What the Dickens?

Family, Films, Fagin and Photos: Oliver!

Families, come to the Greenwell Springs Branch for a Saturday matinee, popcorn and pictures! On Saturday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m., view Lionel Bart’s spirited Oscar-winning musical Oliver!, an adaptation of Charles Dickens’ Oliver Twist.

See Mark Lester as young Oliver Twist and Ron Moody as Fagin. Popcorn provided. Following the movie, have fun taking pictures standing behind your choice of 19th-century photo stand-ins.

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

Oliver Twist Book Discussions

In conjunction with the spring One Book One Community selection of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, the Zachary Branch will host a book discussion on Thursday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m.

The Baker Branch’s Morning Book Club will also discuss this book on Monday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m., and the Pride-Chaneyville Branch’s Like It Or Not Book Club will discuss Twist on Saturday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the individual branch.

For many more Dickens programs being held in conjunction with our selection of Oliver Twist for spring’s One Book One Community, look inside or visit the Dickens Infoguide!

Special Series: Writing Your Family History

Have you ever wanted to produce your family story? At the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, genealogy librarian Cassie Fedrick will facilitate a series of three evening classes once a month focused on writing your family history. We will discuss writing responsibilities, explore copyright and practice exercises. The class objective is to produce a bindable family heirloom work by December.

The first meeting of the series will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Class participants are responsible to bring writing notebooks or a laptop if preferred. This class is not limited to those with genealogy experience or to experienced writers.

It is a chance to explore the art of blending family stories and family history with topics of discussion like: Why and What I Should Write, Organization, Memory vs. Truth, Fact Checking and Production.

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

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

Mid City Redevelopment Alliance is an HUD-approved nonprofit agency in Baton Rouge that provides free financial literacy education.

Representatives will visit branches of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library each month to address different topics about finances.

On Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m., learn about the topic Talking to Teens About Money at the Central Branch.

For more information, call (225) 262-2640.

Oliver and Company

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch will screen the movie Oliver & Company on Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m. Watch Oliver, a feisty young homeless cat, explore New York. Following the movie, have fun taking pictures behind 19th century stand-ins.

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

Oliver! Film Screening

The movie Oliver! will be shown in the auditorium of the Main Library on Thursday, March 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

The Oliver Musicale

In conjunction with the Spring One Book One Community series, you are invited to hear (and sing along to) songs from the Broadway show, Oliver, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m.

Other 19th century songs will also be featured. Dr. Matt Steinbron from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will be featured on the keyboard. Staff and guest vocalists will lead the audience in song!

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

What the Dickens? Our Infoguide

Visit our Dickens Infoguide for all info Dickens! http://ebrpl.libguides.com/dickens

LSU Dickens Film Festival

View films based on some of Charles Dickens’ greatest novels at LSU in Coates Hall, Room 143.

Monday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. . . . . . . . . . . Great Expectations
Monday, March 19, 6:00 p.m. . . . . . . . . . . Boy Called Twist
Monday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Oliver Twist
Monday, April 16, 6:00 p.m. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . David Copperfield

Rose Craft

Adults are invited to the Central Branch to learn how to make roses using tissue paper on Saturday, March 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

They can be used as a long-lasting centerpiece or a package design. Making them yourself will allow you to have roses long after the season has ended.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2640.
Dancing With the Stars: Victorian Style

Join the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for an afternoon of Victorian performances and celebration!

First, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, students of the McKinley Middle Magnet Drama Program will perform skits from *Oliver Twist*. Then, at 2:00 p.m., the Louisiana Vintage Dancers will perform 19th century dances, including waltzes and reels. Afterwards, the Vintage Dancers will teach the audience some simple dance steps.

Finally, audience members will be invited to join the dancers and drama students for our version of “Dancing with the Stars: Victorian Style.”

A costume is not necessary to participate, but an award will be given for the Most Creative Victorian Costume.

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

A Dickens of a Concert: All About *Oliver Twist*

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch will host “A Dickens of a Concert: All About *Oliver Twist*” on Sunday, March 25, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Boys, girls and young adults, under the direction of Carolyn Reed, will share original songs and poems about *Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens and other traditional selections using keyboards, the marimba, flute-phones, hand bells as well as group and solo singing.

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

London Walking Tour

Come on a walking tour of Jolly Old London at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m.

See the sights as Charles Dickens saw them during his lifetime.

The tour will be followed by tea and scones.

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

Get Twisted at the Library

Patrons of all ages are invited to play Twister at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 17, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, we will serve green punch and hand out green beads.

