1. Visit the library with your out-of-town family and guests.
2. Checkout holiday CDs, DVDs, and BluRays.
3. Attend one of the many Library Programs offered this month.
4. Take an on-line class, free of charge with Learn4Life, such as the MS Excel course and create an awesome spreadsheet budget for holiday shopping.
5. Access Zinio to download Paper Inspirations for festive decorating ideas and instructions.
6. Bring your little one(s) to meet Mrs. Claus and her Elf, Silly Nilly. More details inside this issue.
7. Update your library card.
8. Stream an amazing mix of music from a variety of holiday playlists or make your own music mix online.
9. Plan your holiday recipes using hints from one of our cooking demonstrations or by browsing through thousands of cookbooks.
10. Attend one of our ornament craft programs and create something unique for your family.

Let it Snow

Children ages 2-11 are invited to attend the Louisiana Art and Science Museum's presentation of Let It Snow at 13 branches throughout the library system during the month of December. The favorite holiday program features a variety of festive classics from Frank Sinatra and Chuck Berry to Burl Ives and Brenda Lee, and includes a stunning multi-media finale by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. This family-friendly soundtrack is visually enhanced with full-dome animation, laser imagery and special effects. Dates, times and locations are listed below. For more information and to register, contact the branch directly.

Baker Branch
Monday, December 9, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Carver Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Central Branch
Thursday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch
Thursday, December 5, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fairwood Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Regional Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Saturday, December 21, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Thursday, December 19, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

River Center Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Stay off the Library Naughty List
- Drop your books off before you hit the mall.
- Use Library Elf to set up alerts.
- Keep books and other loaned items away from eggnog!
How to Start Your Virtual Business

Author and founder of Virtual International Business Solutions, Tonia Askins, will be at the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a workshop covering how to start a virtual business. If you are interested in starting an Internet business, this one’s for you! For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3240.

World Peace: A Possible Dream with Janie Guy Winter

Author Janie Guy Winter will discuss her new book World Peace: A Possible Dream at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. Her book has been recognized for achievement by the Ted Turner Foundation. Upcoming works include the self-illustrated book Mother’s Love and a book of poems called Skinny Moon, which will be on shelves soon! A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Unafraid to Dream with Sylvia Chatman

Author of Unafraid to Dream, Sylvia Chatman will be at the Eden Park Branch on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. to present a selection of motivational poems from her newly published book. After the presentation, she will be available for a book signing. For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Tech Toy Box @ Bluebonnet

If you have a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone or eReader, you can use the library’s resources to read books and magazines, learn new languages, download music and audio books, study for tests, develop career skills, and so much more! Just come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. so library staff can show you how to access all of these amazing resources! For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

Tech Toy Box @ Scotlandville

The Tech Toy Box has returned! Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. to get live assistance and demonstrations on popular apps on devices like the iPad, Kindle Fire, and the Nook. Learn all about OverDrive, Freegal, Zinio and more! For more information, call (225) 354-7580.

Tiny the Teapot: A Childhood Memory

Baton Rouge resident Marcy M.K. Ross tells the endearing tale of a plain little teapot that learns to hold his temper when others tease him. Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. to hear a presentation of this book that comes from childhood memories of the author’s grandmother sharing tea with her. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Sidewalk Astronomy @ the Library

Members of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society will bring telescopes and set them up outside the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. for the public to view what can be seen in the night sky. People of all ages are invited to view the moon in incredible detail, to see visible planets, binary stars, star clusters, galaxies and more! For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Job Hunting Online

Today’s job search generally includes looking for openings online, and if you don’t know how to search the web for open positions, e-mail a résumé, or answer electronic job ads, this course is for you! Come to the Eden Park Branch on Friday, December 20, at 2:30 p.m. where you’ll be shown various job hunting websites, learn how to post an online résumé and communicate with potential employers using their webpage. Basic computer skills are required for this course. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3250.

Holiday Closures

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 31
- Wednesday, January 1
The Affordable Healthcare Act: Your Questions Answered

The Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) is now in effect, and if you have questions about your insurance, are uninsured, or wonder if your unique healthcare situation is covered by the ACA, then attend one of the December question and answer programs. Experts will be available to explain the ACA, simplify confusing parts, answer your questions and give information on how to sign up for affordable marketplace insurance.

