New Library Director to Assume Position in January

Spencer Watts assumes the position of Director for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library System on January 14.

The selection process for director included a series of public interviews and a public presentation by Mr. Watts in August.

“This is an exciting, yet challenging, time for public libraries,” Watts said. “We are in the midst of a period of great and rapid change in the manner in which information is organized, transmitted, and accessed, yet there is enduring demand for traditional book-based services and programs.

“I look forward to working with the board, staff, and public of East Baton Rouge Parish, as we maintain the excellent foundation of library services that has been established and work together to provide our citizens with new and exciting opportunities to learn, grow, and prosper in an era which places a premium on information access and the acquisition of knowledge.”

Watts brings 28 years of library experience which includes familiarity with construction projects, library automation, technology, branch management, library administration and collection development.

Upon receiving his letter of acceptance, Library Board of Control President Kizzy Payton commented, “We are delighted that Mr. Watts has accepted the position. We feel that he will be an excellent fit for the Library System and will make a lasting contribution to the community. We are proud that during the search for Library Director there has been no interruption in service, but we are all eager to have Mr. Watts on board. Once he assumes the reins in January, Assistant Library Directors Patricia Husband and Mary Stein will resume their normal duties.”

Watts was most recently Director of the Mobile Public Library in Mobile, Ala., where he held that position for 12 years.

Former positions include nine years as Director of the Roanoke County Public Library in Virginia, and positions at the Chesterfield County Public Library, also in Virginia. Watts was Chair of the Alabama Library Association, Public Library Division (2004) and was the Virginia Public Library Director of the Year (1998). He has been actively involved in strategic planning and capital improvement programs.

For more information, call (225) 231-3712.

Gris Gris Archive 1973-79

Want to relive your misspent youth? Check out our newest local history database, Gris Gris Archive 1973-79 (the golden years of Gris Gris). In it you’ll find articles, photos, ads, and commentary about Baton Rouge, state politics, the people and the events that made Baton Rouge one of the coolest cities in the South.

Revisit the stores where you shopped (remember the General Store?), the concerts you went to (Rolling Stones!), and the people (hippies) who were making news. The Gris Gris Archive is an exciting blast from the past and great fun to read if you spent your high school and college years in Baton Rouge. Check it out at the Online Databases page, through the E-books/Digital Library category.

This spring, we’re reading Edgar Allan Poe for One Book One Community! Check out our Poe Infoguide, www.ebrpl.libguides.com/poe.
Crafting a Career

Do you have a special hobby that you enjoy? Have you ever thought you might be able to turn your interest into a career? Cami Miller, business coach and network referral expert, will speak about what you need to know to prepare for that transition at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 19, at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2283.

Come find out what steps you need to take to get moving in the right direction!

Basic Gardening Series with East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners will host a Basic Gardening Series at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on three Thursdays in January from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The programs are designed for the general public – beginning and experienced gardeners. These research-based educational programs will cover two topics each evening.

**January 10**
- Landscape Planning Made Easy
- Ferns: Get out of the Searing Sun!

**January 17**
- Hedge to Hedge Carpeting: Turf Grass
- Butterfly Gardening: Color in Motion

**January 24**
- Garden Hand Tools – Selection, Use, Care
- A Stroll Through the Shade Dappled Garden

For more information, call (225) 763-2240.

IN MEMORIAM…

Resolution Commemorating the Life of Phyllis Heroy

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heroy was a highly respected member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Patrons of the Public Library (POPL), serving as President from 2011-2012 and as a POPL Board member from 2008,

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heroy was a woman of integrity and generosity of heart, who willingly shared her time and talent with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Library Board of Control wherever she could be of service,

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heroy worked with the Library to produce and promote The Big Read: One Book One Community, the Summer Reading Program, the Young Readers’ Choice Award, the Author-Illustrator Series, and Prime Time Family Reading Time,

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heroy was an asset to the profession of Librarianship in general and to Louisiana Libraries in particular, serving as the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) President, the LLA Conference Committee Chair, and the LLA Legislative Day Chair, among many other positions,

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heroy was committed to the residents in East Baton Rouge Parish and believed in the power of libraries to transform lives and communities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the Library Board of Control, do hereby commemorate Phyllis Heroy for her dedication to improving libraries, her steadfast commitment to the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish, her visionary leadership, and her tireless efforts on behalf of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library System; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in gratitude for her substantive contributions to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library System and its patrons, we honor the memory of Phyllis Heroy as a member of POPL and as a friend; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control adopts this memorial resolution in recognition of the character, contributions and achievements of Phyllis Heroy and expresses its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Phyllis Heroy.

Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, and Monday, January 21, in observance of the New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. holidays.
A guided tour of the nearly-completed Fairwood Branch Library took place in December with (left to right): Library Board of Control Treasurer, Jason Jacobs; Incoming District 8 Councilman, Buddy Amoroso; District 8 Legislative Assistant, Zona Pickens; District 8 Councilman, Mike Walker; Library Board of Control Member, Melanie Way; Stuart & Company General Contractors Project Manager, Blake Panepinto; Assistant Library Director, Branch Services, Patricia Husband; Library Board of Control Vice President, Tanya Freeman; Bani, Carville & Brown AIA Co-Project Architect, Matthew Daigrepont; and Developer, Windy Gladney.

Welcome to our new Library Board of Control member, Charles P. “Chip” Boyles, who was appointed to the Board by the Metropolitan Council in November.

OLOL Mobile Blood Drive

Adults are invited to the Carver Branch to give blood at the Mobile Blood Collection Unit provided by Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, January 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adults who give blood that day are eligible to have $5 waived from their library fines.

Participants will receive a blood pressure check, along with temperature, iron level, and pulse count. Other screenings can be provided upon request. To read more about the benefits of donating blood, check out www.ololrmc.com/benefits-of-blood-donation.

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

Fitness Expo @ the Creek

Planning to get in shape for the New Year? If one of your resolutions is a more active, healthier lifestyle, this workshop is a must!

Baton Rouge gyms and exercise specialists will be on hand at the Jones Creek Regional Branch to spotlight what is available in the world of fitness. Presenters will include brief demonstrations of exercises on Saturday, January 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Library Closings for Maintenance

- **The Bluebonnet Regional Branch** is closing January 3 and we expect to re-open on January 22. New flooring will be installed throughout the library. Programs scheduled during these dates will proceed as planned. Patrons will be directed to enter through the meeting room entrance at the rear of the library.
- **The Delmont Gardens Branch** is closing January 18 and we expect to reopen February 4. New flooring will be installed throughout the library. No programs or classes will take place during this closing time.

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

Loosen Up At the Library

Did the holidays stress you out? Come to the Eden Park Branch and relax with deep breathing and gentle yoga! Millie Pixley, RN, will discuss stress and relaxation techniques on Wednesday, January 16, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Natural Solutions

How many adults and children do you know that get sick? Everyone does sometimes! So many are searching for alternative ways to treat illnesses naturally, without the side effects.

Listen to Angela Morris detail her knowledge on treating sickness naturally on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.
What Is A Financial Check-Up?

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch for a workshop that will help you understand where your money goes every month. Bennett Blackledge, of Gulf Coast Bank and Trust Company, will offer a simple approach on how to put more of your money back in your pocket every day on Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Participants will learn a clear method of how to save money every month and how to make the right choices when selecting financial services.

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

Financial Check-Up: $tart The New Year Right!

Have Buyer’s Remorse from overspending at Christmas? Get your bank account back in balance with the Financial Check-Up at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m.

This seminar is intended for people who want to understand where their money goes each month, and is designed to provide people with a simple approach to put more of their money back into their pockets.

This program is part of a monthly series of library-sponsored financial seminars by Gulf Coast Bank and Trust.

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

Understanding Credit Reports and Credit Scores

Come to the Zachary Branch if you are seeking more information on credit and credit scores, including types of credit, cosigning for loans or credit cards, building a foundation for credit, protecting your credit, and monitoring your credit.

A workshop covering these topics will take place on Tuesday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m., presented by Anne Erie of Neighbors Federal Credit Union.

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

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 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 will show you what steps to take on Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

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

Self Defense With Cpl. Riley Harbor

Visit us at the Carver Branch as Cpl. Riley Harbor of the Baton Rouge City Police discusses and demonstrates self-defense techniques you can use to make your world a little safer on Tuesday, January 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Teens and adults are welcome to listen and participate.

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

Bingo!

Adults are invited to play free Bingo at the Carver Branch on Monday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded.

