Celebrating 75 Years of Service!

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library (EBRPL) was established in 1939 with a collection of second-hand donated books. During its first three years, the library established eight additional library branches to service the Baton Rouge area. Today, EBRPL is comprised of a Main Library and 13 community or regional branch libraries, and several bookmobiles. The Library is open a cumulative total of 958 hours weekly, and additional outreach service is provided on a regular basis to area schools, day care centers, retirement centers, and various community centers.

Community support of the Library’s dedicated tax millage has provided stable funding since 1986. This investment has allowed the Library Board of Control to strategically implement a capital improvements plan, invest in technology, and continually improve and enhance services, programs and resources.

Consistently regarded as a leader in public library service throughout Louisiana and the south region, the library received Starred Ranking from Library Journal for the second consecutive year. EBRPL is also the recipient of numerous national and state awards including the Modisette Award for Excellence from the Louisiana Library Association, the President’s Coming Up Taller Award and a Showcase Award from the Library of Congress Center for the Book as well as many competitive grants.

Mission: The mission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is to serve all of the residents of the parish as an educational, informational, recreational, and cultural center through a wide variety of resources, services, and programs.

Vision: The East Baton Rouge Parish Library contributes to the quality of life, enjoyment, enlightenment, and economic vitality of our diverse and dynamic community.

New Year, New Main Library at Goodwood!

We expect to open the new Main Library at Goodwood in January, exact date TBA! Patrons are invited to enter the new Main Library from Independence Boulevard. Temporary parking is available at the BREC Theatre, Garden Center and soccer fields. Patrons will use a temporary entrance on the north side of the building, next to the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to stay informed on our progress, visit our website at www.ebrpl.com or follow us on Facebook to get the latest information!
Welcome, New Databases!

We are pleased to announce three new and exciting resources! The Vogue Archive is a searchable archive of American Vogue magazine from its premiere issue in 1892, available in high-resolution color images. Preserving the work of the world’s greatest fashion designers, stylists, and photographers, The Vogue Archive is a unique record of American and international fashion, culture, and society from the dawn of the modern era to the present day.

We are also very excited about Atomic Training, a new resource that offers a wide-range of computer education through step-by-step videos on a wide variety of programs, applications and software. There is no software to download. All videos play on your computer or tablet, and there is no schedule to keep so you can watch videos on your own time and at your own pace. You can even add closed captioning and choose to stream with Flash or QuickTime.

Finally, we’ve rolled out Gale LegalForms, the most extensive free forms site available to library patrons. Thousands of legal forms are available with more forms being added daily. Official, State Specific, Federal, Business, Personal, Real Estate and General forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues. Head over to our Digital Library on our website www.ebrpl.com to get started using these valuable resources!

The Affordable Healthcare Act: Your Questions Answered

The Affordable Healthcare Act 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 come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m. for a question and answer program. An expert from the Louisiana Healthcare Education Coalition, a nonprofit information group, will be available to explain the ACA and simplify confusing parts, answer your questions and give information on how to sign up for affordable marketplace insurance. For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Volunteers in Public Schools: Tutor FUNdamentals in Reading & Math!

Did you resolve to get involved in the New Year? Here’s an opportunity to do so. You can make learning FUN by helping a student struggling with basic reading and math skills! Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) is looking for tutors and mentors to serve the EveryBody Reads and EveryOne Counts programs. Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. to find out how you can get started! For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Cover Letters for College or Career

Whether you are applying for college or a job, a cover letter is an essential part of the process. Learn how to catch the attention of your reader with an attractive format and dynamic language at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m. For more information and to register, call (225) 924-9385.

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, January 17, 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.

Tech Toy Box

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 on Saturday, January 11 or Thursday, January 30 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.
Good Nutrition for a Lifetime

Baton Rouge resident Freddie Sanders will be at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. to share his personal story, and give tips on how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle of nutrition. He will discuss good eating habits at different stages of your life and why diets don’t work. For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5940.

