Season’s Readings!

During this holiday season, put the East Baton Rouge Parish Library on your checklist!

There are many books, magazines, music CDs, DVDs, BluRays, and other materials to help prepare you for all occasions. Whether you’re interested in recipes, decorating, gifts, or other ideas to make your holiday celebration one of the best, the Library has everything to suit your interests!

At the Library, you may check out books to have on hand for out-of-town guests, or preview possible book purchases for gift-giving. If you’re traveling out of town to visit family or friends, books on CD, music CDs, and other resources are available at the Library to help make your trip enjoyable, along with our downloadable e-books and audiobooks from Overdrive and downloaded magazines from Zinio!

Be sure to take a moment and read with your child during this season. A selected list is available at the Association for Library Service to Children’s (ALSC) website, www.ala.org/recommendedreading.

On behalf of the staff of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library — have a wonderful holiday season filled with happiness, good health, and peace!
Coupon Swap!

Come swap coupons at the Carver Branch on Saturday, December 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will be able to select coupons from a bank of coupons gathered by staff, or trade coupons with other participants.

Attendees will have an opportunity to plan further coupon swaps and contribute to a frugal living tips newsletter.

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

Wonder Wheels: An Exciting and Innovative Way of Learning

Retired educators, Myles and Carolyn Reed, of Reed Consultants, will teach children and adult students and persons with disabilities to use the left and right side of their brains at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in two sessions on Saturdays, December 8 and 22.

Learn effective ways of using the left and right brain to improve study skills and to manage, stabilize, and maintain learning disabilities, memory loss, dementia, ADHD, and Alzheimer’s.

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

Construction

Fairwood:
- The monument sign has been installed.
- They are continuing to install lighting.
- The contractor has installed most of the resilient flooring in the meeting rooms, the staff break room, and the children’s area.
- The carpet is being installed in the staff work areas.
- Most of the millwork has been installed.
- The infrastructure for the security gates has been installed.

Main:
- The exterior is being closed in
- The MR structure is complete
- A/C ducts are going in.

Maintenance

- Baker: Keyless entry access controls are being installed.
- Bluebonnet: We have run new conduit for data and power so we will be able to add computers in the future; We are awaiting a signed contract and a notice to proceed on the flooring project; The exterior painting has been completed.
- Carver: We have done preventive maintenance on some of the mechanical equipment.
- Central: The boiler is being repaired; Keyless entry access controls are being installed.
- Delmont Gardens: We have run new conduit for data and power so we will be able to add computers in the future.
- Greenwell Springs: Keyless entry access controls are being installed.
- Jones Creek: We’ve done preventive maintenance on the energy management system.

New electronic doors for the Delmont Gardens Branch; new flooring is on the way!
Adult Study Skills

Tutor Kathleen Johnson will share successful study skills and tips to help adults at work and at school on Saturday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

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

GED Prep Classes for Adults

Do you need to improve your scores on the GED? Is there one area of the test that is troubling you? Come get some helpful tips and pointers on how to take the GED at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 8, at noon.

Doris Grimes, certified adult educator, will assist adults with preparation for the GED and will also give a practice GED at these sessions. Can’t make it? Check out our online classes with Ed2Go!

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

Scrapbook Your Special Memories

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

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 on Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Both beginner and advanced scrapbookers are welcome! Please bring your personal pictures and scrapbooking paper.

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

Can’t make it? Try Ed2Go’s “Digital Scrapbooking” class!

The Celebration of the Trees

Jones Creek Road area businesses, schools, churches, and civic associations will showcase their theme-related trees during the month of December at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

The trees will be on display throughout the library. This yearly event spotlights organizations in our area and is a visual delight!

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

Celebrate the Holidays with the Library!

Every Saturday in December, from noon to 4:00 p.m., come to the Mall of Louisiana where the Library will be ready to make some fun holiday memories. Get on the Polar Express, become a Santa’s helper at the Elf Academy or enjoy milk and cookies with Mrs. Claus.

We’ll also be on the road with some local parades, so make sure to wave to us!

Preventing Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn’t make – or until you are contacted by a debt collector.

Learn how to avoid identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. Maria Edwards, a certified risk consultant, will show you what steps to take at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Our Online Database, Ed2Go, offers a free class, “Protect Your Money, Credit, and Identity.” Visit www.ebrpl.com to get started!