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

Beginning Calligraphy

Sandra Pickering from the Baton Rouge Calligraphy Guild will give participants some pointers on getting started with calligraphy at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 19, at 2:30 p.m.

She will also bring along to the workshop some samples of different styles of calligraphy. Those attending the workshop should bring two medium point fiber tip calligraphy pens.

For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.
Train Day @ the Library

A day of trains for the model/real railroad enthusiast! There will be PowerPoint presentations and slideshows, as well as model trains and train books on display at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Groups displaying exhibits include National Railway Historical Society, Louisiana Operation Lifesaver, The Train Collectors Association, the Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders, and many more! This program is for the whole family!

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

Oral History Week

You have a story, and we want to hear it! Your memories of the community are important.

The Pride-Chaneyville Branch will be interviewing people, especially senior citizens, who have lived in the Pride, Chaneyville, and surrounding areas for a long time Sunday, January 13 to Saturday, January 19 during library hours.

The interviews will become a part of the Community History Collection at the library.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1540.
Check out other oral histories at the Baton Rouge Room’s Digital Archive!

Carver Crochet and Knit Club

Adults, teens, and children are invited to participate in the Carver Crochet Club on Wednesday, January 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Carver Branch.

All ages and abilities are welcome. 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.

Delmont Family Movie Night

Patrons of all ages are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch to enjoy popcorn and a movie on Monday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m.

The movie selection is Akeelah and the Bee, starring Laurence Fishburne and Angela Bassett. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent.

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

At The River I Stand

At the River I Stand is a documentary that reconstructs the two eventful months in 1968 in Memphis leading to the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the climax of the Civil Rights Movement. It demonstrates the integral connection between the struggle for civic and economic rights.

This program will be shown at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, January 17, at 4:00 p.m. A group discussion will follow the viewing of the video.

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

Brown Bag Book Club

Bring your lunch downtown to the River Center Branch for our inaugural Brown Bag Book Club!

For this first meeting, come prepared to talk about your favorite book, author, or genre to share with the group, and we’ll decide what to read in the coming months on Wednesday, January 23, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

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

Ruffled Onesies How-To

Swing by the River Center Branch on your lunch hour Tuesday, January 15, from noon to 1:00 p.m., for a demonstration of how to add ruffles to baby onesies. These make great baby gift ideas!

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

Jam Session with Dom & Ace

Bring your instruments to the River Center Branch for a jam session with local musicians Dom and Ace! The fun starts at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19.

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

Open Mic–Original Poetry

Reed and Reed Consulting invites you to share your poetry at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch with other creative writers who are seeking an opportunity to share their original thoughts in poetry or orations.

Ten participants can share five minutes of recitation on Sunday, January 20, at 3:00 p.m.

To participate, please register by January 10.

For more information or to register, e-mail gspnation@cox.net.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

The following computer classes will be held throughout the month of January. Registration for some classes is required. * Additionally, a number of in-depth online classes are available to Library patrons via Ed2Go, an Online Database at www.ebrpl.com.

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

**Baker Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, January 17, 2:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Saturday, January 26, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007***
  Thursday, January 31, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Thursday, January 10, 2:00 p.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Gmail***
  Tuesday, January 29, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007***
  Thursday, January 31, 10:00 a.m.

**Carver Branch**
- **Pinterest***
  Thursday, January 24, 3:30 p.m.

**Delmont Gardens Branch**
- **Computers without Fear***
  Thursday, January 3, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word***
  Tuesday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.
- **Advanced Microsoft Word***
  Thursday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Eden Park Branch**
- **Computers without Fear***
  Saturday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher***
  Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.
- **Learning Express***
  Thursday, January 17, 3:30 p.m.
- **Intermediate Microsoft Excel***
  Thursday, January 24, 3:30 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word***
  Thursday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

**Greenwell Springs Regional Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Saturday, January 5, 2:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Saturday, January 12, 2:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003***
  Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Library’s Online Databases***
  Thursdays, January 24 & 31, 2:00 p.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Wednesdays, January 2 & 30 and Saturday, January 5, all 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Monday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Tuesday & Saturday, January 8 & 12, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Library’s Online Databases***
  Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Tuesday & Saturday, January 15 & 19, 10:00 a.m.
- **Ebook Workshop***
  Wednesday & Saturday, January 23 & 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Main Library**
- **Computers without Fear***
  Wednesday, January 2 & 16, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to PowerPoint***
  Thursday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word***
  Saturday, January 5, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Monday, January 7, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Wednesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to E-mailing***
  Tuesday, January 10, 9:00 a.m.
- **Create a Newsletter in Microsoft Word***
  Monday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.
- **Pinterest***
  Thursday, January 17, 9:00 a.m.
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word***
  Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m.

