National Library Week!

During National Library Week, the spotlight is on libraries and how they enrich our communities. This year’s National Library Week takes place from April 8-14.

The theme is, “You Belong at Your Library.”

You do belong at your library! During the week, we’ll be celebrating by kicking off the Louisiana Bicentennial Series and exhibit. Then, on Saturday, April 14, we’ll be “gettin’ down” at the Baton Rouge Blues Festival, co-sponsored by our library friends group, the Patrons of the Public Library.

For us, National Library Week is every week. Come enjoy Geek Week activities at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch from Sunday, April 22, to Saturday, April 28. All kinds of activities and events are planned, such as a Do You Geek trivia game, Geek-a-Seed, “Debunking Library Myths, E-Book Basics, and to close out the week, the Multi-Cultural Festival!

Also, don’t miss Authors Row on Saturday, April 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Come and meet local Louisiana authors! Writers will be in attendance to discuss their works and sign their books.

For more information, call the individual library branch.

2012 Relic Program: Six-Week Reading and Discussion 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 at 7:00 p.m. 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 ccarroccio@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.

Main Streets of Louisiana

Author Anne Butler and photographer Henry Cancienne will present a program on their newly-released book, Main Streets of Louisiana, at the Zachary Branch on Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m.

A book-signing will follow, and books will be available for purchase.

Henry Cancienne’s photographs of Main Street cities will also be on exhibit during April at the library.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1840.
Let Them Eat Cake

Birthday cake, that is! On Monday, April 30, celebrate Louisiana’s Bicentennial with us; and enjoy a piece of cake!

Exploring the Atchafalaya

As part of Louisiana’s Bicentennial Celebration, Charles Fryling of the LSU’s Reich School of Landscape Architecture will discuss the past, present, and future of the Atchafalaya, America’s largest river swamp, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Fryling, who teaches landscape ecology, has worked with the Atchafalaya Basin since the 1960s. His photography of the region has been displayed throughout Louisiana.

The Atchafalaya Basin is one of the top 10 wilderness areas in the United States and boasts an incredible diversity of wildlife and plants.

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

Old South Baton Rouge: The Roots of Hope

Professor Petra Munro Hendry, author of Old South Baton Rouge: The Roots of Hope, will give a presentation on the history of the Old South Baton Rouge neighborhood at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, at the Carver Branch.

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

The Louisiana Lagniappe Game

Test your knowledge of Louisiana history and celebrate the state’s 200th birthday!

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch any time between April 13 and April 30 to play “The Louisiana Lagniappe” trivia game.

Answer all the questions correctly and your name will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a super “lagniappe” prize!

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

Happy Birthday, Louisiana!

Come celebrate our state’s bicentennial with your friends at the Zachary Branch. We’ll have live Cajun music and light refreshments on Monday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m.

We’ll see you there, cher!

At the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, we’ll have activities and refreshments for the whole family on Monday, April 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call the individual library branch.

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 once-a-month evening classes 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 second meeting of the series will be held on Thursday, April 12, 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.

3-D Architectural Portraiture

As part of Louisiana’s Bicentennial celebration, view the 3-D scale models of plantation homes by artist and history buff Martin Brignac at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Brignac, who built his first full-size house when he was 13 years old, incorporates his knowledge of building with his love of Louisiana history in each detailed replica of area plantation homes.

The artist uses balsa wood, a variety of X-ACTO blades and tiny clamps to build his miniature versions of Louisiana’s most famous plantation homes.

Brignac will discuss the steps he uses in creating this unique art form on Friday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
Building Common Ground Grant

The Library was awarded the Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion grant. The grant was presented by the ALA Public Programs Office and the Fetzer Institute. Programs below correspond with this grant which runs through November.

Multi-Cultural Festival: Exploring Other Cultures

Come one, come all to the second annual Multi-Cultural Festival at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch!

In keeping with the theme, “Exploring Other Cultures,” we will have a variety of activities presented by our friends and family of many cultures in the Baton Rouge area.

