Geek Week!

Come to the Main Library for Geek Week! All week we’ll hold special focus groups where your voice can be heard!

Questions will include:

✔ What do you Geek? And have you used Library resources to enhance your understanding or practice of this topic?
✔ How can the Library improve its collection and resources?
✔ How do you see yourself using the Library in 5 years? 10?
✔ What Library services are most important to you?
✔ What is the Library of the Future?
✔ What local history or community information do you wish the Library collected or preserved?

Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded!
For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

New Year’s Resolutions

1. Turn off the TV and read more books.
2. Save money by downloading tunes on Freegal.
3. Attend a free concert or program at the Library.
4. Read a book to a child.
5. Use the Library’s genealogy databases to start my family tree.
6. Read what my teen is reading.
7. Share Tumblebooks with my kids.
8. Learn French with Mango Languages.
9. Participate in One Book One Community.
10. Post to the Geek Wall!

Special focus groups will take place on:

Sunday, January 22 .................. 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 23 .......... 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24 ............... 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25 ........... 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 26 ............. 4:00-6:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27 ............... 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 28 .......... 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Inside: Martin Luther King, Jr. Activities • Résumé Day • Wimpy Kid Fun • Game Days • and more!
An Open Letter to Our Patrons From Library Board President, Kizzy Payton

Recently the Library Board of Control accepted the resignation of the Library Director. Please be assured that all services and day-to-day operations of the Library will go forward as usual. Our construction projects will also proceed without any interruption.

The events of the last several weeks have revealed that the Library Board may have several issues that need to be addressed regarding the policies and procedures used during the past related to hiring individuals to work as the system’s Library Director.

As a Board, our first step will be to thoroughly review and revise those policies and procedures to avoid any problems in the future. We plan to work closely with the City-Parish Human Resources Department in this effort. Moving forward, the Board has also committed to completely revising the selection and hiring process. During this time, Assistant Directors Patricia Husband and Mary Stein have been appointed as co-directors to ensure the continuity of operations while a search is planned and conducted to fill the position.

Please know that the Board is committed to restoring the confidence and trust in the Library System. Moving forward, the Board will attend a special board training session provided by the State Library of Louisiana. Through this training, we look forward to putting the focus back where it belongs on library services, programs and you – our patrons. Additionally, the Board has asked the Louisiana Board of Ethics as well as the District Attorney’s Office to investigate any allegations of misconduct of Board members, as reported in the media.

We are deeply saddened by the events of the past few weeks. We are also greatly encouraged by the many supportive comments and offers of assistance from you, the community. Our patrons and staff deserve accountability and transparency, and that is how we will proceed.

Please accept this sincere pledge to do what needs to be done to restore confidence in the Library system. We will go forward with all transparency, constructive discussion, and positive action needed to support the mission of the Library.

Kizzy Payton
1. We were excited to break ground on the new Main Library in October. Construction has begun behind the site of the current Main Library.

2. Our annual Attic Treasures is always a big hit.

3. We broke ground on the new Fairwood Branch Library in September.

4. Councilmember C. Denise Marcelle met with some students at Capitol Elementary, as well as our Bookmobile!

5. Patron computers were replaced with brand new PCs at every branch!

6. Eric Herman was one of our special summer reading program presenters!

7. Storytime at River Center!
In addition to routine maintenance at all branches, and the renewal of the chiller maintenance contracts on eight branches (Baker, Bluebonnet, Central, Delmont Gardens, Greenwell Springs, Jones Creek, Pride, and Scotlandville), the following issues were addressed:

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- Continuing boiler maintenance
- Partition walls

**Central Branch**
- Getting ready to start on Energy Management System.

**Jones Creek**
- Lighting upgrade fixtures and all of the needed lamps, ballast are being ordered.
- A new front door has been ordered - we are waiting on delivery to contractor so we can schedule the install.
- Partition walls
- Continuing boiler maintenance

**Pride–Chaneyville Branch**
- Some minor touch up paint and maintenance.

**Scotlandville Branch**
- Energy Management controls updated.

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**Food For Fines**

Patrons donated food to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank at their local library branches throughout the month of December!