Sooner Than I Thought Book Signing

Local author Stacie D. Ellerson will have a book signing for her self-published book, Sooner Than I Thought: I Have a Story to Tell! at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, December 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ellerson’s story is one of passion, pain, and strength!

For more information, call (225) 354-7540.
Holiday Hounds and Tinsel Kitties

Representatives from CAAWS will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch with dogs and cats available for adoption on Saturday, December 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Food for Fines

Bring in non-perishable food items to your library between December 1-30, and we will waive $1.00 owed on library fines per item. All items will be donated to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.
Last year, approximately 9,475 pounds of items were donated!
For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Going On After Loss

Going On After Loss (GOAL) is a faith-based non-profit organization that promote healthy grief recovery by providing information to those who are experiencing grief as a result of any type of loss. A meeting will be held at the Eden Park Branch on Monday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 231-3240.

Bingo

Adults are invited to play free bingo at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, December 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or at the Carver Branch on Friday, December 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Winners will receive prizes.
For more information, call (225) 354-7050 or (225) 389-7450.

Holiday Family Storytime

Take time out from your busy holiday schedule and enjoy an evening filled with holiday books, stories and songs at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.
Following the storytime, each child can make a Gingerbread Baby ornament to hang on the tree. Refreshments will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1160.

A Million Thanks from the Library

The Jones Creek Regional Branch will continue to collect letters for the “A Million Thanks” program, which inspires the community to write letters of thanks to those in the military serving abroad who look forward to receiving mail.
All ages can send their letters of gratitude, and children who are too young to write may draw a picture (parents may write a letter on their behalf). You may use your own paper for the letter or pick up some “Support Your Troops” letterhead from our library display. Give your completed letter to any library employee; no envelope is necessary.
The Library is participating in this program in conjunction with Building Common Ground - Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion.
For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

An Afternoon Tea with Jane

Come experience the Regency Era like never before at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m.
Join us in celebrating Jane Austen’s birthday with performances by the Vintage Dancers, games of Whist, and afternoon tea with cookies.
For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
Start the Season with Music at the Library

Start the season with a morning of holiday music and the trimming of the Christmas tree in the children’s department at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, December 1.

Zachary High School’s Bronco Beat Choir, an a cappella choir under the direction of Jason Bowers, will provide music at 11:00 a.m. Children will be able to create simple decorations for the Christmas tree beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

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

Craft a Wint’ry Ornament

Come and make some wint’ry ornamental crafts with the staff at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, December 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Participants will be given a chance to create three different types of seasonal ornaments suitable for a variety of displays. Participation is limited by available supplies.

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

SoulCollage

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and join us for this inspiring workshop at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, December 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SoulCollage facilitator Debbie Jacobs and art therapist Rebecca Olivera will guide participants in creating a collection of highly visible cards with deep personal meanings for each individual.

Participants must provide three 5” x 8” mat boards and a large stick of glue. Images and scissors will be provided.

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

Make an Ornament

Make decorative ornaments to adorn your Christmas tree at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, December 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Patrons will decorate clear globe ornaments with Epsom salt and ribbons.

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

Create a State-Inspired Ornament

Joyeux Noel! Participants will create a “Louisiana-inspired” red beans and rice ornament at the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. It’s a great gift idea that participants will want to keep for themselves!

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

A Christmas Celebration

The Northeast High School Show Choir will present a holiday musical program at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit!

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

Heavenly Holiday Sounds from Runnels Harp Choir

An ensemble of harp students from the Runnels School’s award-winning harp choir will play songs of the holiday season at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m.

The choir is under the direction of Rebecca Todaro.

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

The Greenwell Springs Library Christmas Gala

Join us on Sunday, December 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Christmas Gala.

The gala will feature gospel recording artist Jermyn “Big” Poole and Company, along with the youth and children of Reed and Reed performing vocal and piano selections, not to mention seasonal orations. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (225) 274-4440.
Mini Crochet Stocking Workshop

Presenters, Edith O’Neal and Susan Michelli, will teach you how to crochet a simple mini stocking that can be used as a tree ornament, a gift card holder, or to adorn a package at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The class will be limited to participants who know how to make the basic crochet stitches.

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

How to Make “Gingerbread Cookie” Ornaments

Learn how to create festive “gingerbread cookie” ornaments that look and smell good enough to eat (but please don’t try!) at the River Center Branch on Monday, December 3, at noon. They’re super easy to make and lots of fun to decorate!

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

African Holiday Angels

Patrons will learn how to make beautiful African holiday angels at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Come and create your very own special angel.

