We Geek Poe!

We continue to read Edgar Allan Poe’s works and celebrate them with programs in honor of our Spring One Book One Community selection. In addition to the programs listed throughout The Source, check out our infoguide for other ways to celebrate Poe, at ebrpl.libguides.com/poe.

Author’s Row

Authors of both POEtry and PrOEse will assemble to discuss their works and have book signings at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Authors include Simone Higginbotham, Desiree Cart Dugas, Damaris L.A. Lewis, A.C. Mason, Ronlyn Domingue, Yvette Brunswick, Joseph G. Dorsey, Tonia Askins, Deborah Lynne, Phillip A. Elwood, Shirley McCoy, Van R. Mayhall Jr., David Hollier, Josephine Templeton, Kathy Coon, and HeartLa Representatives.

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
We Geek Authors!

- HeartLA, the Baton Rouge chapter of Romance Writers of America, meets at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch monthly. For more information, contact arlenemessa@bellsouth.net.
- Check out our Writers Infoguide: ebrpl.libguides.com/writers.
- Zinio, our database which offers free digital magazines, includes access to Writer Magazine, and Ed2Go offers online classes including “How to Make Money From Your Writing,” “Travel Writing,” and “Business and Marketing Writing.”

The Long Haul: Author Meet and Greet Book Signing

Louisiana author, William Tellot, will present his published novel The Long Haul, at the Baker Branch on Saturday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m.

The story is a testament to the human spirit. Tellot, a truck driver for more than 15 years, relates his own experiences in novel form.

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

Join us at an open house-style design update for the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, 100 South River Road.

Stations will illustrate and detail progress of the design process, leading to schematic design.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

Bluebonnet’s 20th Anniversary Celebration

We’re celebrating National Library Week this month, and we’re also celebrating one of our own libraries in particular for a wonderful milestone! The Bluebonnet Regional Branch is 20 years young!

Please stop by to celebrate Bluebonnet’s 20th anniversary and share your favorite memories with us on Saturday, April 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Take a look at our newly-completed flooring project, too! The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society and blues artists Dom and Ace will supply our musical entertainment. Refreshments will be provided.

Also, take a free tour of the BREC Bluebonnet Swamp trails via the special entrance near the rear of our building.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.
Tell-Tale Heart Dramatic Reading

Talented staff members of the Bluebonnet Regional Branch will present a dramatic reading of *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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

An Afternoon with Edgar Allan Poe

Events from Edgar Allan Poe’s life will be on display at the Central Branch, while students from Redemptorist High School students dramatize some of his stories and poems on Tuesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Pig in a POE-Ke Family Nite Bingo

Join us for our special Family Night Bingo devoted to the works of Edgar Allan Poe on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

All prizes will be wrapped in “grab bag” fashion, so winners won’t know what they are choosing. Maybe their prize will be a “gold bug” or a “raven” or maybe a “black cat”! A fun night for the whole family!

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

Black Cat Drawings

After reading Edgar Allan Poe’s short story, *The Black Cat*, budding artists can submit a drawing or painting that best depicts their ideas of the character of the black cat at the Jones Creek Regional Branch, April 1-30. The entries will be displayed in the library, and the judges will select the winning pictures.

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

POE-Ster Contest

Patrons of any age can create an Edgar Allan Poe posted inspired by the author himself, or by any of his characters or works, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library, April 1-30.

Ribbons will be awarded. All works will be displayed by the library.

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

POE-HOTOS with Poe

Photos will be taken during library hours at the Jones Creek Regional, April 1-30, for any patrons wishing to visit the Poe Corner Exhibit. Each patron will receive a copy of the POE-hoto and it will be added to the Poe wall display.

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

Turn Off The TV And Play Bingo!

Bring the whole family to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

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

Bingo!

Enjoy a snack while playing Bingo at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Scrabble Nite @ the Library

Participants will compete in teams to see who is master of the word game Scrabble at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be given.

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

Blind Date from the Library!

To celebrate National Library Week, Sunday, April 14 to Saturday, April 20, stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch to check out one of the books on the special display. They are all wrapped in brown paper and you won’t know the identity of your book until you get home!

Will it be a fiction or non-fiction? Will it be funny, informative, entertaining or heartbreaking? If your “date” turns out to be a dud, just return it and take home another!

Inside each book pocket will be a “Rate your Date” slip – patrons can return the slip and be entered into a drawing for dinner-for-two at a local restaurant.

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

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
We Geek Crafts!

Carver Crochet and Knit Club

Adults, teens and children are invited to participate in the Carver Crochet Club at the Carver Branch.