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**In Loving Memory**

The Library lost two staff members this fall – David Rush of the Jones Creek Regional Branch and Jan Merrill of the Central Branch. They will be missed.

**David Rush**

David was a loving and loved son and brother, sensitive and shy, curious and creative, accepting and skeptical but always humane. Through high school and college, David pursued his interest in science and developed his interest in art and music. He finally found his creative voice in art – some of which is on display at the Library.

**Jan Merrill**

Jan was a welcome addition to the Central Branch staff in November 2010. He was a friendly, easy-going man who was always willing to tackle any task that presented itself. Whether it was sorting donated books for delivery to Goodwood or helping patrons with the copy machine, Jan was always happy to pitch in.

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*Construction continues at the site of the new Fairwood Branch Library.*
African American Heroes: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Justice Sunday

In remembrance of the birthday of Martin Luther King on Monday, January 17, and the commemoration of Justice Sunday on Sunday, January 16, please join us at the Baker Branch for commentary, a video, and discussion of the life of Dr. King and his “I Have a Dream” speech delivered in August 1963 during the historic march in Washington, DC.

Charles Vincent, a professor of history at Southern University and director of the Mwalimu Institute, will present this program on Saturday, January 14, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Black History Month Special Speaker

In the spirit of Black History Month and African American contributions, Rose Hudson, President/CEO of the Louisiana Lottery, will share her personal story of success as a minority businesswoman leading a multi-million dollar company that continues to set sales records to benefit state and public education at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd., on Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Résumé Day

Come to the River Center Branch and get help with writing your résumé, cover letter, or completing online applications from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25.

This session will have the Career Center and Library Staff on hand to assist with any résumé, cover letter or application assistance that may be needed.

For more information, call (225) 389-4967.


Baton Rouge is Incorporated in 1817

One hundred and 18 years after Iberville and his exploration party arrived at the river bluffs near what would become Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Legislature on January 16, 1817 incorporated Baton Rouge and empowered its citizens to elect a town government.

William Williams was elected as the first town magistrate in 1818 and served as president of the Board of Select men (an early predecessor of the Metro Council).

When Baton Rouge was first incorporated, the town limits went as far east as 22nd Street, though much of the population did not reside past 5th St. To the north the town was bordered by Garcia’s Bayou (now Capital Lakes) and to the south by South Boulevard. Spanish Town and Beauregard Town were the two main neighborhoods and downtown began to thrive as the economic center of the City.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is home to the Baton Rouge Room Archives which houses a wide variety of materials that reflect the rich history of our city. Among the treasures in our collection is the first minute book used by the town president and the board of select men as they began the task of structuring a government for the city of Baton Rouge. For more information, call (225) 389-4960.

Introduction to Woodcarving

If you visit the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch this month, you’ll see the beautiful woodcarvings on display, courtesy of the Pelican Woodcarvers Guild. Now you can learn to make such lovely artwork yourself.

The Guild is hosting a class on basic woodcarving on Saturday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. Experienced woodcarvers will demonstrate fundamental woodcarving techniques. The class will cover such topics as: Safety, Sharpening, Wood Burning, Basic Cuts, and Basic Relief Carving.

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

Recycled Reads’ New Home!

A new home has been found for the monthly Recycled Reads Library Gift Book Sale at 234 Little John Street. The gift book sale will take place this month on Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The old facility will house the Library’s facilities management staff, which has outgrown its space.

Charles Dickens at 200

In celebration of Dickens’ Birthday Bicentennial, related materials will be on display at the LSU Hill Memorial Library from January 23 to April 29.

It is presented by LSU Libraries Special Collections in association with One Book One Community.
Capitol Area Beekeeping

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a special presentation on Capitol Area Beekeeping with Jack Lithgoe on Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Lithgoe will explain about nature’s magic with a complete hive demonstration and beekeeping basics.

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

Celebrating Louisiana and Zachary History

Celebrate history at the Zachary Branch as local historian Betty Tucker of the Zachary Historic Village Museum presents a program on the settlement of the Plains and the growth of the Zachary community on Saturday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Tucker will begin with a discussion of Governor C.C. Claiborne raising the first American flag in Baton Rouge as Louisiana became the 18th state in the union. Also participating will be the Museum Director, Jean Byers.