2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7, Main Library
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, Main Library
1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14, Eden Park Branch
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, Main Library
6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 19, Bluebonnet Regional Branch*

*Special Presentation with one-on-one assistance provided, courtesy of the Mayor’s Office and the Healthy City BR Campaign.

Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Meeting

Alzheimer’s Services of the Capital Area sponsors caring meetings where families and friends can share their experiences and learn essential information for coping with Alzheimer’s or dementia. Caregiver Network Groups meet regularly and are free and open to the public. A new group has begun at the Jones Creek Regional Branch and will meet on Monday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. Diane Miller of Lifesource Hospice will be present to answer questions and offer support. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Silhouette of a Southern Cook with Tonya Jacob-Haggerty

New Orleans native Tonya Jacob-Haggerty will share her 30 years of experience as a chef and her observations on life in her new book Silhouette of a Southern Cook at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. A book signing will follow. To register, call (225) 756-1150.

Soul Food Cooking Demonstration with Barbara Franklin

Baton Rouge artist, Barbara Franklin will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. to present a cooking demonstration on the essential elements of soul food cuisine. You’ll even have the chance to sample foods following the presentation. To register, call (225) 756-1150.

EBRPL Receives Three-Star Rating

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library has once again been awarded a Three-Star Rating from Library Journal. The rating was based upon four criteria; library visits, circulation, program attendance and public internet computer use. Congratulations to our staff and library patrons who made this possible.

DIVAS Holiday Event

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch is proud to present the DIVAS Holiday Event on Saturday, December 7, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is designed to help women focus on the non-financial aspect of the holiday season by learning effective ways to manage stress during this bustling time. If you’re a single mom, a grandmother raising grandchildren or just need a little boost to keep you going, we’re offering stress-busting fitness activities too! Come and benefit from entertaining and interactive self-esteem building activities, and enjoy delicious food, games and prizes! For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

I’m a Poet and I Know It!

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. to meet with other poetic minds and share your original poetry over coffee. Local author and poet, Sylvia Chatman will direct the presentations. Join us! For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3250.

Chronic Pain and Treatment Alternatives

Dr. Gray Barrow from Louisiana Spine and Sports Medicine will be at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss what defines chronic pain and the variety of treatment options currently available to individuals who suffer from it. For more information, call (225) 763-2240.
Main Library Construction Update

The new Main Library at Goodwood celebrated the completion of major construction milestones with a “Library Sneak Peek” event on November 12. The event was attended by over 50 local media and government officials and was meant to give a first-hand update on latest construction developments.

Interior construction is wrapping up and library staff hopes to begin moving into the new library sometime around mid to late December. The moving process will take about three weeks. We hope to minimize any disruption of service but ask patrons to be patient. Once it is vacated, the old library will be torn down to make way for a new parking lot. While the new parking lot is being built, library patrons can access the new Main Library via Independence Boulevard and take advantage of parking in BREC’s Independence Park Theatre, the Garden Center or the soccer fields nearby.

Library officials are planning a “Soft Launch” in January 2014 with plans of celebrating with a “Grand Opening” sometime mid to late April 2014.

Carver Fit Club

Adults and young adults are invited to the library to get fit! Come to the Carver Branch on Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, as well as Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19, at 5:00 p.m. to observe and/or participate in monthly exercise demonstrations. This month’s focus will be on beginners Yoga! Be sure to wear comfortable clothing, and don’t forget to bring your mat, towels and bottled water. Let’s get moving! For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Chair Yoga

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursdays, December 5 and 19, at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a gentle, hour-long course designed for relaxation and quiet of mind. This type of yoga is practiced using a chair, and is perfect for seniors because there is no need to stand, contort or get down on the floor! We’ll also incorporate some stretching and range of motion techniques that you can use at home. If you have a medical condition, please seek physician approval before registering. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3250.

Mindful Meditation

Enjoy an hour of relaxation and quiet your mind from the busy of daily life. Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, December 27, at 10:00 a.m. to learn the art of meditation, which has benefits including stress relief, mental clarity, focus and biofeedback. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3250.

New Furniture Arrives at Delmont Gardens Branch Library

Whimsical patterns and colors create an inviting and fun children’s space.