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

Crafting For a Cause Crochet Group

Whether you are new to crochet, want to improve your skills or just want to enjoy the company of fellow crafters come and meet with us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. to “Craft for a Cause” at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.

All skill levels are welcome. Donations of yarn or finished items are also welcome.

This month’s meetings will be held on Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20. For more information, call (225) 685-1540.

Carver Crochet/Knitting Club

Adults, teens, and children are invited to participate in the Carver Branch Crochet Club! All ages and abilities are welcome to attend on Wednesday, December 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Feel free to bring your own needles, yarn, and projects to work on, but supplies will be available.

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

Be on the lookout in the new year for book discussions based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe, our One Book One Community selection!
COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

The following computer classes will be held throughout the month of December. Registration for some classes is required.* For more information or to register, call the individual library branch.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Computers without Fear
Tuesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007
Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet
Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
Saturday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Gmail
Tuesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007
Thursday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Carver Branch
Computers without Fear
Tuesday, December 4, 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Library's Online Databases
Thursday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch
Computers without Fear
Tuesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Advanced Microsoft Word
Thursday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet*
Tuesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to E-mailing
Thursday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Greenwell Springs Regional Branch
Introduction to Computers*
Saturday, December 1, 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Library's Online Databases*
Thursday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

E-reader Workshop
Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003*
Saturday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet*
Thursday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Library's Online Databases
Saturday, December 22, 2:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Introduction to Computers*
Wednesday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet*
Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Library's Online Databases
Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.

Main Library
Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
Monday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
Wednesday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.

Computers without Fear
Thursday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet
Wednesday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.

Introduction to E-mailing
Thursday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.

Create a Newsletter in Microsoft Word
Monday, December 17, 9:00 a.m.

Pinterest
Monday, December 19, 9:00 a.m.

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007
Saturday, December 22, 9:00 a.m.

River Center Branch
Pinterest*
Tuesday, December 4, 12:00 p.m.

Résumé Day
Monday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet*
Tuesday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch
Introduction to Photoshop*
Tuesdays, December 4 & 11, 4:00 p.m.

Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!


Louisiana Book Festival
Library staff recently participated in the Louisiana Book Festival, where visitors wrote on our Geek Wall and read from the works of Edgar Allan Poe! We also had our masks and capes out in celebration of the upcoming events related to our spring One Book One Community selection of Poe. In the meantime, check out our Infoguide, ebrpl.libguides.com/poe.
**Holiday Gift Craft**

Christmas is just around the corner, and you’ve got to have the perfect ornament to jazz up your tree this year! Teens can come to the Baker Branch on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. to create a unique ornament that can be given as a gift or kept to enjoy.

We’ll use puff paint, glue, and other holiday knick-knacks on clear plastic bulbs to make the perfect adornment for the season!

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

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**Anime Club**

Teens, if you love anime, you’ll love this program! Join us at the Central Branch on Tuesday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will get together for our monthly Anime Club meeting. This month, we’ll not only watch anime, but we’ll eat popcorn and drink lemonade.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2644.

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**Teen Book Chat**

Come and hang out at the Central Branch on Thursday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m., and discuss the books you read last month. We’ll have book talks about stories you may enjoy for the next month.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2644.

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**Gaming at the Library!**

Tweens and teens are invited to the Central Branch on Saturday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m. for two full hours of gaming with *Tekken 6*! Be sure to bring your friends to increase the competition and fun.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2644.

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**Creative Christmas Trees**

Come to the Central Branch on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will be making Christmas trees using recycled magazines, paint, and seasonal decorative items.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2644.

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**End of the World Party**

The world has made it well past the millennium, but according to the Mayan calendar, the end is near! Tweens and teens can join us at the Central Branch on Thursday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. for the end of the world as we know it! We will play games, enjoy refreshments, and party like it is the year 1999 again!

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2644.
We Geek Reindeer Games

Even Rudolph and his pals would enjoy these games! Teens are invited to the Baker Branch on Thursday, December 20, at 3:00 p.m. to have fun on the Xbox Kinect. Compete against your friends in dance tournaments or play sports games one-on-one! Light refreshments will be served.

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

Library Elves on the Shelves!

We geek our tween and teen patrons, and to show them, we’re having a free book giveaway! Tweens and teens ages 12-17 are invited to the Carver Branch on Monday, December 10 through Thursday, December 13, starting at 4:00 p.m. each day, to choose a free book. Just look for the Teen Department library elves stationed in a secret location. Only one book per person please.

