
The Library’s new TV show, The Library Road Show, airs on Cable Channel 16, Monday and Thursday morning at 6:00 a.m. This magazine format show was created with help from 1stCo and the Around Town Studio.

Library Lagniappe airs several times a week on Metro 21, and the Library Board of Control meetings air on Metro 21 at 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

December Library Closings
The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25, and Saturday, December 31, for the holidays.
Résumé Workshop at Eden Park

Come to the Eden Park Branch any time from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, and receive help with your résumé and cover letter.

Patrons may use library computers where staff will help create a résumé on Microsoft Word and print them. If you already have a résumé, bring it and staff will check it for grammar and spelling.

Program is first come, first served. For more information, call (225) 231-3240.

Can’t make it? Check out the Library’s database, Optimal Résumé, or contact the Career Center at (225) 381-8434.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

The following free computer classes will be held throughout the month of December, 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.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007
Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to create and edit documents.

Computers without Fear
Thursday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the computer basics.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet.

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007
Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Learn intermediate functions of Word.

Introduction to the Internet
Thursday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of surfing the Web.

Using Microsoft Publisher
Tuesday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to design a newsletter.

Carver Branch
Introduction to the Internet
Tuesday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.
Receive a basic introduction to the Internet.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a slideshow presentation.

Delmont Gardens Branch
Computers without Fear*
Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.
Learn basic computer knowledge and skills.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*
Thursday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the fundamentals of creating a document.

Introduction to Emailing*
Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to sign up for your own email account to keep in touch with family and friends.

Internet Surfing*
Thursday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to browse the Internet.

Intermediate Microsoft Word*
Tuesday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.
Receive advanced instruction on making fliers, programs, banners and brochures.

Eden Park Branch
Introduction to Publisher*
Wednesday, December 7, 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to create a basic flier, calendars and holiday-themed cards.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Create a Newsletter*
Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a newsletter using Microsoft Word.

Introduction to the Internet*
Thursday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.
Learn basic skills needed to surf the Internet.

How to Set up an Email Account*
Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to set up an email account and send email.

Introduction to Computers*
Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.
Learn basic computer terms, parts of a computer and more.

Introduction to Google Plus
Wednesday, December 7, 1:00 p.m.
View the components, advantages and searching capabilities of Google Plus, a new social networking site.

Computers without Fear
Tuesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.
Learn about the components of a computer.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Saturday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of Word.

Zachary Branch
Introduction to Learning Express
Tuesday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.
Learn how Learning Express can help with studying for tests and entrance exams; job searching and workplace skills, and software tutorials.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Picture This*
Monday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Learn how to upload and edit pictures from your phone or camera just in time for the holidays.

E-book Workshop*
Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.
Bring your laptops and e-readers for a hands-on downloading and orientation session for the Libraries Digital Databases.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Computer Basics*
Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the various parts of a computer.

A Word about Word*
Saturday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.
Learn what Microsoft Word is and what it does.

River Center Branch
Introduction to the Internet
Tuesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.
Learn how to create a basic flier, calendars and holiday-themed cards.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Saturday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of Word.

Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!
Jingle Bell Wreath
Teens are invited to the Central Branch on Tuesday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m. to make a Christmas tree ornament out of jingle bells, floral wire, ribbon and glue.
For more information, call (225) 262-2660.

Holiday Giveaway!
Teens come to the Greenwell Springs Regional Branch’s Teen Department on Monday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m. to get a free book from your Santa-friendly Teen Librarians! It’s holiday time all afternoon!
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Teen Christmas Party
Hey teens, come catch the holiday spirit on Thursday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. at the Baker Branch! We’ll start the fun with some festive party games like Christmas Pictionary and Pass the Stocking. Then, we’ll hang out, have some refreshments, and play Dance Dance Revolution!
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Chinese Character Cards and Gift Tags
Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, December 3, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and make your own holiday cards and gift tags decorated with Chinese characters!
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Bluebonnet Teen Council
What types of teen library programs would you like to see in 2012? Help make the Teen department at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch what you want it to be! Come talk and have refreshments on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome!
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Holiday Bath Salts
Teens 12-18 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, December 14, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to prepare scented bath salts for their own personal use or as a gift for a loved one during the holiday season!
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7050.