All ages and abilities are welcome to attend on Wednesday, April 17, at 5:30 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.

How to Make a Wedding Garter

Weddings are special times. Let’s make a purple and gold garter for the bride who is also an LSU fan at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 10, at noon.

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

Recycle Your Jewelry Workshop

Don’t throw away your old, out-of-style and broken jewelry!

Bring your jewelry box, family heirlooms and jewelry that needs a little TLC to this Recycle Your Jewelry workshop at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Libby Quintana, owner of On Q Beads, and a member of the Baton Rouge Bead Society, will demonstrate how to repair, recycle and redesign jewelry that is no longer worn and will offer jewelry evaluations.

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

Stitcher Mixer

Tweens, teens, and adults – guys, girls, any age, any level – everyone is welcome to the Stitcher Mixer!

If you knit, crochet, cross-stitch or embroider, come on down! Share your talents and enjoy the camaraderie at the Main Library the first Tuesday of each month starting April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

We have knitting needles and yarns you can practice with, but if you would like to bring your project home with you, please bring a set of knitting needles size 9, 10, or 11 and a ball of bulky or worsted weight yarn.

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

Adult Craft 2 Go

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch the first four Mondays in April to make an exciting new craft for adults!

There will be a different craft each week, and all are from recyclables or everyday household items. Instructions and demonstrations will be given on Mondays at 5 p.m.

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

Scrapbook Your Special Memories

Join us for a series of scrapbooking classes at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturdays, April 13 and 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Bring old and new photos, mementos from vacation and travel, bits of fabric from a favorite but long-gone outfit, and put them into a memory-keeping book. Both beginner and advanced scrapbookers are welcome! Please bring your personal pictures and scrapbooking paper.

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

Look for us at Earth Day!
Basic Gardening Skills

Sarah Bolinger of Slow Food BR is back to present a two-part series workshop on Basic Gardening Skills at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The topics in the first session will include how to pick soil, building flower beds, composting and discussing what items can be used for compost.

The second part of the two-part series will be held on Wednesday, April 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The topics at the second session will include planting and spacing, starting seeds indoors, mulching flower beds and how to handle diseases, pests and weeds.

This workshop will be very informative for the beginner gardener. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a free transplant for attending. The transplant will be a tomato plant, pepper plant or basil plant.

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

Planting and Growing as a Family

Sarah Bolinger and Carl Motsenbacker, Professor of Horticulture at LSU, will give a presentation on planting and taking care of plants at the Baker Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. This program is centered around the family and introduces planting as a family.

Vegetables and plants will be used to discuss different parts of the plant and each participant will be given a “take home” tomato plant.

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

Container Gardening For the Family

Sarah Bolinger with Slow Food BR will present a program on Container Gardening for the entire family at the Central Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m.

It will involve hands-on planting, vegetable tasting and a short PowerPoint presentation. There will be a short introduction on container gardening and different things you can use as a container. Tomato plants and containers will be provided.

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

Family Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with the whole family at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, April 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Southern University AgCenter Extension, Community Gardens, will donate and help families design a recyclable flower pot with seeds for families to take and plant.

The Flower Lover’s Garden Guild will give a presentation and display types of flowers and plants.

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

Spring Produce Gardening

Do you want to learn how to grow POEboy ingredients like tomatoes and lettuce? Come to the Eden Park Branch for a presentation by Slow Food of Baton Rouge to learn about Spring Produce Gardening Basics on Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Take Home Tomato Plants

Short on space but want to plant a garden?

Slow Food Baton Rouge will present a workshop on Small Container Gardening at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m. Participants will be able to plant their own tomato plant and take it home!

Children’s activities are included.

For more information, call (225) 354-7540.

Best Louisiana Roses

It would be hard to find a flower more universally loved than the rose.

Roses have found a place in Louisiana’s gardens, cuisine, medicine, art and cultures. Master Gardener Claire Fontenot will introduce beautiful, easy-care and reliable roses that will enhance your landscape at Best Louisiana Roses at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m.

The Louisiana Master Gardener program is a service of the LSU AgCenter that is designed to meet the educational needs of home gardeners.

For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1540.
Yes, They Are Hiring: State and City/Parish Governments

Come and learn about State and City/Parish job openings and how to apply for them at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Peter Harris, Human Resources Consultant for the Louisiana Department of Civil Services, will discuss the positions the state is and will be hiring for in spite of budget cuts, the career paths the different state agencies offer, and how to apply for them.