The Zachary Historic Village Museum will also feature various exhibits at the Zachary Branch throughout the month of January in conjunction with this program.

For more information, call (225) 658-1840.

Build Your Family Tree with Ancestry.com

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library System has access to one of the best genealogy tools available for this generation – Ancestry.com Library Edition – and it’s FREE!

Cassandra Fedrick, genealogy librarian, and the genealogy staff will lead a basic how-to class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch where participants can learn the following: three methods for effective searching, three ways to keep you on track, five strategy tools, seven ways to spell a name and a review of the Louisiana resources on ALE.

The class begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, and registration is required.

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

If you can’t make it, check out our Genealogy InfoGuide at www.ebrpl.com!
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
Thursday, January 5, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to create and edit documents.

Computers without Fear
Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn computer basics without worry of “breaking” anything!

Introduction to Microsoft Powerpoint 2007
Saturday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to prepare slides for a computer presentation including animation, clip art, text and graphs.

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007
Thursday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.
Learn intermediate functions of Word.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
Saturday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet.

Introduction to the Internet
Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of surfing the Web!

Carver Branch
Introduction to Excel
Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn some of the steps necessary to create a spreadsheet.

Setting up an E-mail Account
Thursday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to set up an e-mail account.

OPAC/Database Overview
Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.
Receive an introduction to the Library’s Web catalog.

Delmont Gardens Branch
Computers without Fear
Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
Learn basics computer skills.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*
Thursday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the fundamentals of creating a document in Word.

Introduction to Emailing*
Tuesday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.
Sign up for your own email account.

Internet Surfing*
Thursday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to browse the Internet.

Intermediate Microsoft Word*
Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.
Receive advanced instruction on making fliers, programs, banners, etc.

Eddie Park Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word*
Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.
Learn the fundamentals of creating a document.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel*
Saturday, January 14, 11:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of Excel.

Introduction to Publisher*
Wednesday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.
Participants will be introduced to Microsoft Publisher.

Computers without Fear
Saturday, January 21, 11:00 a.m.
Learn the computer basics.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word*
Saturday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.
Learn basic skills in Word.

Introduction to Computers *
Tuesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of computers.

Intermediate Word 2003*
Saturday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.
Learn intermediate functions of Word.

Introduction to Online Databases*
Wednesday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.
Learn about the Library’s Online Databases.

Introduction to Library Web Catalog*
Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of how to search for books and other items using the Library’s catalog.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
E-book Workshop*
Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18; 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 14, 28; 10:00 a.m.
Join us for a hands-on workshop on downloading e-books and audiobooks.

Introduction to the Online Catalog*
Thursday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.
Learn to use the computer version of the card catalog.

Introduction to Computers*
Wednesday, January 18 and Saturday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics about computers.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Computer Basics*
Saturday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics about computers.

Introduction to Microsoft Word*
Saturday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word.

Scotlandville Branch
Intro to Computers
Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Learn computer basics.

Intro to Microsoft Word*
Thursday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Learn the fundamentals of creating a document.

OverDrive Help Desk!
During the month of January, we will have the help desk:
Mondays: .................. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: .................. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: .............. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays: ............... 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: ................ 10:00 a.m. to noon
Volunteer with POPL

The Library Friends’ Group, the Patrons of the Public Library (POPL), is seeking volunteers to help out with Geek Week!

The annual Author/Illustrator Workshop and the Summer Reading Club are just two of the many programs which the Patrons of the Public Library supports with volunteer efforts and financial assistance.

POPL members can find a renewal form online, at www.ebrpl.com. We especially want to update your registrations with your e-mail address.

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

Meeting Room Applications

The Library is on a January-December calendar, and all non-profit groups and community organizations currently using the public meeting rooms need to reapply for 2012. The process is online.

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

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

Free SAT Practice Test & Scores Back Session

Teens will have the opportunity to take a free SAT practice test at the Main Library on Saturday, January 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A scores-back session will also be held on Tuesday, February 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to receive results. Due to limited space, participants must be at least 15 years old, or in high school. Registration can be completed at www.PrincetonReview.com.

