One Book One Community – We **Geek** Poe

This spring, we invite the community to read the works of Edgar Allan Poe, and be a part of One Book One Community! Each year, two books are chosen in the spring and summer, respectively, as official One Book One Community selections. A variety of community partners collaborate to bring the city interesting programming and events throughout the year.

The purpose of One Book One Community is to provide readers with a shared reading experience that leads to open dialogue.

Anyone can participate! Pick up Poe lit at any Library location or bookstore and start reading! We’ll offer a number of programs this spring to celebrate the selection, including book talks/performances, children’s programs, and more!

Our Edgar Allan Poe Infoguide, [ebrpl.libguides.com/poe](http://ebrpl.libguides.com/poe), is your all access pass to all things One Book One Community! Learn about Poe’s life, find discussion questions, click the link to our POE-terest Pinterest page, check out our links to fun articles like “10 Weird Things About Edgar Allan Poe” (#6 – We know him as the man with the mustache, but he only made it a mainstay late in life), and much more!

Also check **The Source** and our websites, www.ebrpl.com or www.ReadOneBook.org, each month this spring for event details and times.

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Library Usage Continues to Rise in 2012

**Overall, the Library experienced an increase of over 12% in major indicators.**

- The Library’s collections continue to grow, with more than 1.9 million items
- Major new additions to the collection included special resources added to the BR Room and the collection for the new Fairwood Branch
- The Library was selected as a Starred Library by Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service
- 20,024 new library cards were issued in 2012, bringing the patron count to 304,431
- Circulation remained steady, as EBRPL patrons checked out 2,338,802 items in 2012
- Programming events increased to 5,278, up 31.5% with more than 250,000 people attending
- At 484,670 hits, website use, both in-house and from remote logins, grew 32%
- Bookmobile visits increased by 35% to 1,153 stops at daycare centers, retirement centers, schools, and community events
- Meeting Room use remained steady, with 2,777 groups using our free public meeting rooms
- Reference questions dipped a bit to 868,222; the 364% increase in self-directed database use retrievals (coming in at 2,456,906 retrievals for the select databases that count such measures) account for some of the decrease in questions asked
- The Library recorded 2,206,485 visitors to our 13 conveniently located branches

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**Inside: All Things Love and Valentine’s Day • Mardi Gras Madness • African American Read-In • and more!**
Murder On False River Book Signing

Martha Gabour Manuel will speak about her new crime thriller, Murder on False River, as well as offer insight on her writing process, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 1:30 p.m.; at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m.; and at the Central Branch on Saturday, February 23, at 1:30 p.m.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.marthamanuel.com or call the individual branch.


If you have ever wanted to know what your family tree looks like, this is your chance to find out. The genealogy librarian, Cassie Fedrick, will teach Ancestry.com basic search strategies and offer tips for the best results at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Come learn 7 ways to spell a name, 6 record types, 5 steps to research, 4 ways to organize, 3 keys for searching, and 2 kinds of evidence to build ONE great tree from the roots up.

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

Can’t make it? Visit our Genealogy Infoguide for tips and online classes.

New officers were elected at the January board meeting. From left to right: outgoing-President Kizzy Payton, incoming-President Travis Woodard, Director Spencer Watts, Vice President Tanya Freeman, and Treasurer Jason Jacob.

Board members: Chip Boyles, Melanie Way, Tanya Freeman, Travis Woodard, Director Spencer Watts, Kizzy Payton, Jason Jacob, and Stan Bardwell.

Maintenance/Construction

Shelving began going up at the new Fairwood Branch in January, and books will begin arriving this month.

This mural installation, painted by artist Hans Geist, is complete at the Delmont Gardens Branch.

New flooring going into the Children’s Room at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch displays friendly creatures such as alligators and frogs.
Weekend Movie Matinees with Edgar Allan POE

For your viewing pleasure, we offer two excellent cinematic classics based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch: one on Saturday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m., and the other on Sunday, February 24, at 2:30 p.m. There will be plenty of “POE”pcorn and comfortable seating for everyone!