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

The Abolition of Slavery, the Poor Law, and *Oliver Twist*

Join Dr. Elsie Michie of LSU’s Department of English for a scholarly talk on *Oliver Twist* and its historical context on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

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

“Can A Fellow Be a Villain All His Life?”

Dr. Sharon Weltman of LSU’s Department of English will discuss the character of Fagin in the novel *Oliver Twist* and in the musical *Oliver!* on Sunday, March 4, at the Main Library at 3:00 p.m.

Because so many of us encounter the film *Oliver!* before we read the novel, the music, lyrics, dances, and images from the play or film powerfully affect the way we read Dickens’ *Oliver Twist*.

In “Can a Fellow Be a Villain All His Life? *Oliver!*,” Fagin, and Performing Jewishness,” Professor Weltman analyzes how *Oliver!* (and its many pop culture quotations) softens Fagin, providing a new pathway into the book whose basic anti-Semitism shocks readers.

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

“Please Sir, I Want More!” - Eating Well on an *Oliver Twist* Budget

Reflecting on the theme of poverty in *Oliver Twist*, the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch in conjunction with Eva Davis, EBR Parish Assistant Extension Agent, will host a three-part event on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The three parts include: The East 4-H Annual Cookery, Small Gardening Projects: Eating Well on a Budget, and Make Your Own Ice Cream.

If interested in participating in the cookery, contact Eva Davis at (225) 389-3055. Please leave a message.
**Tight Knit Group**

Love to knit or crochet? The Tight Knit Group meets every first and third Thursday of the month at the Central Branch from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Any experience level welcome.

For more information, call (225) 262-2640.

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**Day of Beauty**

Teen girls and their moms are welcome to come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a day of Prom prep!

Representatives of David’s Bridal, a makeup expert and a hairstylist will be available on Saturday, March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to give any inquiring minds advice about preparing for the big day.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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

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**United Through Reading**

Contribute to a book drive for United Through Reading, a non-profit organization that gives deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading children’s books aloud.

The videos are later delivered to their children so that they may experience storylinetime with their far-away parents. Our goal is to collect 1,000 books.

Starting March 10, you can bring donations to any branch, and until then, the Main Library will accept books for this drive.

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

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**Science Fiction Book Club**

Are you interested in science fiction? Come and join us at the Science Fiction Book Club as we discuss *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells on Tuesday, March 27, at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

All adults and teens are welcome to join us in exploration of this important work by one of the pioneers of science fiction. We can discuss its parallels to Victorian society, compare and contrast with the movie, and just have a great time!

Registration is not necessary, but please read the book before attending. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the discussion will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

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**The Best Apps For Me!**

Don’t know what “apps” to add to your smart phone? Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch and learn to select and add available “apps” to your phone on Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

This program will be best suited for owners of iPhones, Androids, and Blackberries. Bring your smart phone with you!

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

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**Family Tie-Dye**

Families are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to make matching tie-dye T-shirts in springtime colors on Saturday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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**No-Knit Spring Scarf**

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch and create an easy-to-make, no-knit scarf! Make it today, wear it tomorrow!

All materials will be furnished for this workshop on Monday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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**2012 RELIC Program**

Dr. Charles Elliott, Assistant Director of Southeast Louisiana Studies at Southeastern Louisiana University, will introduce and lead discussions on the *Louisiana Purchase* and its significance and impact on Louisiana and American history at the Main Library on Thursdays, April 12-May 17, as a part of this year’s RELIC (Readings in Literature and Culture) program. Readings will be done with Jon Kukla’s *A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America*, and Stephen Ambrose’s *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*.

Book sets are limited, so participants should pre-register by e-mailing ccarocco@brgov.com or by calling (225) 939-3896.

This program is funded by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

For information, call (225) 231-3710.
FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

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

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Ask a Lawyer

Take advantage of free and individual counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the Eden Park Branch.

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

The Library On TV

The Library’s 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.

Résumé Workshop

Anne Nowak, program director of the Library’s Career Center, will present a workshop on how to write an effective résumé and cover letter for prospective employers at the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m.

She will bring some sample résumés and cover letters, and talk about what employers look for when reviewing application materials.

Anne will also answer questions and offer some general job-finding tips.

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

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

Study Skills for Adults

Has it been a while since you took a test?

Do you need to take a test for a promotion or new job?

Come learn how to improve your study skills so you can pass that all-important test!

Kathleen Mattox Johnson will present Study Skills for Adults on Saturday, March 17, at 3:00 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

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

Can’t make it? Check out Learning Express at our Online Databases page…it includes lots of resources for adult test takers.