Angela Milano, Human Resources Analyst for the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, will discuss the different career options City/Parish Government offers, openings they are seeking to fill, and application procedures.

This is an informational event, not a job fair, and is hosted by the Library’s Career Center and Career Counselor, Anne Nowak.

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

Learning with Ed2Go

Sign up for an Ed2Go class and join us for 8 weeks of free, no-cost, online education. What makes Ed2Go special? Ed2Go courses can lead to certifications that can enhance your resume or help you get promoted. All courses are taught by real, live human beings who will respond to your questions and do their best to help you succeed.

All Ed2Go classes feature six weeks of active instruction, followed by a two-week grace period during which you may complete your course’s requirements.

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, April 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to register for the Ed2Go class of your choice. Then, Carver will set aside eight computers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Monday until the end of the 8-week session for you to complete your Ed2Go reading assignments in a quiet environment conducive to studying.

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

E-readers, Tablets, E-books, and More at Your Library

The Carver Branch will host a class that explores what e-readers, Overdrive’s e-book service, and other devices can do for your reading experience on Thursday, April 4, at 4:00 p.m.

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


Value Line is an extremely powerful financial research tool. Now it’s online and available to all library cardholders. The Carver Branch will host a program on Wednesday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. about how to access Value Line’s Investment Research module for valuable information, analysis and recommendations regarding various stocks, bonds and funds.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.
The following computer classes will be held throughout the month of April. Registration for some classes is required.* For more information or to register, call the individual library branch.

Additionally, a number of in-depth online classes are available to Library patrons via Ed2Go, an Online Database at www.ebrpl.com.

Baker Branch
Introduction to Computers* Thursday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007* Thursday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007* Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007* Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007 Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.
Computers without Fear Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.
Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007 Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.
Create a Résumé in Microsoft Word 2007 Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to G-mail Thursday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Internet Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007 Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007 Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.

Carver Branch
Computers without Fear Tuesday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch
Computers without Fear Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Facebook Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.
Advanced Microsoft Word Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Internet Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to E-mailing Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.

Eden Park Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word* Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.
GED Test Prep with Learning Express: Social Studies* Wednesday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.
Computers without Fear* Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Greenwell Springs Regional Branch
Introduction to the Library’s Online Catalog* Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Computers* Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Internet* Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003* Saturday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.
Introduction to E-mailing* Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 p.m.
Introduction to the Library’s Online Databases* Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Introduction to Computers* Wednesday & Saturday, April 3 & 6, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Library’s Online Databases* Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Internet* Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007* Tuesday & Saturday, April 16 & 20, 10:00 a.m.

Main Library
Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007 Monday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.
Computers without Fear Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.
Introduction to PowerPoint 2007 Thursday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.
Pinterest Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 a.m.
Introduction to the Internet Thursday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.

Visit a library branch near you for free wireless Internet!
GED Test Prep with Learning Express

Need to take a practice GED test? We will offer practice tests covering different subjects this month at the Eden Park Branch.

The first class of our month-long Learning Express series will be the Reading Practice Exam I on Wednesday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. The second class will be the Math Practice Exam I on Wednesday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m. The third class will be the Science Practice Exam I on Wednesday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.

After each exam, we will go over your scores and discuss resources the library has to help you improve. Registration is recommended as space is limited.

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

Can’t make it? Check out the GED prep resources offered through Learning Express and Ed2Go at our Online Databases page at www.ebrpl.com!

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, April 13, at noon.

Doris Grimes, certified adult educator, will assist adults with preparation for the GED and also will give a practice GED at these sessions.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4440. Can’t make it? Check out the GED prep resources offered through Learning Express and Ed2Go at our Online Databases page at www.ebrpl.com!

Adult Study Skills

Tutor Kathleen Johnson will share her tips to help you at work and at school at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Her successful study methods have helped many people not only pass tests, but also improve note-taking and listening skills at work.

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

Can’t make it? Check out the resources offered through Learning Express and Ed2Go at our Online Databases page at www.ebrpl.com!

Check Out Bon’App

It’s not too late to download the free app and participate in the Bon’App study.

Bon’App, a mobile app (on iPhone or Android) and website, provides personalized nutritional information in a simple language to help you understand what’s in your food.

Visit ebrpl.libguides.com/bonapp for more information.

Retirement Strategies for Women: Pathway to Independence

Are you a woman worried about saving for retirement? This seminar, hosted by the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch is designed to address the unique financial challenges that face women.