A Healthier You with Vegetarian Cooking & Juicing

Jacqueline Esco will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle, and show how juicing can add nutrients to your diet. She’ll even bring along some sample foods for you to try! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Chair Yoga

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursdays, January 9 & 23, 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 busyness of daily life. Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursdays, January 2 and 16, 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.

Extreme Couponing

How do coupons really work, and how can you make it benefit your family? Come to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, January 4, at 2:30 p.m. to learn how to use both online and newspaper coupons and sales advertisements to your advantage!

Find out where to find the best coupons, how to use different coupons together, and most importantly, how to keep all of that paper organized!

For more information, call (225) 924-9380.

Downton Abbey Trivia and Tea Party

Bring your tea cup and saucer to the River Center Branch on Sunday, January 5, at 3:00 p.m. and enjoy a game of Downton Abbey trivia that’ll refresh your memory before the season four premiere! All viewers are welcome and you don’t have to be an expert on the Crawleys and their staff in order to play! For more information, call (225) 389-4967.

Train Day at the Creek

Attention train lovers! Saturday, January 18 is Train Day at the Jones Creek Regional Branch, and you’re invited out to the library at 10:00 a.m. to see presentations from the Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders, the Baton Rouge Model Railroad Club, the Train Collectors Association, National Railway Historical Society and individual rail fans and photographers. You’ll also enjoy operating displays that are fun for the whole family! For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
Financial Checkup

Financial professional Bennett Blackledge will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss financial health for the New Year. He’ll offer a “financial checkup” for those who want to understand where their money goes each month. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

First-time Home Buying

If you’re in the market to buy your first home, you’ll want to be in the house for this seminar! Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. where two financial professionals from the Gulf Coast Bank and Trust will discuss how to determine your perfect mortgage payment, the different types of mortgages you can choose from, and several other home-buying related topics! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4440.

Investing 101

Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Pama Barber will be at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. to present an overview of investing, including key terms and investment types. Topics will cover the basic features of bonds, stocks, mutual funds and the importance of proper asset allocation. For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2250.

African-American Heroes: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Come to the Baker Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m. to help honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrate Justice Sunday. A review of the I Have a Dream speech delivered during the march on Washington in August 1963, a dialogue and commentary with Dr. Charles Vincent on the speech and the life of Dr. King will follow the program. The first twenty students to arrive will receive back-to-school supplies, African-American history magazines, and other fun items, provided by Dr. Vincent. For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This celebration is designed to provide a venue for reflection and remembrance for citizens who cherish the life and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and who seek to carry on his work and mission. Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 3:00 p.m. to enjoy a presentation by Durinda Robinson, Wilbert Montgomery and the Southern University Jazzy Jags under the direction of Harry Anderson. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 354-7540.

Connecting Threads: In Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We’re celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Delmont Gardens Branch! Come to the library on Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 p.m. where Durinda Robinson will discuss her display titled Connecting Threads: In Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. The pieces on display are fabric, art and sculptures that she has collected from her travels to East and South Africa. She’ll also talk about the history that she learned during her visits to Nigeria, Uganda and the Tea Plantations, as well as her journey to Soweto and the Mandela House Museum. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

African-American Lumber Mill Communities

Jeffery Crawford will give a lecture on the history of African-American Lumber Mill Communities from Louisiana to California from 1926 to 1955 at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Chris Rock talks Hair in Documentary Movie

Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. to watch as comedian Chris Rock explores the wonders of African-American hairstyles. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 354-7050.
**East Baton Rouge Master Gardener’s Basic Gardening Series**

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardener’s program will be hosting a Basic Gardening series throughout the month on January. Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, January 9, 16 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about such topics as micro irrigation, growing fruit in your backyard, managing garden weeds and more!