A carpenter installs new furniture in the teen area of the Delmont Gardens Branch.

New furniture and components arrived for the new teen area of the Delmont Gardens Branch on November 1.
New Main Library at Goodwood • Map for Temporary Parking in Spring

Until the Grand Opening in late Spring, public and staff will enter from Independence Blvd. and park at the BREC Theatre, Garden Center or soccer fields and follow new sidewalks to enter via large meeting room access door.

Temporary gravel parking will go green after we are done.

Permanent parking lot with entrance off Goodwood Blvd. Will be ready for Grand Opening in Spring 2014. Patrons will enter via Plaza Main Door.

BREC Theatre Parking Lot - an additional 81 parking spaces for Library staff and public have been added to the theatre's 167 concrete spaces. After the Library's Grand Opening, staff will continue to park here and enter via the South Staff Door while the public will park in the new parking lot fronting Goodwood Blvd. and enter via the Plaza Main Door.

Public can park at the Garden Center, (50 spaces), until the Grand Opening.

Staff and public can park at Soccer #3 (154 spaces) and Soccer #4 (122 spaces) at any time before or after the Grand Opening.

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Watch TED Talks @ the Library!

Have you heard about the TED Talks? The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will be showing two TED Talks via the library’s Access Video on Demand database on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. First, we’ll be viewing Charles Leadbeater’s discussion on “The Rise of the Professional Amateur;” then Clay Shirky’s talk on “Cognitive Surplus.” Following the videos, participants will be given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the talks. For more information, call (225) 763-2240.

Learn About Kwanzaa

If you are curious to learn what the Kwanzaa celebration is all about, come to one of the information programs offered this month. Judge Lisa Woodruff-White will guide you through the ritual and practices that are done over the five-day observance, during the Delmont Garden Branch presentation. At the Eden Park Branch presentation, you’ll even be able to participate in making the celebration come to life! For more information, call (225) 231-3260.

3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, Eden Park Branch
4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 19, Delmont Gardens Branch

Cornerstone Harmonizers

The Cornerstone Harmonizers of New Orleans will perform live at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 22, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Take time out from your busy holiday schedule to enjoy an afternoon of gospel and music of the season at its best.

Paper Wreaths for Christmas

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, December 12, at 3:00 p.m. to make paper wreaths, using paper from books! Use your creation to decorate your home during the Christmas season or all year round. Feel free to bring your own books, hot glue gun and other decorative material, but supplies will be available. For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2240.

Hard Candy Christmas

Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. to turn peppermints and candy canes into beautiful decorations, gifts and delicious treats for the holiday season! For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1540.

Rip the Runway: Ugly Holiday Sweater

Join – unfashionable for one day – library patrons and staff as they wear their ugliest holiday sweaters from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. There will be a display of holiday sweaters from past decades. If you want to walk the runway in your ugly sweater, be here at 3:00 p.m. sharp.

Heavenly Holiday Sounds from the Runnels Harp Choir

An ensemble of students from the Runnels School’s award-winning harp choir, under the direction of Rebecca Todaro, will play songs of the holiday season at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Christmas Song Sing-A-Long!

What’s your favorite Christmas song? Bring your whole family to the Central Branch on Saturday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. and join us in belting out popular Christmas tunes in a cheery sing-a-long that will get the grumpiest Scrooge into the spirit of the season! We’ll have guitar accompaniment by professional musician, Brandon Trent. Lemonade and Christmas cookies will be served. For more information, call (225) 262-2660.

Bronco Beat Presents Holiday Music!

Everyone is invited to the Zachary Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. when the Zachary High School A cappella Choir, Bronco Beat, provides an assortment of holiday music for your listening pleasure! For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

Making Suncatchers and Ornaments

Just in time for the holidays, Sharon Abbott will present a mini-workshop on making suncatchers and ornaments using a variety of Asfour crystal prisms and Swarovski glass beads at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. If you can tie a knot, you can make a suncatcher! This craft will make a great gift for someone special, even if that someone is you! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.
Last Minute Craft-O-Rama!