Bath Salts
Do you need a great gift for Christmas? Or do you want to pamper yourself over the Christmas break? Tweens and teens are invited to join the YA staff at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 13, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to make something special… bath salts! Keep them for yourself or give them away as a gift.
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7450.

Fizzy Bath Salts
Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Regional Branch on Saturday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. to make fizzy bath salts and put them in jars that they will decorate using a variety of embellishments such as colorful pom poms, beads, ribbons, and more. The bath salts will make a nice Christmas present for family or friends!
For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4470.
Sequined Christmas Ball Ornament
Come and celebrate the holiday season at the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, December 20, at 3:00 p.m., by creating your own Christmas ball ornament!
Participants ages 12-17 will use Styrofoam balls, pins, ribbons and sequins to construct their own colorful ball to decorate the Christmas tree. Come and join us for some Christmas cookies and holiday fun!
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3250.

Sweet Baby Penguins
Hey teens, it’s winter! Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, December 27, at 2:00 p.m. as we make a penguin friend to make the cold days cozier. No sewing necessary. Remember sock monkeys? This sweet little penguin is a lot cuter!
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1550.

Wrapping Paper Beads Christmas Garland
Teens are invited to the River Center Branch on Saturday, December 3, at 2:30 p.m. to make a fun Christmas craft. Guys, this includes you, and you’re going to enjoy this craft, too! Using Christmas wrapping paper pieces, glue, fishing line, and plastic spacer beads, teens can make an original Christmas garland creation to help decorate the family tree, or to decorate their bedroom doors. Be sure to bring a friend. It’s fun to talk while making the paper beads and enjoying refreshments.
For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Monday Night Football
Are you a football fan? Well, come and join us for Monday Night Football with Madden 12! at the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, December 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The competition will be on, and we’ll find out who the champions are! Popcorn, cookies and lemonade will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

Pretty Paper Ornaments
Does your Christmas tree seem a little bare this year? Are you looking for a unique decoration? Come by the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m. and make a variety of pretty paper Christmas ornaments.
We’ll be doing origami, kirigami and more! All supplies will be provided.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Cool Christmas Crackers
No, not the kind of cracker you eat with soup! We’re talking about those cool British party favors wrapped in colorful paper that you pull apart to find a surprise.
Join us at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, December 14, at 4:30 p.m., so you won’t miss your chance to make one for that special person on your Christmas list! All supplies will be provided.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Christmas Storytime & Craft
Children, come catch the holiday spirit at the Baker Branch!
We’ll be having a Christmas storytime filled with festive songs, rhymes, and stories, including The Teddy Bears’ Night Before Christmas, by Clement Clarke Moore on Saturday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m.
Afterwards, you can make a Teddy Bear ornament to take home with you. This program is for ages 3-7. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Get In The Holiday Spirit!
Drop by the Children’s Room at your favorite East Baton Rouge Parish Library Branch starting the day after Thanksgiving and through December, to color and cut out an ornament to put on the Children’s Room tree! You can come by at any time throughout the day. There will also be letter forms for Santa that you can use and we even have a special Santa mailbox at each Branch!
For more information, call the individual branch.
A Visit with Mrs. Claus

It’s beginning to look a lot like the holidays, and once again Mrs. Claus and her elf are coming to visit each of our Library branches! We’ll also have a visit from Silly Nilly, the Holiday Clown, with some help from the Junior League’s Little Bookshelf and Ready Hands Committees. Be sure to bring your letters to Santa for Mrs. Claus to take back to the North Pole with her!