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

Code Ciphers & Secret Writing

Teens will explore methods of secret writing, substitution and transposition ciphers at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Staff will also show patrons how to use invisible ink!

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

Washer Necklaces

Teens 12-18 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch to create and decorate their own unique piece of jewelry using ribbon and metal washers on Wednesday, January 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Study Skills

Does your teen need to improve his or her study skills? Are you studying for the GED and need to learn better techniques?

If so, Kathleen Johnson, a professional tutor, will show you how at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m.

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

**Just Dance!**
Do you love to dance and play video games? If you answered yes, then this is the program for you! We’ll dance our socks off this month in a two-night dance-off challenge at the Scotlandville Branch. To participate, sign up at the Scotlandville Branch Teen Department today!
The dance-off begins on January 7 and concludes on January 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each date. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

**Play Madden!**
Catch the spirit of the playoff season! Teens ages 12-18 are invited to the Baker Branch to play Madden NFL on the Xbox on Tuesday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m.
Play against your friends and enjoy some light refreshments.
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

**Game Day**
Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a day of board games, cards and puzzles on Saturday, January 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bring your friends, relax and enjoy refreshments!
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

**Baker Teen Club**
Introducing the new Baker Teen Club! Teens and tweens ages 12-18 can meet together, find out about upcoming library programs, and give their input about what future programs they’d like at the library on Wednesday, January 25, 4:00 p.m.
Then they will have the chance to make woven paper hearts for Valentine’s Day and play card games like UNO and Apples to Apples.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**Monster Hair Bows**
Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch where they’ll use all kinds of ribbon to make their own stylish hair bows on Saturday, January 7, at 3:00 p.m.
Guys can make them for their sisters or girlfriends!
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.
Twister Tournament!

Teens are invited to participate in a Twister Tournament at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Each round will feature two teens competing against each other on the mat. The teen that lasts the longest wins!

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

Diary of a Wimpy Kid VIP Party!

Tweens and teens are invited to attend an exclusive Wimpy Kid party for VIPs only at the Carver Branch!

See who reigns as the wimpiest kid in challenges such as the Toilet Wrap, Ask the Wimpy Kid Expert, Cheese Touch and Wimpy Taboo. For those creative types, make your own diary and design your own wimpy character profile on Tuesday, January 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Don’t forget to pick up your invite from the YA desk at the Carver Branch!

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

Wimpy Kid Cabin Fever Party

Hey, teens! The Zachary Branch Teen Department is having a Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever party! Come and celebrate the recent release of the new book with us on Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m.

We’ll play games like “Secret Word” and have a Wimpy Kid trivia contest. Light refreshments will be provided. This program is for grades 5-8.

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

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Game Day

Teens will play games related to the series Diary of a Wimpy Kid, in celebration of the release of the newest book, Cabin Fever, at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 21, at 2:30 p.m.

Small prizes will be awarded to participants.

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

Bodacious Bangles

Kick off the New Year with a fun new accessory for your wardrobe. Turn a cardboard tube into a bodacious bangle by decorating it with yarn, ribbon, or duct tape at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m.

We’ll even have rhinestones on hand so you can give your new bangle a little sparkle. All supplies will be provided.

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

Winter Flowers

Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch and learn how to brighten the winter days! We will be turning empty water bottles into glowing, brightly-colored flowers on Saturday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1550.

No-Knit Scarf

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to create a scarf by using yarn to tie it together on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1170.
**Sign, Say and Storytime**

Brandi Schaeffer, Independent Certified Instructor of the Baby Signs Programs and BeeBo The Baby Signs Bear, will read stories, teach signs, and sing songs.

Come and have some fun learning how to talk with your baby before your baby can talk!

Parents and babies from birth to 3 years old are invited to attend. Dates, times and locations are listed below.

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

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**Make a Boogle House**

Children ages 5-9 will select magazine pictures of their own pretend pets and construct an imaginative paper “boogle” house for them at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, January 17, at 4:30 p.m.

*Why I Built the Boogle House* by Helen Palmer will be read aloud during the program.