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Saturday, January 5, 11:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Saturday, January 19, 11:00 a.m.

**River Center Branch**
- **Computers without Fear***
  Tuesday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.
- **Pinterest***
  Thursday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Scotlandville Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel***
  Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.

Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!

Tech Toy Box
Visit the Tech Toy Box Help Desk at the Main Library through January 31 to learn how to use Overdrive ebooks and audiobooks on your new devices – smartphones, e-readers, tablets, etc.!
For Tech Toy Box schedules at other branches, check the online calendar at www.ebrpl.com.
The schedule at Main is:
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to noon

I Got An E-Reader for the Holidays! Now What?
Smartphones, iPads, Android devices, Kindles, Nooks, weird-plastic-things-with-names-you’ve-never-heard-of... if you got a portable device over the holidays, odds are you can use it to read e-books.
Bring your device to a class at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m., where we’ll show you how to connect to Overdrive e-books in no time.
We’re going to focus on e-books, but this session will also touch upon using Freegal (legal, free music downloads) and Zinio (digital magazines)! In case you haven’t noticed, we’re living in the future! Let us help you plug in to digital media with your new device.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

I Got An E-Reader for the Holidays! Now What?

Downloading Books with Overdrive
An introduction to Overdrive and how to download books to an e-reader, especially the Kindle and Nook, will take place at the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1850.

Look for BIG changes in our free OverDrive download site.
Visit the Overdrive Infoguide to find out more.
- Improved accessibility for ebook access!
- One-Step Checkout
- “OverDrive Read” browser-based eBook reading

Baker Branch
“Baker Evening Book Club”
Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.
*Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

Carver Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 5:00 p.m.
*Sarah’s Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

Central Branch
Last Thursday of the month,
11:30 a.m.
*Sackett’s Land* by Louie L’Amour

Eden Park Branch
Saturday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.
*Grown Folks Business* by Victoria Christopher Murray

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
“Science Fiction Book Club”
Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 pm.
*Darwin’s Radio* by Greg Bear

Jones Creek Regional Branch
“JCR Book Club”
Third Tuesday of the month,
7:00 p.m.

Main Library
“Mystery Lovers Book Club”
Tuesday, January 8, noon
Edgar Allan Poe; Faux Poe; Edgar Awards

Scotlandville Branch
Saturday, January 19, 3:00 p.m.
*The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe

Zachary Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 11:00 a.m.
Any item from *The Essential Poe*
Hardware Necklaces

Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 30, at 3:00 p.m. to bring hardware from the toolbox to the jewelry box! Join us in making really cool necklaces using washers and ribbon.

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

Canvas Button Tree Craft

If you’re feeling arts-and-crafty in the New Year, then the Central Branch is where you should be! Teens are invited to the library on Saturday, January 5, at 3:30 p.m. to make a decorative button tree on canvas using paint, buttons and glue. Join us for the fun!

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

Minute to Win It!

Defying Gravity, Face the Cookie and Keep it Up are just a few of the games we’ll play to find out who has what it takes to win it in a minute! Join other teens ages 12-17 at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. as they find out if they can complete the challenge in only 60 seconds!

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

Sock Penguins

Happy New Year! It’s still chilly out, and what better way to stay warm and have fun than to create your own silly character using a sock?!

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, January 9, at 3:30 p.m. where teens will be making stuffed sock penguins! You won’t to miss this exciting craft!

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

Freegal Demonstration

Do you want free and legal music downloads? Of course you do!

So, come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 8, at 4:00 p.m. where middle and high school students can see a demonstration of the Freegal database! You’ll be able to download songs onto a library computer and save them to a personal flash drive, or download the Freegal app and songs on your smartphone or tablet.

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

Crochet & Knit Club at Carver

Whether you know how to crochet or knit, or you’ve always wanted to learn, this new teen club is for you!