Please join us for an afternoon of food, fun and festivity on Saturday, April 28, from noon to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, or find out more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Capital Area United Way Volunteer Fair

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 14, at 11 am to 3 pm for a United Way Volunteer Fair.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250. Representatives from Volunteer! Baton Rouge, a subsidiary of Capital Area United Way, will speak about volunteering and the various opportunities for people to give back. Capital Area United Way focuses on four building blocks for improving people’s lives: education, income, health, and basic needs, and people interested in helping may register to volunteer in a number of capacities, from delivering meals to home-bound senior citizens to working at a soup kitchen or reading to school children.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life Book Discussion

The Library will host a monthly discussion group of Karen Armstrong’s Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life which focuses on instilling the Golden Rule in a secular way in our everyday lives.

The first book club meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Main Library at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23.

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

Résumé Day

Come and get professional help writing your résumé, cover letter or completing an online application at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be computers and printers for you to use. Experts from the Career Center and Reference Department will be on hand to assist you with questions and problems.

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

Recession-Proof Jobs: Careers in Healthcare

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch and learn about careers, jobs and training programs in healthcare.

“Education and Health Services” is the industry sector with the highest job growth forecast in the Baton Rouge area in 2012, according to the Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

On Wednesday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m., Ross Pottschmidt, assistant director for Corporate and Continuing Education at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), will discuss medical training programs available at BRCC and the Capital Area Technical College.

A recruiter from a local hospital and/or staffing firm will discuss the current medical job market in Baton Rouge and which jobs and skills are in high demand.

For more information or to register, call (225) 381-8434.
Tight Knit Group

Want to learn how to knit or crochet? Need help with a pattern? Then the Tight Knit Group is for you!

On the first and third Thursday of the month, come to the Central Branch from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., where we can help you with your knitting endeavors.

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

Holocaust Day of Remembrance

The Zachary Branch will observe Holocaust Remembrance Day with the video, Why We Remember the Holocaust, and a dramatic interpretation of scenes from The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, on Thursday, April 19, from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Cody Dedon, a home-schooled eleventh grader and member of the Baton Rouge Speech and Debate Club, will present the interpretation.

For more information, call (225) 658-1850.

Creating Handmade Cloth Dolls

Barbara Franklin, cloth doll artist, will share the time-honored art of creating one-of-a-kind cloth dolls and show participants the process she enlists in creating her dolls at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.

Franklin has made these dolls for almost 30 years and now seeks to pass on her doll-making skills to others.

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

Library Snapshot Day: National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, visit the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch any time on Thursday, April 12, and tell us how you use your library and how we can further impact the community.

Take a snapshot to go on our celebrated Library Geeks/Lovers Wall that we’ll display at the end of April, and receive a $1.00 gift certificate to Recycled Reads!

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

Preservation Week

The Baton Rouge Room Archive of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library joins the American Library Association in celebrating Preservation Week, April 22-28.

The letters, scrapbooks, photographs, and digital files we create serve as precious memories of lives lived. It is important not just for you and your family that these materials are preserved for future use, but for the Baton Rouge community at large.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1:30 pm, the Zachary Branch hosts the Baton Rouge Room “Preservation in the Home.” This talk will introduce basic concepts of preservation for personal archives and explore the library’s preservation resources.

Visit the Baton Rouge Room InfoGuide at ebrpl.libguides.com/BatonRougeRoom to view several PowerPoint presentations on the topic of preservation. These presentations address preservation and conservation issues for all types of materials. Our archivist is also happy to answer any questions you may have.

For more information, call (225) 389-4960.

Scrapbook your Special Memories

Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch for a series of scrapbooking classes!

Bring old and new photos, mementos from vacation and travel, bits of fabric from a favorite but long-gone outfit, and put them into a memory-keeping book.

Both beginning and advanced scrapbookers are welcome to attend on Saturdays, April 14 and 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Please bring your personal pictures and scrapbooking paper.

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

Couponing 101

Maggie Howes, award-winning owner/writer of www.MyBatonRougeMommy.com, a website dedicated to helping others save money, will be hosting a Couponing 101 class on Thursday, April 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

Howes will teach you how to maximize your coupon usage and save half off your monthly grocery bill by following her techniques.

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

Looking at all the dangling earrings at jewelry and department stores, there are so many to choose from and they can be expensive.

Learn to design your own unique dangle earrings at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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, April 17, at 7:00 p.m., learn about the topic “Saving to Build Wealth” at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

For more information, call (225) 274-4450.