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

**Chess at the Library**

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

Children ages 9-13 are invited to come to the Main Library for Chess lessons on Saturdays, January 14 and 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

**The World of Percussion**

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

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

- **Thursday, January 26** . . . . . . Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Thursday, February 9** . . . . . . Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- **Thursday, February 16** . . . . . . Main Library
- **Thursday, February 23** . . . . . . Scotlandville Branch

For more information, call the individual branch.

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

**Book Buffs**

Kids, come take part in the children’s book club at the Baker Branch!

There’s no need to read the book ahead of time! We’ll be reading aloud from selected parts of the book *Rags and Riches: Kids in the Time of Charles Dickens* by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce on Tuesday, January 31, at 4:30 p.m.

Then, you’ll get a chance to play some old fashioned Victorian parlor games, like *Charades* and *Pass the Slipper*. This program is for ages 8-11.

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

**Build a Bug**

Children ages 7 and up will look at books with examples of various types of bugs and discuss their characteristics on Tuesday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Then they’ll take a tour of Glasgow Middle School’s bug models, which will be on display at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

Using a variety of craft items and a lot of imagination, each child will build a bug to display in the Children’s Room during the month of January.

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.
Celebrate Chinese New Year!

The Chinese New Year begins on January 23 this year, and 2012 is the Year of the Dragon!

In Chinese culture, the dragon is a symbol of good luck. Come get ready for the Chinese New Year at the Baker Branch on Saturday, January 21, at 3:00 p.m.

We will have a read aloud of two books: Max Celebrates Chinese New Year by Adria F. Klein and Bringing in the New Year by Grace Lin. Afterward, children ages 3-6 will make a simple dragon paper lantern.

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

New Year of the Dragon

Join us at the Carver Branch to celebrate the Chinese New Year! We’ll be learning interesting facts about Chinese New Year traditions on Monday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m.

Afterward, kids ages 8-11 can have fun and get as creative as they want as they make and decorate their own dragon using construction paper! For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Chinese Dragon Puppet

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 14, at 2:30 p.m. and celebrate the Chinese New Year by listening to D is for Dragon Dance by Ying Chang Compestine and then make a dragon puppet.

This program is for ages 5-11.

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

Bio Book Club

Over a series of four weeks, children ages 7-11 will explore the fascinating, diverse selection of biographies available in the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Children’s Room.

During the first club meeting we will look at the lives of several musicians and then we’ll listen and dance to their various types of music on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Topics for subsequent meetings will be decided at the first meeting.

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

Greenwell Springs Children’s Book Club

Children ages 7-11 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for the first book club meeting of the year on Saturday, January 28, at 12:00 p.m.

They will discuss their interests and what types of books they like to read. Together, the children will listen to a fun short story on CD to get warmed up. Then the group will choose a book for the group to read for next month’s meeting.

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

We’re wishing for snow!
In honor of Poetry Break Day, children ages 6-11 will listen to winter poems from It’s Snowing! It’s Snowing! by Jack Prelutsky at the Carver Branch on Thursday, January 12, at 4:30 p.m.
Then we’ll decorate beautiful snowflakes.
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Snowflake Silhouettes

Children ages 6-9 will enjoy hearing Nancy Poydar’s book titled Snip, Snip…Snow! at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m.
After enjoying the book, participants will make their own snowball silhouettes using black construction paper, white paper and glue.
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Snowflakes! Snowflakes! Snowflakes!

It may not be snowing outside, but we can make it snow inside at the Scotlandville Branch!
Children ages 6-11 are invited to come listen to the story Snowflake Bentley, a Caldecott winning book by Jacqueline Briggs Martin about Wilson Bentley, the snowflake photographer, on Saturday, January 21, at 3:00 p.m.
Then, we’ll bring snowflakes to life with a fun and easy craft.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560.

Toys and Games from the Past

John O’Neill from the Centenary State Historic Site will present and discuss children’s games from the past at the Central Branch on Thursday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m. This program is for ages 4 and up.
O’Neill will also introduce 1800’s Victorian games to children ages 6-11 at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for some fun and exploration on Saturday, January 14, at 11:00 a.m.
After the presentation, children will enjoy playing the games and blasting into the past!
You’ll also have a chance to explore toys of the past at the Zachary Branch. Staff from the Centenary State Historic Site in Jackson, Louisiana will demonstrate children’s games from the Civil War era on Saturday, January 28, at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call the individual library branch.