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

Not Another Christmas Movie

If you aren’t feeling the Christmas spirit, you may want to join other teens at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. to watch a movie that’s sure to shake up the holiday cheer in any Scrooge! Come to the library to watch Elf and enjoy some delicious popcorn and lemonade.

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

Tolkien Trivia Challenge

Come to the Main Library to test your knowledge of all things Tolkien, and get ready for the new Hobbit movie opening this month! Compete with your friends on Wednesday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m. and enjoy refreshments while playing our “Middle Earth” trivia challenge!

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

Holiday Bath Salts

We’ve got the perfect last-minute gift idea for all you procrastinators!

Teens will make colorful bath salts for someone special, or as a gift to themselves, at three of our library branches this month. For more information, call the individual branch.

- **Main Library**: Thursday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m.
- **River Center Branch**: Saturday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m.
- **Eden Park Branch**: Tuesday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m.

Make a Hex Nut Bracelet

Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m. for a fun craft that can double as a great gift for someone special. We’ll be making ultra-trendy bracelets using hex nuts and twine. You’ll enjoy creating this perfect holiday accessory!

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

Teen Book Club

Are you wondering what Accelerated Reader book to read next? Then come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. to find your book, discover new recommendations and discuss your favorites. Also, check out our database, Read the Books, to see points and details.

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

Holiday Movie Day

In November, teens voted on which Christmas movie they would most prefer to watch.

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. and watch the movie that had the most votes! We’ll also have popcorn and lemonade.

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

If you’re in need of some last-minute Christmas gifts, we’ve got you covered! Teens can come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. to make cocoa cones! These Christmas decorated bags filled with hot cocoa mix and yummy toppings are sure to be a hit with your friends and family. You can even make one to look like Rudolph or Santa!

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

**Cute Christmas Earrings**

Teens can celebrate Christmas in style by making a pair of cute hoop earrings! Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, December 20, at 3:00 p.m. where we’ll be painting, glittering and using Christmas paper to spruce up this seasonal accessory! Keep them for yourself or give them as a gift!

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

**Anime Lunch**

We geek anime at the Main Library! Teens can come over on Saturday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. to watch anime movies while enjoying delicious ramen noodles and tasty lemonade!

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

**Teen Library Crew**

Tweens and teens ages 12-17 are invited to our Teen Library Crew meeting at the Main Library on Tuesday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. where they can find out about upcoming events, share ideas for future teen programs, and help shape their Teen Department! Hang out, enjoy some games and snacks, and let us know what you think!

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

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**Festive Yarn Star Ornaments**

If you have a bare spot on your Christmas tree, or are looking for a groovy holiday gift to give someone special, come to the Zachary Branch on Thursday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. and make a festive wrapped yarn ornament! All supplies will be provided.

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

**Chess and Checkers**

Tweens, teens, and kids can spend the afternoon playing chess or checkers with their friends at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Holly Jolly Votive Candles**

If you like the soft, cozy glow of candles on a chilly night, or need a last-minute Christmas gift for someone special, come to the Zachary Branch on Thursday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will be turning a glass jar into a unique votive candle holder. All supplies will be provided.

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

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**Jumping Jack Santa**

Staff will read *A Creature was Stirring* by Carter Goodrick, and then children ages 8-11 will make their own Santa String toys with moveable arms and boots at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Children’s Holiday Sing-along**

To celebrate the holiday season, Taylor Gorman of Outreach Services will lead a holiday sing-along at the Main Library on Tuesday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m.

In addition to singing and playing his guitar, Taylor will read various holiday stories to children ages 3 and up.

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

**A Holiday Mouse Story/Craft**

Come to the Baker Branch and listen to two stories by Laura Numeroff: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and the Christmas-themed *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies*.

Children ages 4-8 will also sing some holiday songs, and you’ll get to make a cute mouse ornament on Saturday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
A Visit from Mrs. Claus and the Holiday Clown!

Mrs. Claus is once again helping Santa with visits to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library! She will be at each branch along with an elf or two, and the Holiday Clown will of course be along for the fun!

Children are welcome to tell Mrs. Claus what they would like Santa to bring for Christmas, or give her a letter to take back to the North Pole. Visits begin at 10:00 a.m. at each branch on the dates listed below.

All library branches will also have Santa mailboxes throughout the month of December.

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

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Tree Trimming

Holiday trees are going up in our libraries!