Financial advisors Bennett Blackledge and Pat Talamo will show you how to calculate the amount of money you’ll need to retire, share tips for growing and monitoring your savings, and give one-on-one financial advice on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4440.
Open Mic Comedy Night
Calling all aspiring comedians! This is an opportunity for all amateur comics to tell their favorite jokes/stories in a coffeehouse setting at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.
Come be a part of the entertainment—or a part of the audience.
What better way to celebrate April Fool’s Day!
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Good Nutrition for a Lifetime
Baton Rouge resident Freddie Sanders will share his personal story of how we can maintain healthy nutrition for life on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.
He will discuss eating habits at different stages of life and why diets don’t work.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

You and Your Health: Keeping A Healthy Heart
In this latest workshop in the You and Your Health Series, Sandra Jones from Baton Rouge General Hospital will explain how factors such as diet, exercise, lifestyle and family history affect your heart on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.
She will discuss ways to keep a healthy heart for a lifetime.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Muslim Journeys Bookshelf: The Conference of the Birds Book Discussion
Join us at the Carver Branch as we discuss a classic work of Medieval literature, The Conference of the Birds. This book discussion, begins at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Koran by Heart – A Documentary By Greg Barker
Join the Carver A.V. Club as we present Greg Barker’s documentary, Koran by Heart, a look at three of the 110 children who participated in the world’s oldest Koran recital program held in Cairo in 2009, the International Holy Koran Competition.
The documentary will be shown on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Carver Branch.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

The above presentations are part of continuing programming made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, awarded to the Carver Branch in January.
The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was designed as a means of introducing Americans to people, places, viewpoints, literature, art, and artifacts produced by the Islamic and Muslim experience both here and abroad. These texts and Audio/Visual components were selected by scholars and others considered experts in the study of literature, religion, culture, history, politics, science, and the arts.

First Time Home Buying
Bennett Blackledge from Gulf Coast Bank & Trust returns to the Jones Creek Regional Branch with information for the first-time homebuyer on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.
Topics will include: Benefits of Owning a Home, What’s a Perfect Payment, What Should My Credit Look Like, and Which Mortgage Option is Best For Me.
For more information or to register, call (225) 756-1150.

The Seekers Inspirational Book Club
The “Seekers Book Club” is a faith-based women’s book club that meets to share thoughts, insights, and discuss Christian nonfiction and empowerment books, led by evangelist Tammy Dugas at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.
The book club will meet the third Sunday of each month, starting on Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4450.

It’s Poetry Time!
Come and express yourself through poetry at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 3:00 p.m. In honor of National Poetry Month, each poet will read three original poems or read three poems by your favorite poet.
For more information or to register, call (225) 354-7550.
**Confessions of a Welfare Mom**

Simone Higginbotham, a Baton Rouge contributor to *Confessions of a Welfare Mom: An Urban Anthology of Personal Experiences*, will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch to share her story with us on Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. and at the Scotlandville Branch on Sunday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m.

The book, written by Kiwan N. Fitch, spotlights women who are currently or at one point in their lives were on any form of public assistance. Higginbotham is a featured author in this collection. The book is a composite of the many faces of welfare.

A book signing will follow Ms. Higginbotham’s presentation.
For more information, call (225) 756-1150 or (225) 354-7550.

**Slow Cooking On a Budget**

Julie Kay, contributing writer for The Advocate, will discuss making quick, easy and budget-friendly meals for the slow cooker at Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Beginner cooks, busy moms and dads, working professionals, or anyone interested in slow cooking will benefit from this discussion.
For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

**Local Cookbooks**

The Advocate staff reporter and food section journalist Cheramie Sonnier will discuss her top picks for local cookbooks at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**We Geek Animals - Pet Adoption Day**

The Zachary Branch will host a Pet Adoption Day featuring dogs from the pet shelter at Dixon Correctional Institute.

The event will be in front of the library in the center of the parking lot “green” on Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

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Mix and Match POEtry Slam

Teens, come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, April 4, at 3:00 p.m. to create your own poems using lines from the works of Edgar Allan Poe! Mix and match stanzas and lines to create completely new works of written art.

A prize goes to the best poem! Refreshments will be provided. Adults, you’re welcome to join the fun, too.

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

Reader’s Theatre POEtry

Come to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, April 24, at 4:00 p.m. to participate in a teen reader’s theatre experience of selected poems by Edgar Allan Poe such as Annabel Lee, The Bells, and The Raven. You’ll also learn obscure facts about Poe and create some paraPOEnalia.

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

National Poetry Month Recycled Book Craft

April is National Poetry Month, and to celebrate, teens are invited to the Central Branch on Thursday, April 25, at 4:30 p.m. to create Black-out Poetry!