Martha Speaks Story/Craft

Children ages 5-8 will listen to Martha Speaks by Susan Meddaugh at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 14, at 2:30 p.m.
After the story, each child will make a Martha Speaks picture.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.
Looking Forward to Backwards Day

Ever greet someone with “Goodbye,” put your clothes on backwards, or read a book from end to beginning?

If that sounds cool, children ages 9-11 are invited to join us for an hour of backwards “NUF” at the Main Library on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to wear their clothes backwards or inside out for this program.

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

Create a Puppy Puppet!

Children ages 6-9 can drop by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 7, any time from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to create a puppy puppet.

Books on dogs and puppies will be on display for checkout.

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

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Children ages 6 and up are invited to come to the Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, where they can help decide what will happen next! At this meeting on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m., we will be reading the book Choose Your Own Adventure: Your Very Own Robot by R.A. Montgomery.

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

Martin’s Big Words

Come to the Eden Park Branch and decorate the bulletin board with Martin’s Big Words.

Martin Luther King’s big words come from a book titled Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport. Children ages 7-11 will assist in placing Martin’s big words and big pictures on the bulletin board, as the book is read, to celebrate Dr. King’s birthday, on Thursday, January 12, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Capture a Dream Story/Craft

Children ages 5-10 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch to make the I Have a Dream Holding Hands craft! This fun craft is a picture of two smiley-faced characters of any color holding hands, and includes a quote from Dr. King’s I Have a Dream speech.

While making the craft, the children will enjoy listening to excerpts from the book Meet Martin Luther King, Jr. by Melody S. Mis on Saturday, January 21, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Cloud Celebration

In preparation for the coming Black History Month celebration, the Scotlandville Branch Children’s Room is looking for your dreams! Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream and we would like for you to share your dreams with us through pictures. Children ages 3 and up are invited to come draw a picture of their dream to fill our Dream Cloud bulletin board from January 17-31, for all to admire during the month of February!

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

African-American Read-In Call for Participants!

The African-American Read-In will take place in February, and we want you to participate!

To find out how, contact your local branch’s Children’s Room or call (225) 231-3760.

Fairy Wand Story/Craft

Celebrate Fairy Tales! Children ages 4-11 will listen to a fairy story and then make a fairy wand out of craft foam, ribbons, sequins and stickers at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, January 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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.
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.

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**Book Bunch: Two Bobbies**

Children will not easily forget the heartwarming story of *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*. Children ages 7-11 are invited to enjoy this story at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m.

This is the tale of Bobbi, the dog and Bob Cat the dog’s feline friend, who were rescued from Katrina-ravaged New Orleans. This remarkable story touches the hearts of readers of all ages.

Written by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery and illustrated by Jean Cassels of New Orleans, *Two Bobbies* won the 2011 Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Award for grades 3-5.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1860.
On VIEW at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Bugs!
Glasgow Middle School Talented Art students will display their work.

Do the Zoo!
BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo exhibit will feature the exciting things happening at the zoo, ways to get involved with the zoo, future exhibits and many other reasons to “Do the Zoo.”

Carver Branch
Works of Origami
Objects crafted using origami will be on display.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Swamp Art
This collection of paintings showcases the natural beauty of the Louisiana swamps. Many of the pieces are painted on cypress and driftwood, which add to the earthy and unusual feel of this collection.

Woodcarving
The Pelican Woodcarvers Guild will display various sculptures carved from wood.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Sunday Best
Irma Miller shares her collection of ceramic art.

Pelican Woodcarvers Guild
The Pelican Woodcarvers display a variety of wood carvings done by hand and machine.

Zachary Branch
Zachary Historic Village
This exhibit will feature the history of Zachary and the Plains, including documents from the time of the Spanish government and photos of the houses in the Zachary Historic District.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Main Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branch Libraries

Baker Branch Library
3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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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. – 5:00 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. – 5:00 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

RECYCLED READS
~ New Location ~
234 Little John Street
Saturday, January 28
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LIBRARY GIFT BOOK SALE