Geek-A-Seed and Watch It Grow

In conjunction with Geek Week and Earth Day, from Monday, April 22, to Saturday, April 28, visit the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch and say, “I want to geek a seed and watch it grow” in the Library.

As a “seed geeker,” you’ll not only get to plant a seed, name it and watch it grow, but the first three patrons planting a seed will win a $5 gift certificate to Recycled Reads, the Library’s gift book outlet.

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

Debunking Library Myths

What do you geek? Whatever it is, did you know the library has information on it?

There are many services we offer besides checking out books. Come join in the discussion at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 25, at 3:00 p.m.

Bring your questions, suggestions and comments. Refreshments will be served.

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

Do You Geek Trivia?

How “geeky” are you? Come show off your “geeky” knowledge by playing in our Geek Trivia Game at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. The more trivia you know, the more you win, the “geekier” you are!

The winner gets a prize and will be known as “Geek of the Day”! All adults 18 and older are encouraged to participate on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Be a CAAWS Volunteer

Representatives from CAAWS will be available to help volunteers sign up for opportunities with CAAWS at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. The program will include a visit with therapy dogs.

The Capital Area Animal Welfare Society is a non-profit organization committed to the well-being of animals in the Baton Rouge community by adopting homeless animals, by teaching the community responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals, and by promoting the practice of spay/neuter at all times.

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

Pet Adoption

Come to the Zachary Branch for Pet Adoption Day!

Pet Adoption Day will feature animals from the pet shelter at Dixon Correctional Institute. Come to the front of the library in the center of the parking lot “green” on Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 658-1850.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Don’t Become A Victim Of Identity Theft!

Identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in the U.S. with more than 9 million victims each year.

Risk Management Consultant, Libby Quintana, will give identity theft statistics and explain how individuals can prevent themselves from becoming a victim of identity theft at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Poetry Reading

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Scotlandville Branch will host a poetry reading on Saturday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Poets in the community are invited to present their original poems.

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

Social Networking

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch and learn about social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter that allow users to share ideas, activities, events, and interests. The recent changes to Facebook will be discussed as well on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150. And don’t forget to "Like" the Library on Facebook!

Use the Digital Archive

Melissa Eastin, the Library’s Archivist, will present a program about the Digital Archive on Tuesday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the Zachary Branch.

Eastin will show members of the Zachary community how to access and enjoy the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s online Digital Archive, which allows access to thousands of historical photos and documents in Baton Rouge’s history.

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

Capturing the Mississippi

Author Dennis Defrene will discuss his book Civil War Baton Rouge, Port Hudson and Bayou Sara: Capturing the Mississippi, on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

This book is part of the Civil War scholar series. These books honor the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. Mr. Defrene will sell and sign copies of his book.

For more information, call (225) 939-3155.

Vegetable Gardening

It’s hard to beat the fresh taste of homegrown vegetables on your dinner table, and the satisfaction of knowing you produced it yourself.

Come to the Pride-Chaneysville Branch and learn how to begin a successful vegetable garden from Master Gardener Claire Fontenot on Wednesday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Claire will offer proven, valuable tips that will help to ensure a bountiful vegetable harvest. The Louisiana Master Gardener program is a service of the LSU AgCenter, designed to meet the educational needs of home gardeners.

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

Ask a Lawyer

Take advantage of free and individual legal 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 at the Scotlandville Branch from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.
### Baker Branch
- **Introduction to Excel 2007** *
  - Saturday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel.

- **Introduction to Computers** *
  - Thursday, April 12, 2:00 p.m.
  - Learn the computer basics.

- **Introduction to the Online Catalog** *
  - Thursday, April 19, 2:00 p.m.
  - Learn how to check your library account online.

- **Advanced Publisher 2007** *
  - Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn to create a newsletter using Microsoft Publisher.

- **Introduction to Word 2007** *
  - Thursday, April 26, 2:00 p.m.
  - Learn the basics of Word.

### Carver Branch
- **Introduction to PowerPoint**
  - Wednesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.
  - Learn how to create a presentation.

- **Introduction to the Internet**
  - Friday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.
  - Learn the basics of the Internet.

- **Introduction to Excel**
  - Wednesday, April 25, 3:00 p.m.
  - Learn how to create a spreadsheet.

### Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Introduction to the Library Web Catalog** *
  - Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.
  - Learn the basics of the online catalog.