Should any scheduled presentation be canceled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, January 30. For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

**The Artist’s Way Workshop**

Are you stuck in your career, overwhelmed by life’s many choices or searching for a creative outlet? If you need to find focus, rediscover your creativity, and become your authentic self, join others at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a workshop that will closely follow Julia Cameron’s *The Artist’s Way*. Artistic and unartistic types will both benefit from this hands-on program. This workshop will begin on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. and will continue for 13 consecutive Tuesdays, starting at the same time for each. For more information and to register, call (225) 381-8434.

**Watch TED Talks @ the Library!**

The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will be showing two TED Talks via the library’s Access Video on Demand database on Monday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. First, we’ll be viewing Andrew Blum’s talk titled *What is the Internet, Really?* After that we’ll watch Avi Rubin’s talk titled *All Your Devices Can Be Hacked*. Following the videos, participants will be given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the talks. For more information, call (225) 763-2240.

**Online Learning Part I: The EBRPL Digital Library**

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, January 13, at 10:00 a.m. and use library laptops to learn about our Digital Library’s online resources! Get acquainted with databases and tools like Learn4Life, Learning Express, Safari Tech Books and Mango Languages. This program will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

**Online Learning Part II: MOOCs and more!**

You’re probably wondering what MOOC means. Here’s your chance to find out! Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. to learn about our free online learning resources including Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and do-it-yourself computer programming tutorials! This program will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

**The Dictionary Game**

Everyone can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. to race through the pages of a dictionary to see who can give the most complete definition, and in the shortest amount of time. The final round will be a playoff between the generations! Prizes will be awarded. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

**Putting the Pieces Together!**

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate National Puzzle Day with families competing in teams to put giant floor puzzles together. Prizes will be awarded. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

**Origami for Adults**

Local Origami master, Kao-hwa Sze will show adults the ancient art of paper folding at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 2:00 p.m. You’ll learn how to create some incredible designs to display and enjoy. Mr. Sze will also have a display of Chinese folk art at the library throughout the month. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

**Bingo!**

Adults are invited to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. to play Bingo! Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.
Enjoyment of Music with Cliff & Company!

Local a cappella singing group, Cliff & Company will be at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. to delight you with their vocal styling! Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Unafraid to Dream with Sylvia Chatman

Author of Unafraid to Dream, Sylvia Chatman will be at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Sunday, January 12, 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) 354-7050.

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, January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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.

Fun with Paper Airplanes

From the basic arsenal of the class clown to professional NASA engineers, there’s a design here for everyone! Come to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. to learn how to fold some basic airplane designs. Pit them against others to see which functions the best! For more information, call (225) 924-9385.

Carver Movie Night

Join us to watch a piece of basketball history at the Carver Branch on Thursday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m. This movie follows Texas Western College’s run for the 1966 NCAA Championship, and the first time in NCAA history for an all-African-American starting lineup. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Inspirational Movie Night

Come to the Central Branch on Thursday, January 15, at 5:00 p.m. to watch a family-friendly inspirational classic in which a losing coach with an underdog football team faces their giants of fear and failure on and off the field. Enjoy delicious lemonade and popcorn while you watch! For more information and to register, call (225) 262-2640.

Sunday Movie Classic

Thrill to the adventure at the Fairwood Branch on Sunday, January 12, at 3:00 p.m. as John Wayne and a group of passengers take a stagecoach ride through dangerous territory in this 1939 classic western! For more information, call (225) 924-9385.

Carver Classic Movies

Come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. to watch this month’s classic film. You’re sure to enjoy this Oscar-winning performance by Paul Newman in the classic prison drama! For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Scrapbook Your Special Memories

Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Saturdays, January 4 and 18, at 10:00 a.m. for a scrapbooking class! Bring old and new photos, mementos from vacation and travel, bits of fabric from a favorite, but long gone outfit, or any other memory-bearing object, and scrapbook them! Scrapbookers on all experience levels are welcome! Please bring your own scrapbook paper. For more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Baby Announcement Cards

Join us downtown on Wednesday, January 8, at 12:00 p.m. for an exciting lunch hour at the River Center Branch spent making baby announcement cards! Samples will be on hand for inspiration, and the fun starts at 12:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 389-4967.