Card Lost & Found

Did you lose your library card?

Be sure to check with the Circulation Desk at (225) 231-3740 to see if we have recovered it. If not, then ask staff set it as “lost” until you have time to get a new one.
We Geek Local History

Melissa Eastin, Library Archivist, will speak to members of the Central/Greenwell Springs Society of History and other interested history buffs about the Baton Rouge Room and Digital Archive on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Branch.

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

Geek Week

The Scotlandville Branch will host Geek Week this month, from March 26-31. Come by the branch and submit your input on a number of topics, including what you want to see the Library add and how the Library affects you.

Check our website or call (225) 354-7550 to find out more, or visit the Geek the Library Infoguide.

Maintenance/Construction Update

Construction is progressing on the new Fairwood Branch Library.

Work continues on the new Goodwood Main Library, behind the site of the current Main Library.

The front doors of the Jones Creek Regional Branch were recently replaced.

Hoop ‘n Hula!

Did you know that even back in the days of Queen Victoria of England, kids played with hula hoops?

Well, we’re updating what those teens did, and we’re having a Hula Hoop Tournament at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! Tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to the Library on Saturday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m., where they’ll be racing the hoops and twisting them around their hips, arms and legs. Come on over and give it a twirl!

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

The Game of Quelf

Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. to play the hysterically funny board game of Quelf!

When you draw a card, you must do what it tells you to do to move on and win, even if it means snorting like a pig every time you laugh or repeating everything you say twice! The sillier you are, the more fun you’ll have at this teen program!

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

Macramé Necklace

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m. to create their own macramé necklace by weaving and knotting string.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1170.
Hunger Games Quiz Bowl
Did you see the movie? Have you read the books?
Are you a Hunger Games expert?
Find out at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the River Center Branch! Prizes will be awarded for participation and best score. Refreshments will be served. Let the games begin!
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-4959.

Spring Flower Headbands
Are you ready to add a little spring to your wardrobe? Come to the Main Library on March 31, at 2:00 p.m. to make a fabulous flower headband. You’ll be the envy of all your friends!
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3770.

Baker Teen Club
Come to the teen book club meeting at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, March 28, at 4:00 p.m. where we’ll enjoy the theme Bookmarks & Book Banter!
You’ll get to make and decorate your own duct tape bookmark while we talk about good books. We’ll discuss our favorite characters of all time, and showcase some of the Library’s newest teen books.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Make It, Take It: Duct Tape Bracelets
Teens are invited to drop by the Teen desk at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, March 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to make a cool bracelet out of duct tape!
For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl
Hey, teens! Take a break during your busy week and play Super Smash Bros. Brawl on the Wii at the Baker Branch!
You’ll have a lot of fun on Tuesday, March 6, at 4:00 p.m. competing against other teens in this action-packed fighting game! Light refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Hex Nut Bracelets
From tool box to jewel box!
We’re crazy about hardware at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, and teens are invited to join us on Saturday, March 17, at 2:00 p.m. to make a really cool bracelet out of hex nuts!
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Anime Club
Tweens and teens are invited to join us at the Central Branch on Monday, March 5, at 5:00 p.m. as we watch anime, eat popcorn and drink lemonade!
For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Newspaper and Novel Blackout Poetry
We’re celebrating National Poetry Month at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, and you’re invited to learn how to do blackout poetry using old newspapers and discarded novels!
Join us on Monday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. to find out about this graphic way of writing poetry that’s all about using what’s there, and creating art while you write, using nothing but printed pages and markers. All materials and refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.
Test Yourself

With our online database, Learning Express, teens can practice the ACT and SAT for free! Just visit www.ebrpl.com and click "Online Databases," then Learning Express. Several other types of practice tests are available at Learning Express as well.

Then, for help with special problems or homework, as well as live online help, check out Tutor.com, also on our Online Databases page.

March Madness Basketball Tournament

To celebrate March Madness, tweens and teens are invited to the Carver Branch to participate in a week-long NBA tournament on Xbox on Monday-Thursday, March 19-22, all from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Who will reign as the champion?
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7450.

Minute to Win It!

Tweens and teens are invited to the Central Branch to play the Library’s version of Minute to Win It!
Come and join us on Monday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m., and compete in various games to determine an ultimate winner! Bring a friend to increase the competition.
For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Hair Bows

Calling all tweens and teens ages 12-18! You’re invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, March 7, at 3:00 p.m. to create your own fashionable hair bows using colorful ribbon and barrettes.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7070.