- **Introduction to Computers** *
  - Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn the basics of computers.

- **Introduction to the Internet** *
  - Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn how to surf the Internet.

### Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- **Computers without Fear**
  - Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn basic computer skills.

- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher**
  - Thursday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn how to make a flyer, pamphlet, and other documents.

- **Introduction to Gmail**
  - Tuesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn how to create an email account with Gmail.

- **Internet Surfing and Databases** *
  - Thursday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn how to browse the Internet.

- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** *
  - Tuesday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.
  - Practice making a flyer.

### Delmont Gardens Branch
- **Computers without Fear** *
  - Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn basic computer skills.

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

### Eden Park Branch
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel** *
  - Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m.
  - Learn how to create a simple Excel workbook.

- **Computers without Fear** *
  - Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn the basics of computers.

- **Introduction to Publisher** *
  - Wednesday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.
  - Learn how to create a flyer, calendars and other documents.

### Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- **Computer Basics** *
  - Saturday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.
  - Learn the basics of computers.

### Jones Creek Regional Branch
- **Introduction to Excel 2007** *
  - Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
  - Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn to use Excel.

- **Introduction to the Online Catalog** *
  - Wednesday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.
  - Learn to use the online version of the card catalog.

### River Center Branch
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word with Résumé**
  - Wednesday, April 4, 1:00 p.m.
  - Learn about Word and its résumé templates.

- **Computers without Fear** *
  - Tuesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.
  - Learn about the components of a computer.

### April is Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month
Come to a round table discussion at the Main Library on April 5th and 26th. 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Genealogy: 1940 Census Class and Ancestry.com/Heritage Quest

The 1940 Census will be available online April 2. There is no index yet, but come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. for a class to help those who can’t wait to jump in.

Interested in more genealogy help? Come to a class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch where you can learn about Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest, two Library Online Databases, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

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

Visit the Genealogy Infoguide via www.ebrpl.com for even more Genealogy resources!

Millennium Volunteers of LSU

The Millennium Volunteers of LSU (MVLSU) will provide free tutoring at the Carver Branch for K-12 students on weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

LSU Dickens Film Festival

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

Monday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. - Oliver Twist
Monday, April 16, 6:00 p.m. - David Copperfield

Dickens Talk

Daniel A. Novak, an associate professor of English at Louisiana State University, will present a discussion on A Tale of Two Jews: Shylock, Fagin, and the Representation of Jewishness in Victorian Culture.

The talk will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Novak is author of Realism, Photography, and Nineteenth-Century Fiction and co-editor with James Catano of Masculinity Lessons: Rethinking Men’s and Women’s Studies.

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

Louisiana Quiz Bowl Challenge

When did Louisiana become a state? What is the name of Louisiana’s oldest college?

Can you answer these questions? Join tweens and teens for the opportunity to participate in a Quiz Bowl of Louisiana history.

Come to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m. to test how much you know about your state! Refreshments will be provided. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.
Louisiana Birthday Party!
Happy Birthday to you…Happy Birthday, Louisiana…Happy Birthday to you!
Tweens and teens are invited to the Carver Branch on Monday, April 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the state of Louisiana’s 200th birthday!
We’ll play Louisiana Bingo, make a Louisiana themed craft, dance the Cajun two-step and listen to Louisiana music while toasting to Louisiana’s statehood!
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Teens Summer Job Search Workshops
Are you planning on getting a job this summer? Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m., and we’ll give you some guidance for your job search. Anne Nowak from the Career Center will be sharing some basic information with teens on searching for jobs.
She’ll discuss topics such as simple résumé development, job applications, and proper job interview attire.
For a second chance to learn about job searching for teens, come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m.
This program is part of our Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion series.
For more information or to register, call the individual branch.

DIY Comics
POW! BIFF! ZAP! Are you a fan of the Funnies in the newspaper? Or maybe the ones found on the Internet?
Well, if you’ve ever wanted to create your own comic strip, this is your chance! Come to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will be given examples of different types of comic strips to get their creative juices flowing!
There will also be some pre-made comic strips that only require an imagination to finish. Light refreshments will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Duct Tape Wallets
Teens are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m. to design an awesome wallet from duct tape!
You can be as creative as you’d like, choosing your favorite colors and patterns.
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Tin Can Herb Pots
We’re celebrating Earth Day at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch!
Teens can come to the Library on Saturday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. to make their own tin can herb pots. Paint and decorate an aluminum can with any design! All materials and refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.
Just For Teens

Recipe for Relaxation: Bath Salts!