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

The Tell-Tale Heart: Tips for a Healthy Heart

Come to the Zachary Branch and hear Dr. Charles Thompson from the Cardiovascular Institute of the South speak about heart health on Thursday, February 14, at 11:00 a.m.
Lane Hospital staff will demonstrate CPR and use of the AED (defibrillator). Free blood pressure screenings will be offered.
For more information, call (225) 658-1840.

POeker at the Library

Edgar Allan Poe certainly enjoyed his gaming! While at university, he turned to gaming to cover his expenses. Though no money will change hands, we will have a fun afternoon of POeker at the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Open Mic-Original POEtry

Reed and Reed Consulting invites you to share your poetry 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 at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Sunday, February 17, at 3:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, email Carolyn Reed at gspnation@cox.net.

The Black Cat

Edgar Allan Poe was a pretty amazing guy. He introduced the detective story. He hung out with ravens. We’re pretty sure he invented Dub-Step. How could we possibly improve his work? Listen. We’re about to make you rethink everything.

What if we dramatically re-enact Poe’s story The Black Cat while wearing cat ears? We’ll do that on Monday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carver Branch. Afterwards, we’re going to create storyboards which you can use to create a comic book or movie about the incredibly awesome experience you just had watching librarians in cat ears read and re-enact Poe’s The Black Cat.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

“Save the Date” to Meet Edgar Allan Poe…
Friday evening, March 23, at Town Square…
Chautauqua performer, Bob Gleason, Shadow Puppets, Poetry, Films, Music, Mustaches, and more!

Write Like Poe

Handwriting today is almost a lost art form. In honor of our One Book One Community selection, we will have a workshop on the calligraphy style of handwriting. Edgar Allan Poe was very interested in handwriting. He wrote several magazine articles in which he analyzed famous people’s handwriting.

Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to learn the basics of calligraphy on Saturday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m. We will provide all the supplies.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1540.

The Tell-Tale Heart

Create a 3-D heart using red felt, dried beans, and a special message at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Poe @ Carnival: A Second Line Jazz Funeral

Come and join the second line at the Jones Creek Regional Branch as they walk and dance behind the brass band and funeral procession accompanying a coffin – twirling umbrellas and hand-decorated handkerchiefs in the air, on Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

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Old South Baton Rouge Oral History Online Now

For 70 years, the Carver Branch has served the Old South Baton Rouge community. Perhaps its most famous role has been as one of the repositories of the nationally-lauded Old South Baton Rouge Oral History Project. For many months, staff members and volunteers have been working to digitize the OSBR project tapes and make them available to you online. We’re going to present this new resource to you – with a twist!

What’s the twist? You’ll have to come to Carver on Friday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m. to find out!

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

GED Test Preparation with Learning Express Online

Come to the Carver Branch on Mondays, February 4, February 11, February 18, and February 25 at 4:00 p.m. for a four-week GED test preparation series using Learning Express Online’s practice tests. For the first hour, you and seven others will take the practice exam. In the second hour, we will go over your scores, identify your weaknesses, and offer resources the library has to help you improve your performance. Participation is limited to eight people. Registration is recommended.

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

Can’t make it? Check out online learning to discover more about Learning Express and Ed2Go.

Ask a Lawyer

Take advantage of free and individual counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis, on Saturday, February 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Baker Branch.

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

Salary Negotiations 101

Come and attend this class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch led by Career Coach Anne Nowak of the Library’s Career Center, where you will learn the rules governing salary negotiations and techniques to conquer them, on Wednesday, February 27, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Carver’s A/V Club Presents…

In celebration of African American History Month, and as the inaugural kick-off to its A/V club, the Carver Branch will present the first two hours of an acclaimed miniseries based on the novel by Alex Haley at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5; the second two hours on Tuesday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m., and the third two hours on Tuesday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Get the Dirt on Composting

February is a good time of year to start thinking about your garden.

A representative from the EBRP Recycling Office will be on hand at the Carver Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m., to talk about the benefits of composting, both for reducing your home waste production and improving the quality of your soil.

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

Can’t make it? Visit our Infoguide on Recycling.

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, February 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Franklin has made these dolls for almost 30 years.

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

Diabetes Academy

A free class to help learn about managing diabetes will be held at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m., and led by Nancy Kora, a Novo Nordisk Diabetes Educator.