Carver Crochet & Knit Club

Whether you know how to crochet or knit, or you’ve always wanted to learn, this club is for you! From bracelets to blankets and everything in between, there’s something here for the yarn junkie in you! Come to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, January 15, 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.
No Sew Winter Quilts
Betty Brown will be at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. to show participants how to quilt without sewing, using fleece. The quilts will be donated to the Battered Women’s Shelter. This program is limited to five participants and registration is required. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7050.

Sewing Class Series
In the second installment of the Jones Creek Regional Branch sewing class series, Kathy Denny will be at the library on Thursday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m. to show you how to make a simple fleece jacket for a pet! Pet parents, you’ll love this project and your furry friend will too. She’ll show you how even an inexperienced crafter can create this project with ease. Participants may bring their own sewing machine. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Crafting for a Cause Crochet Group
Whether you are new to the art of crocheting, want to improve your skills or just want to enjoy the company of fellow crafters, meet us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursdays, January 9, 23 and 30, at 1:00 p.m. to “craft for a cause.” We are crocheting wool hats for the Leprosy Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal. On Thursday, January 9, Dr. Deanna Hagge will be making a special presentation you won’t want to miss! For more information, call (225) 658-1540.

Afternoon Knights: Chess @ Carver
We’re continuing our monthly chess matchups! Players on all skill levels are invited to the Carver Branch on Saturdays, January 11 and 25, at 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, January 4, at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Telescope Training Class
Are you interested in stargazing? If you said yes, then you’ll enjoy and benefit from our telescope training class! Come to the Main Library on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. to learn how to properly operate the library’s Dobsonian telescope. This telescope is also available to check out; all you need is to have attended the training class and your library card. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

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, January 7, 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.
In addition to free online classes in Learn4Life, Learning Express and our newest resource, Atomic Training, the following computer classes will be held throughout the month of February. Registration for some classes is required. *For more information or to register, call the individual library branch.

**Baker Branch**

**Introduction to Computers**
Thursday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Introduction Microsoft Excel 2007**
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction Microsoft Word 2007**
Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007**
Thursday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.

**Baker Branch**

**Introduction to Computers**
Thursday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Introduction Microsoft Excel 2007**
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction Microsoft Word 2007**
Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007**
Thursday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007**
Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007**
Thursday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to the Internet**
Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007**
Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.

**Computers without Fear**
Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.

**Carver Branch**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007**
Monday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007**
Thursday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.

**Eden Park Branch**

**Introduction to Facebook**
Friday, January 3, 2:30 p.m.

**Computers without Fear**
Saturday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.

**Fairwood Branch**

**Computers without Fear**
Wednesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.

**Presentations with PowerPoint**
Wednesday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007**
Thursday, January 22, 9:30 p.m.

**Introduction to the Internet**
Wednesday, January 29, 9:30 a.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Computers**
January 4, 11, & 23, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to the Internet**
Tuesday, January 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to the Library’s Online Catalog & Databases**
Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Check out our Computer Education InfoGuide at www.ebrpl.com.**

**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 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.

**Social Studies Preparation**
Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 p.m.

**Mathematics Preparation**
Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 p.m.

**Reading Preparation**
Tuesday, January 21, 4:30 p.m.

**Science Preparation**
Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.
Zachary Teen Council Meeting

Resolve to get involved in the New Year! Join other teens at the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. for the Teen Council meeting! We meet monthly to plan activities, promote the library and get to know other library lovers and eager readers. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

Teen Crew Meeting

We’re calling all teens ages 12-18 to the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. for our first Teen Crew meeting of the New Year! Come and find out about upcoming events and share your ideas for future teen programs! We want to hear from you! Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

Free ACT & SAT Practice Testing

The Princeton Review will be offering free ACT and SAT Practice testing at three library branches for students who may be taking the exam this year. Students must sign up for the practice test at www.princetonreview.com.