Tweens and teens, we have the recipe for relaxation!
Come to the Central Branch on Monday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m. to make some bath salts for yourself or as a gift for someone you love.
For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Become a Millionaire!

Representatives from the Baton Rouge Family Achievement Center will be conducting special, entertaining financial literacy workshops designed especially for teens.
Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11, at 2:00 p.m. to learn about the importance of saving money, creating a budget and understanding needs versus wants. Refreshments will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7070.

Big Bangin’ Bows!

 Teens are invited to the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, April 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to have a blast making bangin’ bows!
Head to class or out with your friends in style, wearing a big bangin’ bow. Whether you’re jazzy or sassy, bold or shy, you can create a bow that’s perfect just for you!
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

Poetry in Motion

Teens can come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, April 12, at 3:00 p.m., where they’ll use magazines to find words that they’ll cut out to construct a poem for National Poetry Month! They’ll also find pictures that capture the mood or tone of their poem.
For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4470.

Exploring Other Cultures

Want to learn about some of the world’s cultures?
Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 28, at noon where teens will be making three different crafts that represent three different cultures.
They’ll make a Swedish Star, a Japanese fan and an Incan Quipu. These crafts will be a part of the Multi-Cultural Festival.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Put in the Hole!

In honor of the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament, teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m., where they can participate in an exercise with the practice putts.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1170.
Mario Kart Showdown!

Do you think you’ve got what it takes to be the Mario Kart champion? Then sign up today to take place in our Mario Kart Showdown!

Teens can come to the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, April 4, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to challenge their friends and pit their skills against them for the privilege of the Ultimate Mario Champion title. Don’t miss out! Popcorn, cookies and lemonade will be served.

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

Tekken 6

The battle is on at the Eden Park Branch! Tweens and teens can come to the Library to unleash their skills and show off their moves as they fight for ultimate supremacy in the Iron Fist Tournament on the Xbox 360 on Thursday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Dr. Seuss Storytime at Sonic

Join your East Baton Rouge Library as we celebrate “Wacky Wednesday” at two area Sonics!

There will be a special Dr. Seuss storytime, face painting, coloring, and other kid-friendly activities on Wednesday, April 18, at the Sonic on 1801 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, and Wednesday, April 25, at the Sonic on 4171 Perkins Road. Both storytimes begin at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 939-3155.

Louisiane Vintage Dancers

Come and enjoy this opportunity to step back in time with these costumed actors as they reconstruct and preserve the music and dance of earlier periods!

Children ages 4 and up along with their parents are invited to the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, April 28, at 3:00 p.m. to enjoy this fun blast into the past! All of the etiquette of this authentic re-creation will capture your imagination, and might include your joining the performance!

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

P is for Pelican!

In celebration of Louisiana’s Bicentennial year, we will read P is for Pelican, A Louisiana Alphabet by Anita Prieto.

Children ages 9-11 are welcome to come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy the story and make an origami pelican to take home!

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

Games of the 1800s

Louisiana became a state on April 30, 1812.

We’re celebrating Louisiana’s bicentennial at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, and you’re invited! Children ages 5 and up can come to the Library on Tuesday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m. to learn about children’s games and activities during the 1800s.

We’ll play games like marbles, hopscotch, musical chairs, and jump rope!

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

Rain Sticks for Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, participants will hear Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax and make a craft using recycled materials, including paper towel rolls.

Children ages 8-11 can come to the Carver Branch on Thursday, April 19, at 4:30 p.m. to make and then decorate their own rain sticks using rice, aluminum foil, construction paper and glue.

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

Franklin Plants a Tree

Hey, kids! Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch and celebrate Earth Day with us!

Children ages 3-11 are invited to the Library on Monday, April 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to listen to the story Franklin Plants a Tree by Paulette Bourgeois, and share their knowledge about Earth Day. After the story, participants will make a globe craft using coffee filters, markers, and water. Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible adolescent.

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

Earth Day Story/Craft

We love our planet, and we’re celebrating Earth Day!

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. to create pinwheels with a decorative Earth pattern to color.