You won’t want to miss this fun program!

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

POEtry Smackdown!

Do you have what it takes to recite POEtry?

The works of Edgar Allan Poe are not meant just to be read, but performed! Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. to see who is best at reciting some of Poe’s best prose.

Winners will receive a prize.

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

Teen POEtry Café @ Zachary

Teens are invited to the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. to read or recite poetry of their choice, with an emphasis on the works of Edgar Allan Poe. Dramatic readings are encouraged, so show us what you’ve got! There will also be a family friendly costume contest, so come dressed to win!

Decaffeinated coffee, flavored teas, cookies and popcorn will be served.

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

Poem Script Scarf

Let’s celebrate National Poetry Month at the Jones Creek Regional Branch by writing a poem on a scarf using colored markers! Come to the library on Saturday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. where teens can use poetry books to choose a favorite prose, or they can compose their own poem to write on their scarf.

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

POElastic Duct Tape Accessories

Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe’s The Raven, teens at the Eden Park Branch will create fantastic duct tape feathers on Thursday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m. You can make a dark and dreary feather headband, a fowl-feathered pair of earrings or a ghastly grim bracelet.

For more information or to register, call (225) 331-3250.

DIY Wax Seals

Come on over to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m. to create your own wax seals out of corks! Personalize your notes and journals with this Victorian-inspired signature! All materials will be provided.

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

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, April 17, 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.

Pamper Yourself for Prom!

Are you getting ready for prom or a special date? Pamper yourself with luxurious bath salts! Come to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will be making this fun and bubbly craft.

For more information, call (225) 924-9387.
Stained Glass Flowers

Earth Day is fast approaching and what better way to celebrate than with a really fun and festive craft? Come to the Main Library on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m. where teens will create stained glass flowers from recycled water bottles.

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

Make Your Mark!

Here’s your chance to create a unique, personalized bookmark! Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will use paint sample cards, rubber stamps and a calligraphy pen and ink to make a really cool bookmark!

For more information, call (225) 354-7570.

3-D Spheres To Go

Teens will make 3-D spheres using a template and colored paper at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Just stop by the Teen Services desk at any time on Tuesday, April 9, where directions and supplies will be left out all day long for teens to enjoy!

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

You Rock!

Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, April 24, at 4:00 p.m. to hang out with other teens when they use air-dry clay to shape a pocket rock or refrigerator magnet! You can use plant leaves or other objects to imprint the soft clay.

When the clay hardens, paint over the new rock creation and add a magnet strip if you’d like! Rock your own way!

For more information, call (225) 354-7570.

Teen Library Crew Meeting

Calling all tweens and teens, ages 12-17! You’re invited to the Fairwood Branch on Monday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m. for our very first Teen Library Crew meeting. Come and find out about upcoming events and share YOUR ideas for future teen programs! We want to hear from you! Light snacks will be served.

For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

What’s Up, Doc?

On April 30, 1938, Warner Brothers’ “wascally wabbit,” Bugs Bunny debuted onscreen in his first theatrical short. We’re celebrating his 75th birthday at the Carver Branch, and you’re invited to the library on Tuesday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. to munch on snacks while you watch the wabbit at his best!

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

TMT: Teen Movie Time

Join other teens at the Central Branch on Tuesday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. as they watch a moving drama about an unlikely friendship and the devastation of the Holocaust. Delicious popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

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

TMT: Teen Movie Time

Celebrate William Shakespeare’s birthday with other teens at the Central Branch on Tuesday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m. while they watch an adaptation of his famous comedy The Taming of the Shrew. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

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

Teen Movie Day

Join other teens at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m. for popcorn, lemonade, and an adventurous movie about a brave heroine who needs to save her kingdom before the chaos goes too far!

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

Popcorn & Poe!

Come to the Main Library on Saturday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m. where teens will celebrate the One Book, One Community read of Edgar Allan Poe by watching a movie based on one of his famous short stories! Murder, madness, and a chamber of horrors await you!

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

Classic Romance Movie

Do you geek classic romance? Indulge yourself in a classic romance story about love conquering pride and prejudice. Come to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. to enjoy delicious popcorn and lemonade as you watch how love conquers all.

For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

Popcorn and a Movie!

Come on over to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch after school on Tuesday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. to watch everyone’s favorite superhero movie featuring Thor, Iron Man, the Black Widow, the Hulk and more!