Scores will be returned and discussed at the library where the practice test was taken. Dates, times and locations are listed below.

For more information, call the library branch directly.

SAT Practice Test
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
(225) 763-2270
Saturday, January 4, 9:30 a.m.
Scores Back:
Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m.

ACT Practice Test
Greenwell Springs Regional Branch
(225) 274-4470
Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.
Scores Back:
Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch
(225) 658-1870
Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.
Scores Back:
Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

Apples to Apples

You may be wondering what Apples to Apples is…it’s a super fun card-matching and answer-judging party game! Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, January 23, at 3:00 p.m. to see what words will make for the most hilarious descriptions of Abraham Lincoln, Stonehenge or Samuel L. Jackson! You’ll have a blast with this one! For more information, call (225) 354-7070.

DIY Chalkboards

Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 3:00 p.m. for a fun tutorial on making your own chalkboard! All materials will be provided. For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2270.

Paper Bead Bracelet

Did you make a resolution to be more fashionable in the New Year? Create and decorate a unique bracelet using paper beads at the Central Branch on Tuesday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m., and be on trend with this fun accessory! For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

No-Sew T-Shirt Scarves

Here’s a fun and easy way to keep warm in the remaining cold months! Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, January 6, at 3:00 p.m. to use old t-shirts to make stylish scarves. Keep this no-sew creation for yourself or give it away as a gift! Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Life-Sized Game Day

Come to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, January 30, at 3:30 p.m. to have some fun and be the pieces in our life-sized Monopoly game! We’ll also play giant Tic-Tac-Toe, Connect Four, Memory and Battleships! Cookies and lemonade will be served. You won’t want to miss this one! For more information, call (225) 231-3250.
Teen Movie Day
Martians of come to earth and they do not come in peace! Diabolical and deadly, they are bent on wreaking havoc wherever they go with their death ray guns! Join other teens at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 3:30 p.m. for an out of this world movie! For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5960.

Anime Movie
Come to the Central Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. to watch an Anime movie about an evil duke that plans to produce a robot to control all of the machines in the world until an investigator and his nephew foil his plot. Enjoy delicious ramen noodles while you watch. For more information, call (225) 262-2644.

Popcorn & an Action Movie!
Join other teens and snack on scrumptious popcorn while you watch giant robots battle it out with monsters from another world at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (225) 354-7070.

Anime Afternoon
We’ve planned the perfect afternoon with friends and fellow Anime fans! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 2:00 p.m. to hangout, watch some awesome Anime and enjoy delicious snacks! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1170.

Get in Tune Movie Day!
Come to the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 3:00 p.m. and get ready to laugh out loud when you watch a hilarious movie about a quirky a cappella singing group spinning perfect harmonies into all-new mash-ups as they fight to climb their way to the top of college music competitions! For more information, call (225) 924-9387.

The Power to Change the World
Can one person change the world? Just imagine. What if when you do a favor that really helps someone, instead of having them pay you back, you tell them to help three other people? This act of kindness could really start a chain reaction! Join other teens at the Carver Branch on Monday, January 6, at 3:30 p.m. to watch an inspirational movie that will make you think about your actions and how they affect others around you. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Resolution Station
The New Year usually brings with it a new determination to self-improve. Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. and we’ll help you devise a strategy to become the person you want to be! For more information, call (225) 354-7500.

Madden Football Tournament
In anticipation of Super Bowl XLVIII, tweens and teens are invited to the Carver Branch starting Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31, at 3:30 p.m. to participate in an NFL tournament on the Xbox. Who will reign as champion? For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7450.
MLK Blackout Poetry
You may be familiar with this poetry technique, but whether you are or not, you’ll love this program! Blackout poetry focuses on rearranging words to create a different meaning, and teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m. to use Martin Luther King’s historic I Have a Dream speech to create a poem of their own. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Painting Abstract Art
Join other teens in at the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 3:30 p.m. to make some awesome abstract art on cardboard canvases. Free your creativity! For more information, call (225) 231-3250.