It’s down to the wire for those last minute gifts for those on your holiday shopping list! Don’t let this get you in a panic; we’ve got what you need! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. where we’re offering you some last minute inspiration. Make five different crafts that can be given as uniquely thoughtful gifts! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Hidden Treasures in Altered Books

Do you have treasures that you’d like to hide? Are you looking for a secret place to put your valuables? Come to the Eden Park Branch on Monday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m. where we’ll show you how to turn old books into secret hiding places or clever cases for your electronics! This is also a great last minute gift idea. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3240.

Record Bowls

Adults are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. for a tutorial on making an awesome bowl from old music records! Get “vintage” with this recyclable craft. All materials will be provided. For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Holidays Cards

Stop by the River Center Branch on Wednesday, December 4, at 12:00 p.m. to make fun holiday cards! For more information, call (225) 389-4967.

Holiday Mittens

You can make cozy mittens out of a sweater at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, December 11, at 12:00 p.m. Re-purpose an old sweater into a great “green” gift for someone special or keep for yourself! For more information and to register, call (225) 389-4967.

African Holiday Angels

JoAnn Fryling will instruct patrons on how to create their own unique African Holiday Angels at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7550.

Swap-portunity: Ladies Handbags

A swap-portunity is an opportunity to swap—or a trade of this for that. Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. for a chance to swap items with other patrons! Each month we’ll be swapping a particular item and this month’s special item is ladies’ handbags! Gather all of your items and bring them to the library for this fabulously fun game swap party! A display of books on swap shops and flea market finds will be available for checkout. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Make a Personalized Christmas Ornament

Join us at the Carver Branch on Sunday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the holiday season and craft unique ornaments! These tinsel tree trinkets will be see-through and filled with a variety of materials, including Epsom salt and glitter “snow.” For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Christmas Doll Making

Baton Rouge doll artist, Barbara Franklin will be at the Central Branch on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. to give hands-on instruction for making your own multicultural dolls! For more information and to register, call (225) 262-2640.

Holiday Paper Craft

Don’t throw away your old wrapping paper; bring it to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, December 28, at 3:00 p.m. and learn how to make attractive and sturdy paper chains! For more information, call (225) 924-9385.
Carver Crochet & Knit Club
Whether you know how to crochet or knit, or you’ve always wanted to learn, this new club is for you! Come to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. and join in the fun with other members of our monthly crochet and knit club. It’s open to adults on all skill levels, and each month, a new project or skill will be introduced! Teens, you’re welcome to join us too! Limited supplies are available, so feel free to bring your own. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Crochet & Knit Club @ Fairwood
Bring your current project to the Fairwood Branch on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. and share tips and stories with other yarn junkies! For more information, call (225) 924-9385.

Afternoon Knights: Chess @ Carver
We’re continuing our monthly chess matchups! Players on all skill levels are invited to the Carver Branch on Saturday, December 14, 3:00 p.m. It doesn’t matter whether you’re a pawn or a king! For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Introduction to Chess
Learn the basic concepts of Chess at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Carver Classic Movies
Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. to watch this month’s classic film which follows a St. Louis family as they deal with their hopes and trials, especially as they prepare to move to New York. This holiday favorite also features a performance of Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Carver Movie Night
We’re celebrating the holiday season at the Carver Branch! Join us on Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. for a funny film about a man who grows up among Santa’s elves! For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Saturday Afternoon Movie
Come and celebrate the holidays with us at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. when we watch a favorite holiday romance about a preacher, his wife and an angel! Popcorn and lemonade will be served. For more information, call (225) 354-7540.

Sunday Classic Movie
Join us at the Fairwood Branch for two silent comedy classics on Sunday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m. In the first film, Charlie Chaplin teams up with a kid named Jackie Coogan to search for a home, and in the second movie, pratfalls and slapstick abound as Buster Keaton plays a cameraman trying to get a big story! For more information, call (225) 924-9385.

Play Bingo @ Central
This one’s a classic, but it’s still very popular! Adults are invited to the Central Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. to play Bingo! Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Secret Santa Family Night Bingo
Wear your holiday colors to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. and help us celebrate the season with the fun family game that never goes out of style! Prizes will be awarded. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Bingo!
Adults are invited to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. to play Bingo! Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Dabble in Scrabble!
Challenge yourself and have fun too when you play the classic word game, Scrabble! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, at 6:30 p.m. and compete in teams to see who will be named the master of the game! Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
GED Preparation and Practice Testing

If you will be taking the GED exam and need additional practice in Social Studies, Math, Reading or Science, come to the Eden Park Branch, 5131 Greenwell Springs Road, this month to take advantage of the resources your library has to offer. Participants will make use of GED preparation resources and take practice exams under the direction of a librarian. You’ll also learn how to access these resources from the comfort of your home.