For more information, call (225) 658-1551.
Teen Book Chat
Join other teens at the Central Branch on Tuesday, April 9, at 4:30 p.m. when they discuss books they’ve enjoyed reading! In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, all books will feature Holocaust and WWII fiction.
For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

Teen Book Club
If you’re looking for some good Accelerated Reader books, you should come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m. to join our teen book club, and discuss your favorite books! Snacks will be provided.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Teen Book Club
We’ve got a book club just for teens! Come to the River Center Branch on Thursday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss your favorite book or series with other eager readers! Snacks will be provided.
For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Tween and Teen Book Club
Join us in celebrating Shakespeare’s birthday this month at the Zachary Branch! Read Gary Schmidt’s Wednesday Wars, then come have tea and biscuits with us at the library on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. as we discuss this humorous story. A fast read, Wednesday Wars will make you laugh and sympathize with middle schooler Holling Hoodwood, whose teacher is making him read Shakespeare, even outside of class.
For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Board Games @ the Library!
Are you bored? If you answered yes, then the Central Branch teen department has the cure: board games! Join other teens at the library on Tuesday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m. for some old-school fun and games while we play favorites like Jenga and Uno! Bring a friend to increase the competition.
For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

African-American History Bingo!
Teens will play African-American History Bingo at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. Come on over to see if you’ll win the prize! Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 354-7070.

Who Has Moves Like Mike?
How’s your moonwalk? If you think you’ve got moves like the pop music legend, then you should join other teens at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, April 24, at 3:00 p.m. to play the Michael Jackson Experience on the Wii! Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 354-7070.

Library Smackdown: WWE ‘13
It’s the Eden Park Branch Battle Royale! Come over on Thursday, April 18, at 3:30 p.m. to see if you have what it takes to come out on top! Lay the smack down on your friends as you fight for supremacy in the squared circle. Prove you are the champion of the Xbox 360 and WWE ‘13!
For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Dance Central Dance-off!
Come to the Main Library and dance ‘til you drop with the brand new Dance Central 3 on the Xbox Kinect! You and your friends can come to the library on Tuesday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m. to find out who really has the best moves!
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Super Smash Bros. Game Night
Are you ready for action? Teens, come fight your way to the top in “Super Smash Bros. Brawl” at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. Come out and find out who’ll be the champion!
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Fly a Kite Challenge!
Celebrate National Kite Month at the Carver Branch! Teens can come to the library on Tuesday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. to make a basic kite out of recycled materials! After all of the kites are assembled, everyone can fly their creation to see which one will soar the highest, for the longest amount of time!
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7450.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
The Harlem Shake: Library Edition

FLASH MOB! Want to get in on one of the biggest crazes sweeping the Internet before it’s over? Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m. and bring your craziest library appropriate clothes, hats and masks with you!

Also, pick out your favorite teen fiction or non-fiction book, and we’ll make our own 30-second version of the Harlem Shake, dancing with books in silly, colorful outfits, and post it online.

For more information, call (225) 658-1551.

The Stories of Oz

Are you a The Wizard of Oz enthusiast? If you said yes, you’ll enjoy this magical event!

Many of the stories have remained popular from 1900 to the present. Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m. to explore the wonderful tales from the Land of Oz!

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

Changing Seasons Tree

In celebration of Earth Day, we will read The Lorax by Dr. Seuss and learn fun environmental facts at the Carver Branch on Monday, April 22, at 4:00 p.m.

Then, everyone will make their own “changing seasons” tree craft using two paper plates, a brass fastener and sponge-painting with tempera paint.

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

Earth Day Celebration

Come to the Eden Park children’s room to celebrate Earth Day Monday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m.

Children ages 7-11 will enjoy listening to the book, Under Ground by Denise Fleming. Participants will decorate “fan maps” of the world to take home.

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

Recycled Crafts for Earth Day

On Earth Day, Monday, April 22, at 4:00 p.m., kids ages 7-11 will be able to make two sea creature crafts out of recycled plastic water bottles at the Fairwood Branch. They’ll make a fish out of the bottle itself, and a little turtle out of the bottle top.

We’ll also talk about some other ways they can help the environment.

For more information or to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Brown Bag Recycle Hand Puppet

After children have heard the story, The Earth Book by Todd Parr, on Saturday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m., they will learn to appreciate the beautiful things on Earth as they decorate and bring to life their brown paper Earth Hand Puppet at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

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

Earth Day Celebration

In celebration of Earth Day, children ages 4 and up will read Franklin Plants a Tree by Paulette Bourgeois and other fun stories about the environment at the River Center Branch on Monday, April 22, at 1:00 p.m.