The workshop will cover basic diabetes information and terminology.

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

Library Closing

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, February 12, in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday.
Valentine’s Day Collage Cards
Sheila Kelly, a professional collage artist, will show adults how to make beautiful, one-of-a-kind handmade Valentine collage cards for that special someone at the Central Branch on Tuesday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 262-2640.

Crafty Valentine’s Day Cards
Patrons will create Valentine’s Day cards using paper, fabric, and other materials at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

American Heart Month
February is American Heart Month! Take care of your heart for you and your loved ones by learning what foods are heart-healthy at the Central Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 10:30 a.m.
A dietitian from the American Heart Association will talk about eating right for your heart. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 262-2640.

You and Your Health – The Prevention and Immediate Treatment of a Stroke
In this first series of programs on “You and Your Health,” representatives from Baton Rouge General Hospital will discuss ways to prevent a stroke at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.
They will also discuss the importance of identifying a stroke and seeking treatment in the all-important first four hours following the stroke.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Self Defense Workshop
Deputy Antonio Carter from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office will teach some basic self-defense techniques and teach participants some behaviors to keep them safe at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m.
Learn to check on what’s included in your package what documentation is needed, how to simplify “boarding,” and what to pack for your cruise.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Stencil Me on Your Heart
Mardi Gras is early this year, right before a certain other February holiday. Fat Tuesday celebrations may leave you without time to prepare, but the Carver Branch is here to step in. We’ll help you create romantically-themed stencils on Wednesday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m.
You’ll then select up to two spray paint colors to use with your completed stencil. Staff will do the rest. After drying overnight, you can pick up your work of art suitable for framing (or carrying hot pizzas) on February 14 for presentation to your most esteemed recipient.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.
Serving Your Community, Preserving Your Story

The Carver Branch has been a fixture in Old South Baton Rouge’s community for 70 years as of 2013. Join us as we present a large screen slideshow featuring historical photos, old friends and familiar faces for our recently digitized collection of photos, newspaper clippings and other artifacts related to the Carver Library.

Can’t make the viewing on Friday, February 1, at 3:00 p.m.? All 1,600+ images will be made available on a digital photo frame in our lobby. If you have images, photos or other items related to your experiences with Carver, let us know!

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

Call for Authors!

The spring Authors Row, celebrating POEtry and PrOEse, will take place in April at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Authors interested in appearing should contact Yvonne Hull (225) 756-1180 or Joy Ferrara at (225) 756-1150.

Dom & Ace Blues Duo

Dom & Ace, a local blues and rock duo, will discuss the history of the blues as it relates to African-American culture at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m. They will also perform a few numbers and host a Q&A session.

For more information call (225) 763-2250.

African American History Jeopardy

Join us at the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m., to play an entertaining and informative history game.

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

Genealogy Techniques for African Americans

Trace your family roots with Edna Jordan Smith, the Genealogy Lady, on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. at the Scotlandville Branch. Hands on without the computer!

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

Estate Planning: The Family Love Letter

How do you show your loved ones how much you care? One important thing you can do is to ensure that your family will be provided for if something happens to you.

Please join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. for an Estate Planning Financial Seminar.

This class, led by two professional financial advisors, will help you organize your assets and liabilities, designate beneficiaries, and compile detailed information about your wishes should you become incapacitated.

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

For a second chance to learn about estate planning, visit the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Bennett Blackledge from Gulf Coast Bank and Trust Company will explain why it is so important to compile detailed information for your family to use at the time of your death, or if you should become incapacitated due to illness or injury.

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

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

Interested in radio communications?

Free classes led by the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

If you are interested in Radio Communications, the club will be glad to help you obtain your own FCC license.

For more information, visit www.brarc.org.

This month’s topics are:

- February 7 . . . . . About Ham Radio & Call Signs
- February 14 . . . . Control & Mind the Rules
- February 21 . . . . Tech Frequencies & Your First Radio
- February 28 . . . . Going on the Air and Repeaters

Approved Meeting Room groups should contact the location of their choice to secure bookings for 2013.