Dickens Iron Chef

Teens are invited to the Main Library on Saturday, March 10, at noon to participate in an Iron Chef competition. The secret ingredient is oatmeal, which goes perfectly with the Charles Dickens One Book One Community.
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.
**Bio Book Club**

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m. for the third installment of the Bio Book Club! We’ll explore the fascinating and diverse selection of biographies available in the Children’s Room. At the first meeting we discussed musicians and their lives, and we danced to their music. Choose a biography and find out how much fun it is to learn about the lives of famous people!

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

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**The Ant and the Grasshopper Story/Craft**

Join us at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. as we read the fable about two common insects of spring in Louisiana, *The Ant and the Grasshopper*. After storytime, children ages 6-11 will make their own ant using an egg carton, paint, pipe cleaners and wiggly eyes. We’ll have a lot of fun just in time for spring!

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

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**Music Together Demonstration Classes**

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, March 7, and join local teacher and professional violist Sonia Feres-Lloyd for one of two music and movement classes! Two sessions are available for children from birth to five years old, but we ask that you register for one session only.

Older siblings are also welcome to join the fun! The first session is from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the second session is from noon to 12:30 p.m. For additional information, visit www.childrensmusicstudio.com.

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

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**Prepping for LEAP Testing?**

Check out the practice tests and study help guides we have available in our free Online Databases, *Learning Express* and *Tutor.com*!

Just go to our website, www.ebrpl.com, click the Online Databases page, and enter your Library Card number.

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**Read Across America and Dr. Seuss**

In early March, several branches of the Library will hold programs to celebrate the national Read Across America Day in memory of Ted Geisel, creator of the Dr. Seuss books.

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

- **Green Eggs and Mayhem**: The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will present a spirited rendition of *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss on Thursday, March 1, at 4:00 p.m. Then, children will compete in the *Eggs and Ham* relay, the *Stuff an Egg* relay, and *Hold On To Your Hat* parachute game.

- **Celebrate Seuss**: Come celebrate with us as at the Jones Creek Regional Branch as we read *The Cat in the Hat* on Thursday, March 1, at 4:00 p.m. After the story, each child, ages 6-11, will make a kite craft.

- **Mr. Brown Can Moo**: On Friday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m., come to the Carver Branch where we will read *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*

- **Cat in the Hat**: At the Delmont Gardens Branch, children ages 3-11 will listen to *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, and then make a mini-hat out of paper towel rolls, a paper plate, and construction paper.

- **Special Storytime**: On Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. the Zachary Branch will hold a special storytime celebrating Dr. Seuss.

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**Book Buffs**

Children ages 7-10 are invited to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, March 27, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to take turns reading aloud from the award-winning book *Bink & Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee. It’s a charmingly funny story about two best friends and their daily adventures.

After the story, each child can make a cute sock puppet!

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
**Pig Day Family Story/Craft**

Thursday, March 1, is National Pig Day, so come to the Baker Branch from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our pig-filled family storytime! We’ll have pig stories, rhymes, and finger plays. After that, children will get to make their own “muddy pig” picture to take home.

The stories are geared toward children ages 3-7, but the whole family is invited to enjoy this program with them! Craft supplies are limited to 15 children, so please be sure to register!

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

**Pig Pics!**

Have you ever wondered what you would look like as a pig? Well, wonder no more!

Children ages 3 and up are invited to join us in the Children’s Room at the Scotlandville Branch for Pig Pics! If you made an oink-a-riffic nose, or even if you didn’t, you can come on down, at any time throughout the month of March to take your photo behind our picture board and pretend that you’re Ace, the very important pig from the book by Dick King-Smith!

We’ll print the photos out for you and contact you when they are ready to be picked up. Remember, all children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Oink-A-Riffic Make & Take**

Hey there, kids ages 3 and up! Join us any day this month as we celebrate great books about pigs, like Wilbur from Charlotte’s Web.

You’ll have some big fun making your own pig nose to wear with pride, and then take it home to enjoy! Remember, all children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Make ‘n Take a Springtime Cap**

Children ages 3-11 are invited to the Baker Branch Children’s Department any time between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, to decorate a visor using stickers and colorful artwork! They can then wear it home to show off their spring spirit! Supplies will be provided.

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

**The Scotlandville Reading Club Begins!**

Join us every Thursday afternoon in the month of March at the Scotlandville Branch for our new reading club! Children ages 7-11 can enjoy the fun each month as we feature a fantastic author or a themed book each Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

For the first month, we’ll be reading books about pigs in celebration of Dick King-Smith’s birthday on March 27, beginning with his book *Ace: The Very Important Pig*. We’ll follow that one with *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White.