Test dates and times are listed below. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3250. Can’t make it? Check out Learning Express and Learn4Life.

Social Studies Preparation
Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Mathematics Preparation
Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.

Reading Preparation
Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.

Science Preparation
Monday, December 30, 4:30 p.m.

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Book Clubs @ Your Library – Book of the Month –

Baker Branch
Baker Morning Book Club
**Monday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.**
*Seabiscuit*, by Laura Hillenbrand

Baker Evening Book Club
**Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.**
*Merry Christmas, Alex Cross*, by James Patterson

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
**Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.**
*The River of Doubt*, by Candice Millard

Carver Branch
**Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 p.m.**
*Jesus Out to Sea: Stories*, by James Lee Burke

Eden Park Branch
Eden Park Book Club
**Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.**
*Merry Christmas, Alex Cross*, by James Patterson

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
The Seekers’ Book Club
**Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.**
*Chapters 1 & 2 of Your Beautiful Purpose*, by Susie Larson

Main Library
**Thursday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.**
*Bristol House*, by Beverly Swerling

Mystery Lovers Book Club
**Tuesday, December 10, Noon**
*Crime for the Holidays*

Compassionate Book Club
**Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.**

River Center Branch
Brown Bag Book Club
**Wednesday, December 18, Noon**
Any novel by Jane Austen

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**Holiday Movie for Teens**

Teens, you’re invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 16, at 3:30 p.m. to see this month’s holiday movie! Jack Skellington, the Halloween Pumpkin King kidnaps Santa and takes it upon himself to deliver ghoulish Christmas presents to all of the little boys and girls. For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

**Teen Books into Movies @ Baker**

Bring your friends to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. and join us when we watch one of the funniest Christmas movies ever! You will be ROFL! For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**Teen Movie Time:**

**Halloween for Christmas**

Let’s go to the movies! Teens are invited to the Central Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. to watch Jack Skellington as he attempts to bring Christmas to Halloween Town. You’ll get the full movie theater experience because we’re showing this one on the big screen with the projector! For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

**The Best Creepy Christmas Cartoon!**

Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, December 19, at 3:30 p.m. to watch a hair-raisingly hilarious movie with other teens! Draw your favorite character while you watch! For more information, call (225) 354-7500.

**Teen Movie Time**

Teens can come and hang out at the River Center Branch on Monday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. and watch a movie featuring a Halloween Pumpkin King who tries to take over Christmas! Enjoy delicious popcorn and lemonade while you watch! For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

**Movie Time!**

Bring your friends to the Zachary Branch on Thursday, December 19, at 2:00 p.m. to watch a cool holiday movie! Munch on delicious popcorn and sip refreshing lemonade while you watch. For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

**Wallflower Movie Day**

Teens are invited to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. to enjoy delicious popcorn and lemonade while watching a movie about a teenager named Charlie, an introvert freshman who is befriended by two high school seniors that welcome him to the real world. Everything is going well for Charlie until a repressed secret from his past threatens to destroy his newfound happiness. For more information, call (225) 924-9387.
Christmas Ornaments

Let’s celebrate the holiday by making ornaments! Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, December 23, at 3:00 p.m. to create a unique ornament from a Styrofoam ball using sequins and push pins. Use it for decorating your family’s tree or give it away as a gift. Enjoy holiday music and hot chocolate while you create! For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Winter Wonderland Abstract Art

Are you looking for a good Christmas activity that’s thoughtful and inexpensive? If you answered yes, you’ll want to join us at the Central Branch on Tuesday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m. when we make abstract art using cardboard, paint and painter’s tape! Arrange the tape in an abstract design, paint your cardboard, and then remove the tape to reveal clean lines of your silver or gold cardboard! For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

Christmas Tree Ornaments

Hey teens, come to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. to make some festive Christmas tree ornaments! With a Styrofoam ball, sequins and seed beads, you can make an awesome ornament that will last for years to come! For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Very Merry Ornaments

It’s tree-trimming time and there’s nothing like a handcrafted Christmas ornament to brighten your holiday greenery! Join other teens at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. to use plain glass ball ornaments, paint, glitter and collage material to create a special detail for your family’s tree! For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1870.