Groups not yet approved should complete and submit the online application, located at www.ebrpl.com/LibraryServices/MeetingRooms.html.
The following computer classes will be held throughout the month of February. Registration for some classes is required.*

For more information or to register, call the individual library branch. For more computer instruction, check out Ed2Go, Safari, and Learning Express.

**Baker Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Thursday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Library's Online Databases***
  Thursday, February 21, 2:00 p.m.
- **Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Saturday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.
- **Computers without Fear***
  Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007***
  Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.
- **Create a Résumé in Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007***
  Thursday, February 21, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Library's Online Databases***
  Tuesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Carver Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel***
  Thursday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

**Delmont Gardens Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word***
  Thursday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.
- **Advanced Microsoft Word***
  Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to E-mailing***
  Thursday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

**Eden Park Branch**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher***
  Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word***
  Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.
- **Computers without Fear***
  Saturday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.
- **Learning Express***
  Thursday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel***
  Thursday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

**Greenwell Springs Regional Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Saturday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Library's Online Databases***
  Wednesday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Saturday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003***
  Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Library's Online Databases***
  Thursday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Saturday, February 2, 10:00 a.m. & Monday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007***
  Saturday, February 16 & Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

**Main Library**
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Saturday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007***
  Monday, February 4, 9:00 a.m.
- **Computers without Fear***
  Wednesdays, February 6 & 20, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007***
  Thursday, February 7, 9:00 a.m.
- **Pinterest***
  Wednesday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Thursday, February 14, 9:00 a.m.
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007***
  Saturday, February 16, 9:00 a.m.
- **Create a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2007***
  Monday, February 18, 9:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to E-mailing***
  Thursday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
- **Introduction to Computers***
  Saturday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007***
  Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m.

**River Center Branch**
- **Computers without Fear***
  Tuesday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to the Internet***
  Tuesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.

**Scotlandville Branch**
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007***
  Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher***
  Tuesday, February 19, 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
- **Facebook***
  Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

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Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!

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Check out our Computer Education InfoGuide at [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com).
Learn about Other Cultures: Muslim Journeys Bookshelf

The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf grant has been awarded to the Library. It is part of the Bridging Cultures initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. We are one of 842 libraries and state humanities councils selected to receive our permanent use the small collection of 25 specially selected books and 3 films. The American Library Association will also provide promotional material and technical support.

We will host a number of related events at the Carver Branch, including inaugural talk by Professor Touria Khannous, a native of Morocco and Arabic teacher at LSU. Be on the lookout at our website and future Sources for program information, as well as a special Infoguide.

Dance in Video

Our new Online Database, Dance in Video, includes hundreds of documentaries, dance instructions, interviews, and of course, performances. It covers modern dance, classical ballet, Irish step dance, tap dance, and more!

Dance in Video is brought to us from the same people who brought us Music Online and Opera in Video, which have proven to be very popular! Last year, Opera in Video had 160,382 views, and Music Online had a whopping 964,864 views!

To access Dance in Video or our other databases, visit www.ebrpl.com. You just need your library card!

Teen Council Meeting

The Zachary Branch Teen Council will make Valentine’s Day cards for local veterans on Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.

We’ll also discuss plans for the New Year. New members in the 8th grade and higher are always welcome, so join us this month!

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

Teen Library Crew

Calling all tweens and teens ages 12-17! You’re invited to the Main Library on Tuesday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m. for our Teen Library Crew meeting.

Come and find out about upcoming events, share ideas for future teen programs, and have your voice heard on the direction of your teen department! Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.
African American History Bingo!

Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, February 20, at 3:00 p.m. where you can hang out with other teens and challenge them in a game of Bingo to test your knowledge of both historical and popular African-American culture figures.

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

Masque-erade Masks

Teens can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m. to create a masquerade mask to celebrate the Mardi Gras season!

Rock your own creativity or do it in the style of Edgar Allan Poe’s The Masque of the Red Death or The Cask of Amontillado. All materials will be provided.

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

Mardi Gras Bead Art

Do you have a ton of Mardi Gras beads and have no idea what to do with them?

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, February 19, at 3:30 p.m. and we’ll put them to good use when we make some festive Mardi Gras art! Beads will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

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

Mardi Gras Bead Mosaics

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Tweens and teens are invited to drop by the Zachary Branch on Thursday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. to make a mosaic out of Mardi Gras beads. All supplies will be provided, and delicious king cake will be served!