The Carver Branch is starting a monthly crochet and knit club on Wednesday, January 16, at 4:00 p.m. that is open to teens on all skill levels. Each month, a new project or skill will be introduced, so come and join us! Limited supplies are available, so feel free to bring your own.

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

New Year – New You

The Beehive Salon will present a makeover session of hair and make-up for teens and their new New Year look at the Main Library on Saturday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Door prizes will be awarded.

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

We Geek Creativity!
Help Design the New Teen Area Sign!

We geek creativity at the Delmont Gardens Branch! Everyone is an artist, so we’re inviting all of our talented teen patrons ages 12-18 to contribute to the creation of a Teen area sign for the branch.

Come to the library on Wednesdays, January 2 and 16, at 3:00 p.m., where you’ll be free to get inspired, and add your personal touch to your Teen Department!

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

Bingo!

B-I-N-G-O! Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. to play this classic game with your friends, and enjoy a light snack while you play! Winners will receive prizes.

For more information, call (225) 354-7050.
Happy Birthday, Sherlock Holmes!

Come to the Central Branch where we geek mystery and are celebrating the birthday of dashing detective, Sherlock Holmes! Join us on Monday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy popcorn, lemonade and the 2009 film starring Robert Downey, Jr., Sherlock Holmes!

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

Teen Book Chat

This month’s Teen Book Chat will have a Sherlock Holmes theme!

Teens are invited to the Central Branch on Thursday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m. to hear about some interesting books they may want to read including some Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. They may even enjoy some pieces featuring a newer take on the character.

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

TMC: Teen Movie Club

In celebration of National Book Month, teens can join other teens at the Central Branch on Tuesday, January 15, at 4:30 p.m. to watch the movie based on the classic book Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt.

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

Teen Movie Day: Thor

Hey teens, come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m., and chill out with your favorite Asgard superhero, Thor!

This month we’ll be watching the movie Thor, so come and munch on some popcorn, and heckle Loki with us!

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

Teen Movie Day: The Avengers

If you love watching superheroes save the day, then come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m. to watch the action-packed movie The Avengers! Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

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

Teen Book Swap

Do you have some old books, and aren’t sure what to do with them?

Well, you can stop by the Central Branch on Tuesday, January 26, at 3:30 p.m. to trade them for other gently-used books. You never know what cool page turners you’ll find!

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

Book Page Flowers

It’s a new year, so why not turn something old into something new?

Here’s your chance! Join other teens at the River Center Branch on Saturday, January 5, at 2:00 p.m. in recycling old book pages into beautiful flowers!

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

Halo 4
Hey teens, we’ve got Halo 4, the newest release of the popular video game!
You and your friends can come to the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m. and take turns on the controls! Popcorn and lemonade will be served.
For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl Championship
Teens, are you ready for action?
If you answered yes, then you should come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 8, at 3:00 p.m. to fight your way to the top in Super Smash Bros. Brawl! You won’t want to miss this gaming championship of smashing proportions! Snacks will be served.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Teen Game Day
It’s game time at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch!
We geek board games and we know you do too, so we’re inviting teens to the library on Tuesday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m. to play a variety of classic board games!
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Dance Central Dance-Off!
Was one of your new year’s resolutions to dance more? If you answered yes, then we’ve got just what you need at the Main Library!
Come and get your dance on with Dance Central 2 on the Xbox Kinect! Bring your friends and find out who has the best moves. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14. Don’t miss it!
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

The Book Buzz
Come and hang out at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m. and discuss the books you’re currently reading! We’ll also discuss stories you may enjoy reading next.
Light refreshments will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Make a Desk Organizer
Your school desk can get pretty crammed sometimes, making it easy to lose some of your stuff! Instead of having all of your pens, pencils, and other items rolling around everywhere, why not keep things neat with a desk organizer that you’ve made yourself?
Come to the Baker Branch on Wednesday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. to create one! All supplies will be provided, and light refreshments will be served.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.
Join us Monday-Sunday, January 14-20, for a hand banner craft and fun activity sheets as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at the Main Library!
For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