After the craft, we’ll listen to the story The Earth Book by Todd Parr.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.
Lend the Earth a Helping Hand

Hey kids, ages 3-11! You guys are invited to help promote Earth Day by decorating the Children’s Room bulletin board at the Main Library on Monday-Thursday, April 2-7.

We’ll be decorating all day long, and we’d like you to add your own personalized earth-friendly messages! You can stop by to post your Earth Day promises anytime the Library is open!

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

Arbor Day Story/Craft

Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. to listen to the story The Seed the Squirrel Dropped by Haris Petie.

After the story, children ages 6-9 will create a cherry tree using their hand as a trunk and pink shades of tissue for leaves.

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

Go Green!

How will you celebrate Earth Day?

You’re invited to the River Center Branch on Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m. to listen to Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants: Gilbert Goes Green by Diane deGroat and other great books about being “green.” After the stories, children ages 6-11 will make a cool craft out of an everyday item: clothespins!

We’ll decorate them with colorful buttons, and attach a watch magnet strip to create a fun, personalized refrigerator magnet!

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

Easter Story/Craft

Come to the River Center Branch for a special Easter storytime and craft!

Children ages 4-8 are invited to the Library on Saturday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. to hear Bunny’s Easter Egg by Jan Mortimer and other Easter stories.

After that, participants can make their very own tie-dyed Easter eggs using coffee filters and markers, to take home and enjoy!

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

Easter Egg Pet

Children ages 4 and up are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Monday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. to hear the story Roly-Poly Egg by Kali Stileman!

After the story, the children will create their own Easter egg pet!

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

Bunny Ears Story/Craft

Hippety! Hoppety! Easter bunnies are comin’ to town!

All little bunnies ages 3-8 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. where they’ll enjoy making a bunny ears hat!

This craft is simple but fun and participants will have a blast creating it while they listen to Corduroy’s Easter Party by Don Freeman.

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

Make an Easter Bunny

Happy Easter! Children ages 2-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, April 3, at noon to listen to the reading of The Story of the Easter Bunny and The Great Easter Egg Hunt. Afterward, they’ll make a paper plate Easter Bunny craft.

The craft will be available to make though April 5, while supplies last! Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Stained Glass Eggs

Pauline the hen lays unusual eggs, but Mrs. Pennywort, her owner, thinks they’re beautiful!

Children ages 6-11 will listen to The Easter Egg Farm by Mary Jane Auch at the Carver Branch on Monday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m., to find out what happens with Pauline the hen.

After the story, everyone will make a beautiful stained glass egg using black construction paper, glue and colored chalk.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.
**Spring Bugs Story/Craft**
Bees, butterflies and ladybugs, oh my!
Children ages 3-7 can come to the Baker Branch on Saturday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. to listen to stories and learn finger plays about bugs that are common during the spring season. They’ll also get to make a cute bumblebee decoration to take home with them!
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**Twister Day**
Hey, kids ages 6-11! Take a break from homework to play *Twister*! Come and join the fun at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m. You’re sure to have some laughs while you’re getting yourself all tied up in knots!
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**Movie Night**
*Not A Tale of Two Cities, but... Wings: A Tale of Two Chickens!*
We’re celebrating One Book One Community at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, and children ages 3-11 are invited to the Library on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. to watch a short series of Weston Woods’ movies.
These movies are educational, mysterious and FUN!
For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.

**Paper Bag Ladybug Costume**
It’s time to celebrate Earth Day, so let’s recycle!
Children ages 3-5 can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to listen to *Can You Make a Scary Face?* by Jan Thomas on Wednesday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m.
After the story, we’ll recycle a paper grocery bag into a ladybug costume!
For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2260.

**Bio Book Club**
Join us for the third installment of the Bio Book Club at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.
Come and explore the fascinating, diverse selection of biographies available in the Children’s Room on Saturday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m. 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 Grouchy Ladybug Story/Craft**
Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. where we’ll be listening to the story *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle. After the story, children ages 5-11 will make a ladybug crown using poster board, construction paper and pipe cleaners.
Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible adolescent.
For more information, call (225) 354-7060.