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560.
Let’s Talk Nutrition for the Children

Do you want to learn how to be healthy? Well, come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. to hear a representative from the Southern University Ag Center speak to children ages 4-5 and their parents about being healthy and eating right.

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

St. Patrick’s Day Story/Craft

Jazz it up! Rock it up! Green it up! Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 17, at 11:00 a.m. to create a St. Patrick’s Day shamrock to take home as a fun decoration. After the craft, they’ll listen to the story St. Patrick’s Day by Anne Rockwell.

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

Good for You Foods

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, we will read There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog by Jennifer Ward to children ages 5-8, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. After the story, each child will participate in the Breakfast Detective game and plan a meal for themselves using food cutouts.

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

Dog Tales @ the Library

Children ages 4-11 are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m. to visit and read books to the specially-trained therapy dogs of LSU Tiger Hats.

We’ll also have fun listening to the story Chewy Louie by Howie Schneider.

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

Chess at the Library

A chess tournament for children ages 9-13 will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m.

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.
Shamrock Pinwheel Make & Take Craft

Come to the River Center Branch and start your St. Patrick’s Day celebration early with a shamrock pinwheel make and take craft! On Saturday, March 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. children ages 4-7 will use green pipe cleaners, green construction paper, scissors and glue sticks to make fun, working pinwheels to take home and enjoy.

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

Duck! Rabbit!

Children ages 3-11 will listen to the story, Duck! Rabbit!, then decide whether they thought the book was about a duck or a rabbit at the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

Afterwards, they will make either a duck bill mask or a rabbit ear headband, using poster board, craft foam, and construction paper.

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

Year of the Dragon

2012 is the Year of the Dragon. To celebrate, children ages 5-9 who visit the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, March 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., will create a fire-breathing dragon!

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

Johnny Appleseed Day Story/Craft

Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day with a special storytime and craft. Children ages 4-7 will hear Johnny Appleseed by Rosemary & Stephen Vincent Benét and other apple stories.

Afterward, we’ll make handprint apple pictures, using red and green tempera paint on white drawing paper. You’ll enjoy this fun and easy craft, and you can even take it home to display for family and friends.

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

Kite Month Story/Craft

Celebrate Kite Month in style! Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. to hear The Emperor and the Kite by Jane Yolen and other fun books about kites. Children ages 4-11 will make a cool and creative kite using a large brown paper bag, string, markers and crepe paper streamers. You’ll have fun making this kite and even more fun taking it home to fly!

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

Tumblebooks for iPad

Tumblebooks are now available on your iPad! Just go to our Tumblebook page and follow the directions!
Construction Junction

Children put on their hard hats and stepped inside the construction zone for the new Main Library! As a way to share the building process with our youngest patrons, children and parents were invited to watch a pile driver in action as it pounded into the earth, with help from contractor Milton J. Womack, Inc.

The Children’s Room will again host future programs like this one, where children can see various construction tools in action!

Need Homework Help?

Check out our Online Databases Tutor.com and Learning Express!

Tutor.com offers live homework help Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., while Skills Builder is available 24/7.

Learning Express includes test prep for a variety of ages, with both math and reading skills improvement exercises.

Don’t forget our other databases for students, including:

- Student Research Center
- Searchasaurus
- Kids Search
- Credo Reference
- World Book Online Encyclopedia

All you need is your library card! Log on at www.ebrpl.com.

Kids’ Cards!

Does your child need a library card? Sign him or her up today!

There are NO fines on children’s cards.

To get a card, the parent or guardian should bring to the Library a picture ID that has their current address on it OR a picture ID without the current address and a piece of mail that shows the current address.

For children under 15 years of age, also have the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number.

For more information, call (225) 231-3740.
Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans, and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading. You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer seven different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group.

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

Keep track of your children’s library books with the Library Elf! Sign up at www.libraryelf.com!
OnView at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Porcelain Designs
The Porcelain Art Guild presents an exhibit of their original porcelain art.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Vintage Variety
Vintage objects, trinkets, doodads, etc. will be on display.

Landscapes
Michael Ginn, a local artist, exhibits his paintings of landscapes.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Youth Art Month
Episcopal Middle School students celebrate Youth Art Month.
The Art of Manga
Charsya Paul displays manga from her publications.

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 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 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

Library Gift Book Sale
RECYCLED READS
238 Little John Street
Saturday, March 31
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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