Children are invited to make a paper ornament between November 28 and December 23 to go on the Children’s Room trees in the following locations:
- Main Library
- Baker Branch
- Carver Branch
- Central Branch
- Delmont Gardens Branch
- Eden Park Branch
- River Center Branch

For more information, call the individual branch. Other branches are having registration required tree trimming programs at specific times.
After hearing the book, *Little Tree* by E.E. Cummings, children ages 6-11 will make their own little Christmas tree at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m.

Trees will be crafted from craft sticks, chenille stems, and brightly-colored beads, then inserted into an egg carton cup. Take them home and display them in your room!

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

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After hearing the story, *Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit*, children ages 4 and up will make their own soft and silly snow bunny at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, December 27, at 4:30 p.m.

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

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Children ages 8-11 are invited to join our new book club for a discussion of the book, *No Talking* by Andrew Clements at the Central Branch on Thursday, December 13, at 4:30 p.m.

In this hilarious book, the boys and girls of Laketon Elementary’s 5th grade are competing in a wacky contest to see which side can talk the least for two whole days. Will the reactions of the principal, teachers, and other students to this crazy challenge throw the whole school into chaos? Join us for a lively discussion to find out.

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

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Come hear the story *The First Day of Winter* at the Zachary Branch, and create your very own snowman from paper, cotton balls, and glue on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Get into the holiday spirit with us at the River Center Branch on Saturday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages 4-8 will read *One Christmas Night* by M. Christina Butler, and other fun stories about Christmas. Children will then create stained-glass Christmas ornaments using cardboard, tissue paper, scissors, glue and ribbon.

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

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After listening to the book, *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola, children ages 7-11 will make poinsettia ornaments at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 8, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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After listening to the story, *Where, Oh Where, Is Santa Claus?* by Lisa Wheeler, children ages 3-6 will create and decorate a standing Christmas tree at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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Come join us to watch the holiday classic cartoon, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m.

Afterwards, children ages 4-11 will be able to participate in playing the *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* board game.

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

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Children ages 5-11 will gather around for a telling of the holiday classic, *The Night Before Christmas* at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, December 20, at 2:30 p.m.

After the story, children ages 5-11 will make a paper bag reindeer with antlers from our very own handprints.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.
**The Night Before Christmas**

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a special preview of the Playmakers’ production of *The Night Before Christmas*.

Afterward, children ages 5 and up will make Christmas ornaments and decorate Bluebonnet’s Christmas tree on Saturday, December 1, at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Make a Wooden Ornament**

Make a wooden Christmas tree ornament at the Baker Branch using popsicle sticks on Wednesday, December 19, at 4:30 p.m.

Decorate your ornament with pom poms, stickers, and beads, and it will become a treasured family heirloom. David Biedrzycki’s *Santa’s New Jet* will be read aloud during the program to children ages 5-12.

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

**Polar Express Story/Craft**

The Delmont Gardens Branch will hold a reading of the holiday favorite, *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg, on Thursday, December 6, at 4:30 p.m.

After the story, children ages 5-11 will make their very own jingle bell necklaces using yarn, pony beads, and jingle bells.

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

**Dove Ornament**

Children ages 5 and up are invited to listen to Eve Bunting’s delightful story *Who Was Born This Special Day?* and Melissa Kajpust’s *A Dozen Silk Diapers* at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, then make a charming paper dove ornament to bring home on Saturday, December 8, at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Candy Cane Reindeer**

We will read a holiday story at the Carver Branch and kids ages 8-11 will make their own ornament to decorate their tree on Thursday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Kids will wrap pipe-cleaner antlers and glue a nose, eyes, and a scarf to a candy cane, which they can hang on their tree.

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

**‘Twas the Night Before Christmas**

The story *‘Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Louisiana author/illustrator Mike Artell, will be read to children ages 6-11 at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m.

Then, participants will make a beaded Christmas candy cane or wreath ornament using a pipe cleaner and interlocking beads. Christmas music will bring cheer to everyone as we’re busy crafting!

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

**Holiday Bookmark Story/Craft**

Dream big! Read! The story *Dewey’s Christmas at the Library* by Vicki Myron and Bret Wittner will be read to children ages 3-11 at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. Then, the children will make a colorful holiday bookmark - just in time to mark the spot in your favorite book or magazine, or to give as a stocking stuffer!