Homemade Sugar Scrub

If you need a last minute holiday gift, we can help! Come to the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. where teens will be making the fun and functional craft, sugar scrub! Whether you keep it for yourself or give it away, this one will be a hit! For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

Magazine Trees

If you’re decorating for the holidays, you’ll want to join other teens at the River Center Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. to do a craft that’ll make the perfect addition to your holiday décor! Make a tree from old magazines. We’ll have all that you’ll need to decorate your creation! For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Winter Wonderland Craft Fair

We’ve got five different fun crafts for you to choose from! Pick one, or two or as many as you’d like! Just come on down to the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. where we’ll be making mini Christmas trees with chocolate kisses, gift bags, Moravian stars and more! For more information, call (225) 354-7500.
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- **Baker Branch**
  - Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.
- **Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
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- **Carver Branch**
  - Thursday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.
- **Central Branch**
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- **Eden Park Branch**
  - Monday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.
- **Fairwood Branch**
  - Monday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.
- **Greenwell Springs Regional Branch**
  - Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.

*The Holiday Clown will be at the North Pole and unable to attend.*

- **Jones Creek Regional Branch**
  - Monday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.
- **Main Library**
  - Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
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- **Zachary Branch**
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**Tea Book Club @ the Creek**

Join our teen book club at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. to get some great suggestions on what to read to get those important Accelerated Reader points! Find out what others are reading, share your favorite books, and enjoy delicious snacks while you chat with other readers! For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

**Journal for a New Year**

Yes, we’re going to get creative with composition notebooks again! Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, December 30, at 4:00 p.m. to make a journal that will help you get on track for 2014! We’ve got a special idea for the journal cover this time! Don’t miss it! For more information, call (225) 354-7500.

**Zachary Teen Council & Friends 10 Year Reunion!**

We can’t believe it’s been 10 years already! The Zachary Branch Teen Council is commemorating its 10th Anniversary on Monday, December 23, at 6:00 p.m., and we’re inviting all former and present members along with their families to a holiday celebration! There will be food, fun and friendship! If you are a former teen volunteer, you’re invited too! For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1870.

**Tolkien Trivia**

What better way to prepare for *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* than by testing your knowledge of Middle-Earth! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m. to show off your trivia skills during our Tolkien Jeopardy game and win a prize! For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

**Washer Necklaces**

Are you struggling with gift ideas? Would you like to give something that you’ve made yourself? Come to the Eden Park Branch to create a beautiful necklace using washer and ribbon. It will make a wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love! For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

**DIY Fringe Scarves**

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. to make a fringe scarf from an old t-shirt! Be sure to bring your own. For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

**Stretchy Bead Bracelets**

Come to the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m. to use stretchy cord to make stylish bead bracelets! Keep them for yourself or give them away as gifts! For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

**DIY Wrapped Bracelet**

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. to create a stylish wrapped bracelet using ball chain and colorful cording! Show off your brand new accessory or give it to someone as a holiday gift! For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

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Playmaker’s Broadway Santa

Santa and his elves will be at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. to share some of the highlights of their trip to Broadway with children ages 4 and up! After the sneak preview of the Playmakers’ production, we’ll make ornaments and decorate the library Christmas tree! For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Two Chances for Music Together

Children ages 2-5 can join teacher and professional violist Sonia Feres-Lloyd at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 11, for two chances to participate in a music and movement class! The first session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 11:15 a.m. For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Holiday Ornaments

Decorate in style with eye-catching holiday ornaments! Children of all ages are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. to keep the tradition going and make an original holiday ornament to place on the holiday tree in the Children’s Room! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Snowman Charm Bracelet

Join other children ages 5-11 at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. to hear Caralyn Buehner’s Snowmen at Night. After the storytime, everyone will make a snowman stocking charm bracelet! For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Christmas Owl Story/Craft

Children ages 3-6 are invited to the Central Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. to listen to I’m Not Santa! by Jonathan Allen, the charming story of a baby owl that is mistaken for Santa Claus by the other woodland animals. After the storytime, children can make cute owl ornaments! For more information and to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Create a Christmas Card!