We will then use CD cases as windowsill planters to house potting soil and beans. Children will be able to take home the craft and watch the seed grown into a plant.

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.
**A Spring Skunk Story/Craft**

After listening to the book, *Skunk’s Spring Surprise*, by Leslea Newman, children ages 6-10 will create a spring skunk puppet at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Let’s Fly a Kite**

Children ages 5 and up will hear two stories, *Kite Day* by Will Hillenbrand and *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers, and then we will make a kite at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Two “Music Together” Demonstrations**

Children ages 5 and under are invited to join local teacher and professional violist Sonia Feres-Lloyd for a music and movement class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, April 8. The 30-minute session will be held twice, first at 10:30 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m.

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

**Laughing at the Library!**

In honor of National Humor Month, we’ll read excerpts from a couple of children’s joke and riddle books. With the help of drawing books such as *50 Nifty Funny Faces to Draw* and *I Love to Draw Cartoons*, we’ll draw our own humorous faces and folks at the Carver Branch on Monday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

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

**Cover 2 Cover Book Club**

Children ages 8-11 are invited to participate in a Reader’s Theater rendition of a chapter from the hilarious book *Mr. and Mrs. Bunny – Detectives Extraordinaire!* at the Central Branch on Thursday, April 4, at 4:30 p.m.

After the reading and a discussion, children can make adorable beaded rabbit necklaces to take home.

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

**Dancing Ducks**

Children ages 4-7 will enjoy a reading of *Duck Sock Hop* by Jane Kohuth, listening to music, and dancing in their socks at the Carver Branch on Thursday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m.

Using crayons, each child will design their own paper plate duck wearing unique socks.

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

**Make Your Own Spring Garden Scene**

Make a beautiful spring garden collage with pictures of flowers, butterflies, and more at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m. Listen to Lois Elhert’s *Planting a Rainbow* read aloud.

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

**Spring into Spring! Story/Craft**

Children ages 3-6 are invited to celebrate the season of spring by listening to the book *Spring Things* written by Bob Raczka at the Central Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m.

Afterwards, children can make spring tree paper crafts.

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

**Spring “Clean-Up”**

It’s time for spring cleaning! Come to the Eden Park Branch and listen to Clifford’s *Spring Clean-Up* on Saturday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m. You will get wonderful ideas to use around your home and neighborhood. In closing, participants ages 6-10 will select pictures of things which might be thrown away.

For more information, call (225) 231-3250.
Popsicle Stick Puzzles Story/Craft

In anticipation of Turn-off-the-TV Week, children ages 3-11 will enjoy hearing the delightful story, *Penny Lee and Her TV* by Glenn McCoy at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Then, children will make fun and simple popsicle puzzles to take home and enjoy over and over again.

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

Rainbow Raindrops Guessing Game

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch Children’s Room any time between April 1-12 and guess how many rainbow-colored raindrops are in the plastic jar! The child with the closest guess will win a prize.

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

Rainy Day Storytime

Children ages 2-6 will hear *Raindrop Plop* by Wendy Lewinson and *Red Rubber Boot Day* by Mary Lyn Ray at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. Then they will participate in rain-related songs and movement. Each child will also decorate an umbrella cutout using crayons and paper raindrops.

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

Butterfly Wristband Story/Craft

Children ages 4-11 will enjoy the story, *Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Each child will then make a butterfly wristband. Children will leave with a butterfly fluttering on their wrists!

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

Fluttery Friends Story/Craft

Springtime is such fun! Let’s celebrate with a butterfly craft and stories at the Main Library on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. We’ll even flutter outside if the sun is shining.

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

We Love Frogs! Storytime and Craft

Children ages 3-7 will read *The Frog with the Big Mouth* by Teresa Bateman, plus more stories about frogs at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Kids will also get to do a cute frog craft after storytime.

For more information or to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Stories After School for Library Week

Each afternoon after school during National Library Week, we’ll read picture books about libraries at the Fairwood Branch. So come to the children’s room and enjoy spending time at the library Monday-Thursday, April 15-19, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Disney Fun!

Join us for some Disney fun at the Main Library!

Choose from these cool Disney stations: *Disney Dance Dance Revolution*, a Disney movie, puzzle solving, coloring and more on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Balloon Bonanza

Balloon Artist Chris Pierce will twist balloons into exciting creatures at the Main Library on Wednesday, April 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3760.
Children’s Poetry Hour

April is National Poetry Month! Children ages 8-11 can come celebrate poetry with a circle reading at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m.

They’ll be reading poems from the wonderful books *A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout,* and *Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone.* They can also try their hand at writing their own poems.