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.
Duct Tape Hair Bows and Bow Ties

Something for everyone! Duct tape crafts are back by popular demand. Make a holiday hair-bow or bow-tie from duct tape for yourself or to give as a gift at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Book Buds

Children and teens are invited to participate in this program at the Central Branch where volunteer teens become reading coaches for children in grades 2-4 on Thursday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m.

This program is a great opportunity for teens who need service hours and for children who want to practice their reading skills.

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

Book Bunch

What is your favorite holiday book, or what is your favorite book to read by the warm fire? Do you have any favorite winter craft books? The Zachary Branch’s Book Bunch will love to hear the answers on Tuesday, December 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stop by and join us as we discuss our favorite holiday books. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Very Hungry Caterpillar Story/Craft

Children ages 3-6 are invited to listen to Eric Carle’s classic book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, at the Central Branch, and then make cute caterpillars to take home on Saturday, December 1, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Mitten Count

Stop by the Children’s Room at the Jones Creek Regional Branch any time during library hours December 1-14, and guess how many brightly-colored mitten shapes are in the jar. The person with the closest guess will win a prize.

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

Wear Brown Shoes Day

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch for a storytime devoted to shoes and the color brown on Tuesday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 2-5 will hear Dog in Boots by Greg Gormley, The Caterpillar Who Wore Sneakers, and The Color Song. Following storytime, each child will make a lace-up brown shoe craft. Oh, and don’t forget to wear your brown shoes!

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

Chess and Checkers

Spend an afternoon at the Zachary Branch playing chess or checkers with your friends on Saturday, December 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Read Well @ Greenwell Children's Book Club

Children ages 7-11 will present and discuss the visuals related to their previously read stories at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 15, at noon.

For more information, call (225) 274-4460.
Build Your Holiday Playlist!

Freegal offers a wide variety of music, including classic holiday songs along with more modern additions to the genre. Your library card gets you five free song downloads a week, so get started and enjoy the sounds of the season! Also, Music Online has some terrific playlists ready to stream!

December Guessing Game

The popular “Guess How Many” game returns just in time for the holidays. Each week during the month of December, the Main Library Children’s Room will have its guessing jar full just waiting for your best guess. Of course there are prizes for those closest to the correct answer. Come by for a visit during library hours and give it a try. You could be a winner!

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

TumbleBooks Offers Holiday Ebooks and Audiobooks

Introduce Tumblebooks to your child with some holiday favorites in a digital format!

Available and related to the holidays:

- Olive, the Other Reindeer by Vivian Walsh
- ’Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore

TumbleBookCloud and TumbleBookCloudJunior offer online books and audiobooks for older children and teens, including:

- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- The Autobiography of Santa Claus by Jeff Guinn
- Under a Living Sky by Joseph Simons

TumbleTalkingBooks offers online audiobooks including:

- A Dog Named Christmas by Greg Kincaid
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- The Christmas Doll by Elvira Woodruff

TOODLER TIME
for walking children through two years old

Pride-Chaneyville
Wednesdays,
December 5, 12, 19, 26
10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
for children three to five years old

Pride-Chaneyville
Wednesdays,
December 5, 12, 19, 26
10:30 a.m.

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**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.  
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–Fort Hudson Road (225) 658-1540  
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**River Center Branch Library**
120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967  
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Scotlandville Branch Library**
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540  
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Zachary Branch Library**
1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840  
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Library Information Service**
(225) 231-3750  
Text a librarian at 66746  
Start message with “eref”  
www.ebrpl.com

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**On View at the Library**

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Caledonian Society**  
The Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge will present an exhibit centered on Scottish history and heritage.

**Boxed Enjoy**  
Artist Paula Fabre will exhibit her original shadow box designs. Each box depicts joy in some form.

**BR Scale Modelers**  
BR Scale Modelers will display cars, aircraft, figures, armored vehicles, ships, and a variety of other military vehicles.

**Carver Branch**

**Aestheticz**  
A personal collection of acrylic art hangings by Alexander Washington will be on display.

**Holiday Barbie Dolls**  
A personal collection of Barbie dolls dressed in holiday outfits will be on display.

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**Eden Park Branch**

**Artistic Visions**  
Darlene Moore will display works inspiring everyday scenes in colorful ways using acrylics and mixed media in an impressionism manner.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Holiday Beanie Babies**  
Beanie Babies from the collection of Jacqui Birkett will be on display.

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**Library Gift Book Sale**

**Recycled Reads**  
Recycled Reads will not hold a book sale in December in order to restock. The next book sale will be Saturday, January 26.