Children ages 5-9 can come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m. to hear the story Pete the Cat Saves Christmas by Eric Litwin and sing along to Christmas music! After the storytime and sing-along, we’ll create a fingerprint Christmas card to give to someone special! For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Craft

Christmas Delicious by Lyn Loates is the perfect book to read this holiday season, and children ages 5-8 are invited to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, December 21, at 2:30 p.m. to hear it! After the storytime, we’ll create a Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer craft to take home and enjoy! For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.
**Multicultural Doll Making**

Baton Rouge Doll Artist, Barbara Franklin will give hands-on instruction to children of all ages on making multicultural dolls at the Baker Branch on Monday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. Each participant will make a doll to take home and enjoy. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1160.

**Ornamental Owl**

Come to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m. to hear *Lazy Ozzie* by Michael Coleman. After the storytime, children ages 5-12 will make an owl ornament for their family Christmas tree. For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**Make Christmas & Holiday Cards**

Children ages 5-11 are invited to the Baker Branch on Monday, December 2, at 3:30 p.m. to hear *The Perfect Christmas* by Eileen Spinelli and make beautiful cards to share! For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5960.

**The Gift of Christmas**

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. to hang out with other kids ages 5 and up while they hear the story *Christmas Cookies* by Amy Rosenthal. After the storytime, we’ll make a Christmas bracelet to keep! For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

**A Spider’s Christmas Gift**

We’ll enjoy hearing *The Spider’s Gift: A Ukrainian Christmas Story* by Eric Kimmel at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. After the storytime, children ages 6-11 will be shown how to make a free-standing paper Christmas tree, complete with stars and shiny stickers! For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7460.

**Tree Decorating**

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. to decorate our Children’s Room holiday tree! Each child will create a personalized ornament with their name to hang on the tree! For more information, call (225) 231-3260.
Gingerbread Man Ornament
After enjoying *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore, children ages 5-11 will decorate a brown paper bag gingerbread man using felt pieces and crayons! Come to the Carver Branch on Thursday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m. to get Christmas-creative! Your gingerbread man ornament can be added to our Christmas tree, or take it home and place it on your family’s tree. For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Gingerbread Door Hanger Story/Craft
Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m. as we celebrate Christmas! We’ll be reading *Christmas Magic* by Kirsten Hall and Trosclair’s *Cajun Night Before Christmas*. After the storytime, we’ll create a gingerbread door hanger for your bedroom door. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7060.

Gingerbread Man Story/Craft
Ages 3 and up can come to the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. to make a gingerbread man door hanger! After we craft, we’ll listen to the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3260.

Snowman Charm Bracelet
The holidays are here, so treat yourself to some holiday cheer! Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m. to hear *Merry Christmas, Ernest and Celestine* by Gabrielle Vincent with other children ages 5-11. After the storytime, we’ll create a snowman stocking charm bracelet. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7060.

Create a Handprint Reindeer!
After children ages 4-9 listen to the book *The Wild Christmas Reindeer* by Jan Brett, they’ll create a handprint reindeer craft! The fun happens at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 2:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Holiday Bookmark Story/Craft
Dream Big! Read! The story *Dewey’s Christmas at the Library* by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter will be read to children ages 3-11 at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. After the storytime, we’ll make a colorful holiday bookmark! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Christmas Story/Craft
’Tis the season! Come to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. to listen to some Christmas stories like Jonathan Allen’s *I’m Not Santa!* and *The Three Bears’ Christmas* by Kathy Duval. After the storytime, we’ll have fun making a cute Santa Claus craft! For children ages 3-7. For more information and to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Paper Bead Bracelets
In this informative program at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m., children ages 8-11 will learn about different types of beads from the book *A String of Beads* by Margarette Reid. After the storytime, we’ll create paper beads and turn them into a beautiful, eco-friendly bracelet using recycled magazines or gift wrap! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1160.

**Storytime at the library**

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Clay Creations
Display of hand thrown and hand built local pottery
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by Michael Lee Ginn
Display of acrylic paintings featuring natural and earth colors

Carver Branch
Christmas Ornaments
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I believe in Santa
A collection of everything Santa.

Zachary Branch
Ten Years of Teens
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