For more information or to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Create a Rabbit Puppet

Children ages 5-11 will make creative random and concrete poems all month long while supplies last. All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

I Love POEtry

Come and celebrate National POEtry Month with us at the Scotlandville Branch, April 1-30!

Children ages 5-11 will make creative random and concrete poems all month long while supplies last. All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

POEtry Party!

Children ages 8-11 are invited to a POEtry inspired party to celebrate April being National Poetry Month and the One Book One Community program focusing on the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

Children will read several kid-friendly poems by Poe, Silverstein and Prelutsky at the Central Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m.

They will compete to win the title of tongue twister champion in a “poetry race,” play a trivia-based game of Tic Tac POE, and participate in a poetry play.

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

Dance! Dance! Dance!

Come and dance with us! Wendy Bibby, director of the Tri-Parish Ballet, and her staff will teach the basics of ballet at the Main Library on Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m. We will wrap up with a short performance by the new dancers! Boys and girls are encouraged to wear a ballet costume if they have one, or other comfortable clothing.

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

Create a Rabbit Puppet

Children ages 4-6 will celebrate National Kite Month by listening to the story, *Rabbit’s Birthday Kite* by Maryann Macdonald at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m.

Afterwards, the children will create a rabbit puppet.

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

National Drop Everything and Read Day

Join us Saturday, April 6, for a special silly storytime at the Scotlandville Branch. We will read silly stories such as *Never Tease a Weasel* and *The Very Lazy Ladybug* all throughout the day from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. So stop by the Scotlandville’s Children’s Room this Saturday to hear some of your favorite silly stories!

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

Brown Bag Movie

Join us for a fun-filled cinematic afternoon with Remy and Linguini at the Scotlandville Branch! That’s right – we’re going to hang out with our friends from the City of Lights on Saturday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your paper bag lunch (must be finger foods), sit back, and enjoy your lunch while you watch the movie! So come hang out with us and have fun!

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

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

Make a Mosaic Fish

Children ages 4-11 will listen to the story, *Fish Had a Wish* by Michael Garland and then create a colorful mosaic fish at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 6, at 4:00 p.m.

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

National Drop Everything and Read Day

Storytime and Craft

In celebration of National Drop Everything and Read Day, we will read *Read Anything Good Lately* by Susan Allen and other fun stories about reading at the River Center Branch on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.

We will then create our own books and draw accompanying illustrations.

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

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for an afternoon storytime for children with special needs on Thursday, April 18, at 4:00 p.m.

It will include stories, songs, rhymes and sensory activities, and is designed for children ages 5 and up and their parent or caregiver.

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

Second Saturday Chess and Checkers

Spend the afternoon at the Zachary Branch with your friends playing either chess or checkers on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Book Bunch

From sharks of the deep to the stars in space, the Book Bunch is exploring the world of nonfiction at the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss our favorite true stories. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Ginger Cat Story and Craft

We’re reading the book Ginger, and afterwards, creating our own paper plate cat at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Great Hula Hoop Contest

In celebration of the first modern Olympics, children will hear the story Jump, Jog, Leap Frog by Tracy Traynor on Saturday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

Then the fun and excitement really begins as children perform their best hula hoop twirls. Winners will be chosen for the most creative hula hoop styles.

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

Photo Frame Magnet Story/Craft

Pictures! After listening to the story, Spring is Here by Will Hillenbrand, children ages 5 and up will make a fabulous foam magnetic frame at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.

This is the perfect gift for mom to display her favorite photographic memory on the refrigerator door!

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

Little Lamb Make and Take

Join us after storytime for craft time at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 2 and up will get to create a little lamb from cotton balls, paper, and glue.

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

Read Well @ Greenwell Children’s Book Club

Children ages 7-11 will meet and discuss the previous Book Club read – selections from the Clovis Crawfish series by Mary Alice Fontenot – and present a visual related to the story at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Then children are encouraged to share with the group recommendations for upcoming months. We will learn more about the author of the next read.

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

The Source, April 2013
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 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.

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

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Combined Age Storytime

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Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Fancy Nancy’s Scrappin’ Divas
“Fancy Nancy” and her students will exhibit a number of scrapbook layouts with various themes.

Highland Road Artists Exhibit
A variety of paintings, drawings, collages, and prints created by the members of the Highland Road Artists will be on display.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
“Cane Mutiny”
Baton Rouge resident John Ricketts displays his collection of handmade walking canes.

Graphic Arts
Antoine “Ghost” Mitchell exhibits graphic arts.