I Have a Dream
Children ages 5-11 will read Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport at the Baker Branch on Saturday, January 12, at 3:00 p.m.
Write your dreams on clouds and make a refrigerator magnet rainbow to remind you that dreams can come true. Make extra clouds and rainbows to hang on our bulletin board honoring MLK Jr.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Martin Luther King’s Birthday
Join in a celebration of Martin Luther King’s birthday and national holiday at the Eden Park Branch on Friday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m.
Children ages 5-11 will listen to the book, Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport. To close, participants will create a multi-colored handprint wreath showing how different cultures come together.
For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Honor of Civility
It is a day to learn the importance of giving back to the community. Children ages 4-9 are invited to watch a short informative video on Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 19, at 11:00 a.m.
Following the video, children will assemble and decorate the covers of their own MLK coloring book to take home.
For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Glass Marble Photo Magnets
Here’s a decorative way to display the smiling faces of your family and friends!
On Saturday, January 26, at 2:30 p.m. teens will be creating magnets out of glass marbles and photos at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Bring your own photos to use, or choose from available images. All other materials will be provided.
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Pom-Pom Bookmarks
Every eager reader needs a bookmark, and with this fun and functional craft, your placeholder won’t have to be boring anymore! Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 23, at 3:00 p.m. to make a pom-pom bookmark!
For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2270.

T-Shirt Scarf
Teens can come to the Main Library on Saturday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m. to design a colorful scarf from a cotton t-shirt! One will be provided, but teens may bring their own if they prefer.
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Book Buffs Check Out Old New Orleans
Children ages 8-11 will take turns reading aloud from the book Meet Cecile: An American Girl by Denise Lewis Patrick on Tuesday, January 29, at 4:30 p.m. at the Baker Branch.
The main character, Cecile Rey, lives in 1853 New Orleans and is getting ready to celebrate the Mardi Gras season. After reading and discussing the story, children will make and decorate their own Mardi Gras mask.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
**Appreciate a Dragon Day!**

Children ages 4-8 are invited to the **Baker Branch** to appreciate dragons with us! You’ll listen to dragon stories, make a cool dragon craft, and play a fun game of *Pin the Fire on the Dragon* on Wednesday, January 16, at 4:30 p.m.

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

You can also celebrate Appreciate a Dragon Day with us at the **River Center Branch** on Wednesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m.

We will read *The Flying Dragon Room* by Audrey Wood and other fun stories about dragons. Then we will make dragon masks using paper plates, construction paper, crayons, scissors, glue, and thread.

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

**World Book Encyclopedia**

Check out the link to World Book Encyclopedia on the Kids Page at our website, www.ebrpl.com. World Book includes a new resource, Early World of Learning, which is filled with games, education, and fun activities.

**Children's Services Facebook Page**

Hey parents, check out our new Children’s Services Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EBRPLKids. We’ll keep you updated with all of our children’s resources and programs!

**Backwards Day**

It’s Backwards Day at the Carver Branch! Or is it **Sdrawkcab Yad**! Join us to read some “backwards” books and to make our own mixed-up, backwards animal craft on Thursday, January 31, at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Creating Balloon Art**

Balloontwisterextraordinaire, Chris Pierce, will twist balloons into various animals, characters, and crowd-pleasing creations at the Central Branch on Thursday, January 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you’ve never seen this artist in action, come and find out why they call him “Twistofer”!

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

Ezra Jack Keats wrote a book about a black cat, and named it *Hi, Cat!* If you would like to know more about this crazy cat, come to the Eden Park Branch and hear the whole story on Wednesday, January 30, at 5:00 p.m.

Children ages 6-10 will create their very own cat out of a paper bag at the end of the story.

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

Read Well Book Club

Children ages 7-11 will meet for the Read Well Book Club at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 26, at noon.

We will learn more about the author of the next read, and talk about potential reads for the upcoming months.

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

Make Some Noise

It’s National Kazoo Day, and children ages 5-11 are invited to listen to the story *The Duck Who Played the Kazoo* by Amy E. Sklansky at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m.

Following the story, the children will make a paper towel roll kazoo to take home.

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

Flamingo Sunset

After reading *Flamingo Sunset* by Jonathan London, we’ll make our own flamingos out of pink construction paper, pink feathers, and white pipe cleaners on Thursday, January 24, at 4:00 p.m. at the Carver Branch.

The next step will be to glue the flamingo to a piece of art paper where each child can then design their own flamingo’s environment.