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

Beatles Rock Band

Are you ready to rock out like the Fab Four?! Come to the Carver Branch on Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. to play The Beatles Rock Band!

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

Game Night

Come and take a load off at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. for a night of fun and games!

Choose from board games, cards or trivia challenges! Refreshments will be provided.

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

Chess and Checkers @ the Library!

The Zachary Branch Teen Department is teaming up with the Children’s Department to bring you an afternoon of chess and checkers at the library!

Board gamers ages 6 and up can join us on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. for the fun!

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

Teens ages 12-17 are invited to the Main Library on Thursday, February 21, at 3:30 p.m. to create a unique piece of steampunk jewelry!

Get in style for our One Book, One Community read of all things Edgar Allan Poe! For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Bubbly Bath Salts

Need a Valentine’s Day gift for someone special? These luxurious bath salts are a great gift idea! Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m. where teens will be making a bubbly craft they can give away or keep for themselves.

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

Carver Crochet & Knit Club

Whether you know how to crochet or knit, or you’ve always wanted to learn, this new Teen club is for you! Come to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. and join in the fun with other members of our monthly crochet and knit club. It’s open to teens on all skill levels, and each month, a new project or skill will be introduced! Limited supplies are available, so feel free to bring your own.

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

Free ACT Practice Test

A free ACT practice test will be given at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and also at the Main Library on Saturday, February 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Note: SAT will be at Main on 2/23**

The test is open to all teens in grades 9-12. All test takers must bring their own pencils, calculator and a snack.

The test results will be given at a Scores Back session at Greenwell Springs on Tuesday, February 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and at the Main Library on Thursday, March 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Online registration is required for the test with Princeton Review at www.princetonreview.com.

Call 1-800-273-8439 for questions regarding the test or the online registration process. For more information about this program, call (225) 231-3770 or (225) 274-4470.

Tell Tale Heart

Throughout the month of February, teens can anonymously place their notes about break-ups, best memories, and words that express feelings of the heart in a drop box that will be shaped like a bleeding heart at the Scotlandville Branch.

On Wednesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. teens can come to the library to decorate their notes for the drop box. The notes will be taken out and read at an upcoming POEtry Slam.

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

Uncovering African American History

Do you need help with your African American History Month project?

Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. to check out what tools the library has to offer that can help you in your research. You can search through our databases and find primary source documents and scholarly research on a variety of topics!

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

Let’s Talk Books!

It’s the month for love!

Bring your favorite book of romance to recommend to other teen book lovers at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m. Come and learn about the history of this well-loved genre and receive other cool recommendations!

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

Accelerated Reader for Teens

If you’re wondering what Accelerated Reader book to read next, you could find it at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Teen Book Club.

Come out to the library on Saturday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m. where teens will be discussing their favorite books and get recommendations for other great books. Snacks will be served.

For more information, call (225) 274-4470. Can’t make it? Visit Star Reader via ebrpl.com to check out your own school’s selections and book availability.
Un-Valentine’s Day Movie

Forget all the mushy love stuff! Come to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, February 5, at 3:30 p.m. to watch a fast-paced action movie and enjoy light refreshments.
For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Pop-Up Valentine’s Day Cards

Love is in the air at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, so come and let it catch you!
Teens will be making a fun pop-up valentine card on Thursday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. to keep or give away to someone special.
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Valentine’s Day with Princess Buttercup

Come to the Carver Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. to watch the action come alive in a classic tale of love and adventure!
If you geek love and happy endings, then you’ll enjoy this movie complete with fencing, fighting, chases and escapes—all in the name of amour!
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Valentine’s Day Bling

Do you need an extra special gift for your Valentine? Then come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, February 7, at 3:30 p.m. where teens will make a fashionable soda top bracelet or a manly soda pop wrist cuff.
For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Valentine’s Day Party

Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch to celebrate Valentine’s Day with other teens on Wednesday, February 13, at 4:30 p.m.
We’ll be making valentines that you can give away to someone special. Plus, get ready for a competitive Valentine’s Day-themed bingo game with prizes awarded to the winners! Cookies and popcorn will be served.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Romantic Valentine’s Day Movie

Romance is in the air this month, and to celebrate, teens can come to the Main Library on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. to spend the afternoon watching a teen romantic comedy about Internet pen pals who meet at a school dance and fall in love!
Enjoy delicious popcorn and lemonade as you watch how the fairytale unfolds.
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Valentine’s Day Party

Cupid’s arrow is flying high, pink and red hearts soaring in the sky!
It’s that time of year when sweethearts wish to be near and dear. Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 4:00 p.m. for our Valentine’s Day Party! You won’t want to miss it!
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7500.