The dates of Mrs. Claus’ visits are listed below. All visits begin at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

**Monday, December 5**
- Pride-Chaneyville Branch

**Tuesday, December 6**
- Baker Branch
- Jones Creek Regional Branch*

**Wednesday, December 7**
- Bluebonnet Regional Branch

**Thursday, December 8**
- Scotlandville Branch

**Monday, December 12**
- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

**Tuesday, December 13**
- Main Library

**Wednesday, December 14**
- Zachary Branch

**Thursday, December 15**
- Eden Park Branch

**Monday, December 19**
- Carver Branch

**Wednesday, December 21**
- Delmont Gardens Branch

**Thursday, December 22**
- Central Branch

*Silly Nilly will not be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch with Mrs. Claus on December 6. Instead, she will make a visit to the branch on Tuesday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m.

O Christmas Tree!

Get into the Christmas spirit by listening to *Mr. Willowby’s Christmas Tree* by Robert Barry at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, December 3, at 2:30 p.m.

After listening, children will make a festive pine ornament with multicolored lights—all from paper and cardstock.

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

Publisher Christmas Card

Join us to design a Christmas card for a loved one in Microsoft Publisher at the Carver Branch!

In this joint Children’s/YA program, participants will use library laptops to learn how to design a greeting card in Publisher, which will be printed for them to take home, on Tuesday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m.

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

How the Reindeer Got Their Antlers Story/Craft

Children will listen to *How the Reindeer Got Their Antlers* by Geraldine McCaughrean and with their parent’s help, make a reindeer hat out of poster board, card stock, glue, a pom-pom ball for a nose, and pipe cleaners on Wednesday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 262-2660.
Christmas Reindeer Fun
Reindeer time! Please join us at the Carver Branch for a reading of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, retold by Dennis R. Shealy and illustrated by Linda Karl, on Wednesday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.
After enjoying the story, children ages 7-11 will make a reindeer construction paper ornament or gift tag while listening to Christmas songs.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Sounds of Kwanzaa
The sound of music will fill the Carver Branch during Kwanzaa!
Children will make music makers to celebrate after listening to the story Li’l Rabbit’s Kwanzaa, by Donna L. Washington on Wednesday, December 28, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

The Night Before Christmas Story/Craft
Children are invited to join us at the Central Branch when we read The Night Before Christmas, and make a Christmas tree shaped ornament on Wednesday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m.
For more information, call (225) 262-2660.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch for a “Grinchy” good time!
Children will listen to Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and then play the How the Grinch Stole Christmas board game on Tuesday, December 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
The children will also make an antler headband like the one worn by the Grinch’s dog, Max. This program is for children ages 4-11. Please remember that children under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible teen.
For more information, call (225) 354-7060.

Christmas Tree Make & Take
Children ages 6-11 will make a stained-glass-effect, hole-punched Christmas tree with yellow and black construction paper, glitter, and tissue paper at the Delmont Gardens Branch.
This make-and-take craft will be available for children between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. Please remember that children under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.
For more information, call (225) 354-7060.

Holiday Cards Add Joy to the Season
Holiday cards add joy to the season and are so much fun to create!
Children ages 7-11 are invited to join in card-making for family and friends at the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m.
Each child will be proud of their own creation!
For more information, call (225) 231-3260.

Enjoy a Reindeer Story/Craft
After listening to the story, Dream Snow, by Eric Carle, children will create a reindeer ornament at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Christmas Tree Ornaments
Time to deck the halls and we need your help! Stop by anytime during Main Library hours from December 1-23 to color and cut out a paper ornament to hang on our Christmas trees in the Children’s Room. Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la! This program is for children ages 3-11. Children under 9 years old will need an adult to accompany them.
For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Kwanzaa Kente Cloth Story/Craft
Come to a Kwanzaa celebration on Wednesday, December 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Delmont Gardens Branch!
Children ages 8-11 will listen to The Story of Kwanzaa, by Madhubuti.
After the story, the children will weave a kente cloth from paper. Please remember that children under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible teen.
For more information, call (225) 354-7060.
Letters to Santa

Special holiday mailboxes have been placed in the Main Library Children’s Room just in time for special delivery to the North Pole. Whether you've been naughty or nice, come by and write your letter to Santa any time during Library hours from December 1-23!