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

Cover 2 Cover Book Club

Children ages 8-11 are invited to join us at the Central Branch as we read Gary Paulsen’s hilarious book, *Lawn Boy* at the Central Branch on Thursday, January 10, at 4:30 p.m.

After our discussion, we will make cool wallets out of milk cartons! Light refreshments will be provided.

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

Winnie-the-Pooh Story/Craft

In honor of Winnie-the-Pooh creator A.A. Milne’s birthday, children ages 3-6 are invited to listen to *Pooh Freezy Breezy Fun* at the Central Branch and make cute Winnie-the-Pooh snowmen on Saturday, January 19, at 11:00 a.m.

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

My Penguin Osbert Story/Craft

Join us as we read *My Penguin Osbert* by Cody Kimmel, a funny tale about a boy and his pet penguin at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, January 7, at 4:30 p.m.

After the story, we will make mosaic penguin pictures out of construction paper! Please remember that children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult or a mature adolescent.

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

Perky Penguin

Children ages 3 and up will learn about emperor penguins at the Jones Creek Regional Branch as staff reads *The Emperor’s Egg* on Saturday, January 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Afterwards, each child will make a penguin picture from paper and feathers.

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

Winter Eskimo Make and Take Craft

Come join us as we make a Winter Eskimo out of a paper plate and cotton balls at the Delmont Gardens Branch! This is a make-and-take project that you don’t want to miss on Wednesday, January 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7060.
**Mouse Puppet Story/Craft**

Come listen to the story, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, and afterward, create a mouse puppet with paper, glue, and yarn at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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**Create a Snowy Owl**

Children will listen to the story, *Owl Babies*, by Martin Waddell, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, and create a baby snow owl on Saturday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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**Create a Paper Quilt Square**

After listening to the story, *Cassie’s Word Quilt* by Faith Ringgold, children ages 4 and up will create a paper quilt square at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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**A Grimm Birthday**

Come to the River Center Branch to help us celebrate the birthday of Jacob Grimm, one of the Brothers Grimm, on Friday, January 4, at 10:00 a.m.

We will be reading timeless favorites together such as *Red Riding Hood*, *Rapunzel*, and *Rumpelstiltskin*. Then we will create a castle tower and Rapunzel cutout using cardboard, yarn, paper, markers, scissors, and glue.

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

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**Chinese New Year Celebration!**

Help us greet the upcoming Chinese New Year at the River Center Branch! Come by Saturday, January 26, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and create a drum using a container and plastic lid.

After that, get ready for the upcoming Year of the Snake by decorating the drum using supplied construction paper and markers.

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

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**Origami with Mr. Sze**

Learn beginning origami from a true master! Kao Sze returns to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to teach some basic origami folds. Learn to make some cool animals and everyday objects from folded paper on Saturday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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**The Friendship Wreath**

After hearing the story, *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka, participants will make their own handprint, multicultural friendship wreaths, celebrating the differences and likenesses in children everywhere at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 19, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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**‘Tis the Season for Mittens**

Warm up to winter with a mitten story/craft at the Main Library on Saturday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m.

After hearing *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, each child ages 3-5 will decorate a mitten.

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

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**Hats! Hats! Hats!**

Hats! Hats! Hats! Celebrate National Hat Day at the Main Library by wearing your favorite hat to storytime, and take home a hat-tastic craft on Tuesday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Come listen to the story, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, and afterward, create a mouse puppet with paper, glue, and yarn at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m.

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

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**Second Saturday: Chess and Checkers**

For our first Second Saturday Chess and Checkers of 2013, we will have chess-loving volunteers available to show teens and kids ages 6 and up the basic rules and moves of chess at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, January 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free play, without instruction, will continue on Second Saturdays throughout the year. Books on these and other games will be available.

For more information, call (225) 658-1870.
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 five 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 family’s library books with the Library Elf! Sign up, customize your notifications and alerts, and more at www.libraryelf.com!

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Book Bunch

The Zachary Branch’s Book Bunch is ringing in the New Year with audiobooks! We will have a display of our favorite books in audiobook format on Tuesday, January 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1860.
Jacqueline Hunt has been collecting dolls for 25 years and will share part of her collection.

A variety of paintings will be on display.

Runnels School kindergarteners display their art inspired by George Rodrigue’s “Blue Dog” series.

David Smith shares his large collection of pelicans made from a variety of materials.