**National Kite Month Story/Craft**
Children ages 3-6 are invited to the Central Branch on Thursday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate National Kite Month!
We will be reading *Curious George Flies a Kite* and making a special kite bookmark!
For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

**Froggy Story/Craft!**
The Eden Park Branch is celebrating Frog Month!
Children ages 2-3 are invited to the Library on Thursday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m. where we’ll have a special “froggy” storytime and craft. We’ll share a lot of cool frog pictures and books.
Then after the stories, each child will make their own frog craft with different size circles!
For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3260.
Greenwell Springs Children’s Book Club

Children ages 7-11 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 21, at noon to discuss books they’ve recently read.

Together, the children will have fun creating visuals relevant to their stories! They’ll also listen to funny short story on CD and choose books that the group will read for next month’s meeting.

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

A-B-C-D-E-F-G…

We’ve learned the song, now let’s learn the signs!

Children ages 5-8 can join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursdays, April 5 and 12, at 10:30 a.m. where we’ll learn the alphabet in American Sign Language!

Books on the American Sign Language will also be available for you to check out.

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

Book Cover Kite Story/Craft

We’re celebrating National Kite Month at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch!

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Library on Saturday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. to listen to Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert.

After the story we’ll make a cool muffin flower picture! For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Muffin Flower

Children ages 2-6 are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. to listen to Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert.

After the story we’ll make a cool muffin flower picture!

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

Ugly Pie

Children ages 5-8 are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m., to listen to Ugly Pie by Lisa Wheeler.

After the story, each child will make an ugly pie to take home.

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

Rainbow Eggs

After hearing the story Rachenka’s Eggs by Patricia Polacco, children ages 5-11 will design a colorful rainbow egg!

Come and join the fun in making this cool craft at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, April 5, at 2:30 p.m.

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

A Dinosaur Named after Me

Tyrannosaurus. Brachiosaurus. Sally-osaurus? Perhaps there’s a Toby-ceratops or maybe even a Suzie-mimus! We’ll have tons-o-fun naming and making our very own dinosaur magnets at the Main Library.

Little dinosaurs ages 4-7 are invited to the Children’s Room on Saturday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy this dino-riffic craft!

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

Create a Kite Bookmark!

April is National Kite Month, and to celebrate, children can come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. to create and decorate a kite-shaped bookmark! You can embellish your bookmark with colorful ribbons and decorations.

We’ll also read the story Rabbit’s Birthday Kite by Maryann MacDonald.

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

Love to Dance!

Wendy Bibby, director of the Tri-Parish Ballet, and her assistants will teach children ages 3-11 some basic ballet steps at the Main Library on Saturday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn a short dance that they’ll perform for the audience!

Be sure to wear ballet attire or comfortable clothing. Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Joke-a-Palooza!

April is National Humor Month, so break out your best jokes! To celebrate, we’ll be collecting your best and favorite jokes in our joke box.

Children ages 5-11 can come to the Scotlandville Branch at any time starting Sunday, April 1 through Saturday, April 7 to drop their jokes in the box! At the end of the week, we’ll compile a list and print it for everyone to pick up a copy.

This will be a perfect way to learn new jokes and add them to your own collection. Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

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Poetry Hour

April is National Poetry Month, and to celebrate we’ll be having Poetry Hour in the Scotlandville Branch Children’s Room. Children ages 3 and up can come to the Library on Saturday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. and enjoy some great poetry!

If you’re a poet, feel free to join in! Remember, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

The Scotlandville Reading Club

Join us every Thursday afternoon in the month of April at the Scotlandville Branch from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.

This month, we’ll be featuring author Beverly Cleary beginning with *Ralph S. Mouse*. Suggestions for future topics or specific books you would like to hear are always welcome!

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560.
Baker Branch
*Embracing the Arts*
Posters designed by public school students will be on display.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
*Darlene Moore*
Work by Darlene Moore will be displayed.

Vintage Variety
Vintage objects, curios, trinkets, knickknacks, doodads, etc.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
*Watercolors*
Roberta Van Zandt Loflin displays her watercolors.

*Spring Rabbits*
Rabbit memorabilia from Joy Abadie Ferrara will be on display.

*The Hat Parlor*
Vintage hats and jewelry from the 1940s from collector Irma Alexander.

**ON VIEW at the Library**

**LIBRARY GIFT BOOK SALE**

RECYCLED READS
238 Little John Drive
Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Look for us at Life After 50, Earth Day, and the Blues Festival!**