Read Well @ the Greenwell Springs’ Children’s Book Club

Children ages 7-11 will meet and discuss the previous read, and children are encouraged to bring a visual related to the story to share with the group at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. We will learn more about the author of the next read on Saturday, February 23, at noon.
For more information, call (225) 274-4460.

A Visit from the St. George Fire Department

Guests from the St. George Fire Protection District will talk to children about Fire Safety and about what to do in a cause of a fire at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m.
Afterwards, St. George firefighters will show their fireman’s gear and explain how it keeps then safe during a fire. Weather permitting, children will be treated to a close-up tour of the fire engines.
For more information, call (225) 756-1160.

Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse

Join us for an excerpt from the Playmakers’ production of Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. Afterward, we will make purple paper purses or purple paper ties.
On Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 6-8 will enjoy the book Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes, then make a take-home miniature purple purse at the Main Library.
For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

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Create a Simple and Colorful Flying Airplane

Children ages 4 and up will listen to the story *Violet the Pilot* by Steven Breen, and create a simple and colorful flying airplane at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Children ages 5 and up will help choose what happens next in the book *Choose Your Own Adventure: Lost Dog* by R.A. Montgomery, and then make a lost dog craft at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m.

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

On Mardi Gras Day

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come and listen to the book, *On Mardi Gras Day*, by Fatima Shaik at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 10:30 a.m.

They will then create and decorate a multi-colored Mardi Gras mask.

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

Mardi Gras Time

After hearing the story of *DJ and the Zulu Parade* by Denise McConduit at the Carver Branch, we’ll make Mardi Gras masks using decorative items such as feathers, jewels, and plastic straws on Monday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Mardi Gras Mask Story/Craft

Throw me somethin’ mister! Children will enjoy the Mardi Gras celebration even more wearing the brightly colored masks they design themselves at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m.

After hearing the story, *Mardi Gras* by Fatima Shaik, children ages 5-11 will create and decorate their original Mardi Gras masks.

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

Valentine’s Day Plane Cool Ornament Storytime and Craft

In anticipation of Valentine’s Day, we will make airplane Valentine ornaments at the River Center Branch on Monday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up will read *I’m Here* by Peter Reynolds and other fun stories about Valentine’s Day, then create airplanes using self-adhesive foam pieces and cards.

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

Valentine’s Day Teddy Bear Card Holder Storytime and Craft

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with us. Children ages 4-8 will read *Be Mine, Be Mine, Sweet Valentine* by Sarah Weeks and other fun stories about Valentine’s Day at the River Center Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m.

We will then create teddy bear-shaped Valentine’s Day card-holder boxes together!

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

A “Beary” Special Valentine Story/Craft

Join us for some wonderful Valentine’s Day stories as we prepare for the upcoming Valentine’s Day. After listening to stories, we’ll make “beary” special Valentines for you to give to your special someone at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7560.
Make a Valentine Wreath

After listening to the story, *Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine* by Herman Parrish, children ages 5-10 will construct a heart-filled wreath at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Valentines for Nursing Home Residents

For Valentine’s Day, we need your help to show love and friendship to local nursing home residents. Children ages 3-11 are invited to stop by the Main Library Children’s Room between February 1-13 to color a Valentine’s Day card.

If desired, older children may write personalized messages. A representative from the Children’s Room will deliver the cards to nursing home residents on Valentine’s Day.

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

Valentine Ladybug Tic Tac Toe

Children ages 5-11 will listen to the book, *Are You a Ladybug* by Judy Allen at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.

After the story, children will assemble a Valentine ladybug tic tac toe set using a craft kit.