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

Rudolph Magnet Make & Take Craft

Children will create a clothespin Rudolph reindeer magnet at the Main Library on Saturday, December 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

19th Century Toys and Games at Christmastime

Which toys and games did children play more than 100 years ago? John O’Neill of the Centenary Historical Site in Jackson, Louisiana will display and demonstrate several popular toys and games of the 19th century at the Main Library on Wednesday, December 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Following the presentation, participants will enjoy playing with replicas of the toys and games presented by Mr. O’Neill. This program is for ages 7-11.

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

Make Your Own 19th Century Christmas Present

Do you need a Christmas present for someone special this year, even if that someone special is yourself? Come make your own 19th century Christmas present at the Main Library on Tuesday, December 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

You will be able to choose between a muslin doll and a ball in cup game.

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

Snowman Scenes Make & Take

Come on over to the Children’s Room at the Scotlandville Branch for a winter make-and-take craft!

From December 14-23, any time between 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., children ages 5 and up can make a snowman of all shapes and sizes. Pick his accessories and background to make whatever scene you like.

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

Holiday Sing-A-Long and Storytime

Get into the holiday spirit with a festive storytime and sing-a-long at the Scotlandville Branch! We’ll hear holiday stories and sing holiday carols to kick off the spirit of the season on Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. Come join us!

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560.
**Tree Trimming**

We’ll kick off our tree trimming party at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, December 3, with a reading of *The Night Before Christmas*, then participants can make their own ornaments to decorate our tree. Materials will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All ages are welcome! At 11:00 a.m., holiday music will be provided by Zachary High School’s choir, Bronco Beat!

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

**The Classics Club: A Christmas Carol**

Bah Humbug! Never read about Tiny Tim, Scrooge, and the ghostly spirits of Christmas?

Read Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, and join our December Classics Club at the Zachary Branch as we discuss why this book remains on the best-known Christmas stories of all time on Tuesday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m. This program is for ages 7 and up.

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

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**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. This month, we offer three 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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**Beginning Knitting**

Do you want to learn to knit? Children ages 8-11 are invited to come and learn the basics of knitting at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Knitting needles and yarn will be provided to practice with, but you may bring your own needles and yarn.

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

**Holiday Storytime and Sing-a-long**

Take time out of your busy schedules to join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch for an evening filled with holiday songs and stories!

Children ages 11 and under will also make a reindeer headband on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Candyland Guessing Game**

Children ages 11 and under are invited to come to the Children’s Room at the Jones Creek Regional Branch any time from December 6-20 and guess how many hard candies are in a container.

The person with the closest guess will win a prize!

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

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**Happy New Year’s Craft**

The children will make a New Year’s craft of decorated paper bells spelling out “Happy New Year” at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, December 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It will be hung as a banner to celebrate the New Year.

For more information, call (225) 658-1560.
### OnView at the Library

**Baker Branch**

**Art Exhibit**
Antoine Mitchell exhibits artwork.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Unique Bugs of the World**
Talented art students of Glasgow Middle School bring life science and art together in the form of bugs, representing the rarest and most unique insects in the world.

**Jewels in the Snow**
Jewelry and small beaded objects, ethnic and holiday masks, and sequined winter wardrobe accessories from the Baton Rouge Bead Society will be on display.

**December Scottish Holidays**
The Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge will present an exhibit focused on Scottish Christmas and the unique Scottish holiday, “Hogmanay.”

**Hand Turned Nutcrackers**
This collection of nutcrackers are all hand turned, with hand-carved and painted details.

**Carver Branch**

**Santa Claus Collection**
Santa Claus ornaments donated to the Library by Phyllis Crawford will be on display.

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**

**Three Artistic Visions**
The paintings and mixed media artworks of Pastor Darlene A. Moore, Professor Randall Henry, and artist Ronald Kennedy will be on display.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Paintings and Etchings**
Baton Rouge artist and instructor Nancy Fillastre will exhibit watercolors, oils, acrylics, portraits and etchings.

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**LIBRARY GIFT BOOK SALE**
Recycled Reads will be closed for re-stocking in November and December, but will resume sales on January 28, 2012.

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**East Baton Rouge Parish Library**

**David Farrar, Library Director**

**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. – 9:00 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