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

Valentine’s Skateboard Pig Story/Craft

After children listen to *Mouse’s First Valentine* by Lauren Thompson, they will have lots of fun making a Valentine Skateboarding Pig for a friend or family member that says “I love you!”

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 9, at 11:00 a.m.

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

“Beary” Special Magnet

Children ages 4-8 will hear the book *Bear in Love* by Daniel Pinkwater at the Carver Branch, and after the story, each child will make a “beary” special magnet for someone special in his or her life on Monday, February 11, at 4:00 p.m.

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

*If You Give a Pig a Pancake* Story/Craft

In celebration of Valentine’s Day, children ages 4-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch to listen to the silly story, *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*, by Laura Numeroff on Wednesday, February 13, at 4:30 p.m.

After the story, we will make super cool skateboarding pigs using craft kits.

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

Clifford, We Love You

To celebrate Valentine’s Day, come to the Eden Park Branch where we will read the book, *Clifford We Love You* by Norman Birdwell on Thursday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m.

Children ages 6-11 will decorate pre-cut Valentines to give to loved ones.

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

Valentine Bird Ornament

Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us for a Valentine story and make a bird ornament for your special someone at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Wednesday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunny Sundial Craft

Long ago, sundials were the only way to tell time. The new Main Library will feature a sundial in the Children’s Room Garden.

Children ages 6-11 are invited to make a sundial of their own in preparation for the best Children’s Room of “all time” at the Main Library on Monday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Ladybug Fun

Make a bug jar to study, then release, a bug at the Baker Branch. Also make a paper ladybug from heart shapes to keep or give away to a loved one. Listen to two ladybug stories before you make your plastic bug jar on Wednesday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5960.
Sesame Street Live Tickets

Send a photo of you and your child reading a Sesame Street book to bookmobile@ebpl.com, and tell us why reading is important! Photos will be posted to our Library Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ebpl through February 20.

Participants will be entered for a chance to win tickets to see Sesame Street Live Can’t Stop Singing at the Baton Rouge River Center February 28-March 3.

African American Read-In

Children are invited to participate in or watched one of our African American Read-In programs this February! For more information, call the individual library branch.

Carver Branch: Join us for our African American Read-In on Thursday, February 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will share poems and stories by African-American authors. For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Delmont Gardens Branch: Children are invited to participate by signing up to read a selection of literature by an African-American author, or just come be a part of the audience on Thursday, February 21, at 4:30 p.m. Selections can be read individually or as part of a group. Stop by the Children’s Room to select a poem or prose piece from our collection or call (225) 354-7060 to sign up.

Eden Park Branch: We will have an African American Read-In on Sunday, February 10, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children 6-11 will read selected short poems by African-American poets. We want to hear your voice! For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3260.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch: Area schools will participate, with up to fifty participants on Tuesday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.

River Center Branch: Selections from prominent African-American authors and poets will be read in celebration of African-American literature on Tuesday, February 19, at 10:00 a.m. For more information or to register, call (225) 389-4959.

Make a Snake

Celebrate with us 2013, the Year of the Snake, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

After listening to Slithery Jake by Rose-Marie Provencher, children ages 4 and up will make a snake from pieces of construction paper and then decorate their snakes with patterns on Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Presidents Placemats Story/Craft

Let’s celebrate the birthdays of U.S. Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch as children ages 3-8 listen to President’s Day by Anne Rockwell. Then children will make a placemat to remember their favorite presidents on Saturday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m.

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

African American History Month Story/Craft

In celebration of African American History Month, children ages 4-11 will make bookmarks using quotes and phrases by famous African Americans after they have heard the story, A Sweet of Roses by Angela Johnson at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, February 23, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Third Thursday for Children with Special Needs

Join us for an afternoon storytime for children with special needs at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m. It will include stories, songs, rhymes, and sensory activities. The storytime is designed for children ages 5 and up and their parent or caregiver.

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

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

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

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Lapsit – for babies through crawling

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Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

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Michael Ginn will display his paintings of landscapes.

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Eden Park Branch
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Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Clementine Hunter Folk Artist

On View at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Historical Photos
Photos from the Willie Harris Collection will be on display, chronicling life in the Scotlandville and Southern University area.

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