Abstract Art
Not an artist? No problem! You’ll be amazed at what you can do by using circular foam brushes and a variety of paints! Join other teens at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 2:00 p.m. to create a unique piece of abstract art. The best part is, there’s no wrong way to do it! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1170.

Recycled Water Bottle Flowers
We’ve got a fun recycling craft to brighten the winter months! Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, January 16, at 3:30 p.m. to learn how to create artificial flowers by assembling and coloring parts cut from water bottles. For more information, call (225) 354-7070.

Memory Boards
Make a special memory board at the Fairwood Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m. This is the perfect way to display your special photos and mementos in the New Year! For more information, call (225) 924-9387

Duct Tape Feather Earrings
Feathers are all the rage in accessories, and you’ll love this creative spin on the fashion favorite! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 4:00 p.m. to create a brand new pair of feather earrings made completely out of duct tape! For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

Recycled Banner Tote Bags
If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to get creative with recyclables, then we’ve got a project for you! Come to the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. where we’ll be recycling our old Summer Reading Program banners to create gorgeous tote bags! Come and get creative with us! For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7500.

Duct Tape Belts
Did you know that you could create a belt using duct tape? Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m. and we’ll show you how! All materials will be provided. For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2270.

African-American Read-In
In honor of African-American History Month, children and families are invited to share literature, poems, and other prose by African-American authors. Sign up to read, dance, or sing if you’d like, but all presentation choices must be approved in advance. Dates, times and locations are listed below. *Registration is required for some branches. For more information and to register, call the library branch directly. *Delmont Gardens Branch (225) 354-7060 Thursday, February 4, 4:00 p.m. Eden Park Branch (225) 231-3260 Sunday, February 9, 2:30 p.m. Greenwell Springs Branch (225) 274-4460 Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch (225) 756-1160 Saturday, February 15, 2:30 p.m. *Carver Branch (225) 389-7460 Thursday, February 20, 4:00 p.m. River Center Branch (225) 389-4959 Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. *Main Library (225) 231-3760 Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Scrabble Club
Turn mumbo-jumbo into real words! Children ages 7-11 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 12:30 p.m. to earn points for the best letter combinations in the game of Scrabble! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.
**A Snowy Pal**
Making snow angels, a snowman and sliding in the snow are just a few things Peter enjoys in Ezra Jack Keats’s *The Snowy Day*. Come to the Carver Branch on Thursday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m. to hang out with other children ages 4-7 while they listen to a great story and then make a snowy pal using construction paper and white paint. Getting crafty can get a little messy, so be sure to wear appropriate clothing. To register, call (225) 389-7460.

**Snowy Day Window Story/Craft**
Have you ever wished you could see snow outside of your window in Baton Rouge? Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. for a story/craft, and see snow! Children ages 8-11 will hear *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and then make a snowy window scene. To register, call (225) 354-7060.

**Let it Snow Story/Craft**
We’ll be reading Jacqueline Martin’s *Snowflake Bentley* at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 3:00 p.m. After the storytime, children ages 7-11 will discuss how snowflakes are formed and look at some amazing magnified snowflake photos. Then, we’ll create a watercolor-crayon-resist snow scene and learn how to safely cut beautiful paper snowflakes. To register, call (225) 924-9386.

**Frosty the Snowman**
Children ages 5 and up are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m. to make, paint and decorate a craft stick snowman! While the paint and glue are drying, we’ll sing *Frosty the Snowman* and read *All to Build a Snowman* by Samuel Tang. To register, call (225) 763-2260.

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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Story/Craft**
As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year, let’s remember to love and accept everyone! Children ages 4-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, January 16, at 4:00 p.m. to hear Dr. King’s historic *I Have a Dream* speech. After the reading, we’ll create a banner to hang in a special place at home. Children under the age of nine must be accompanied by an adult or responsible adolescent. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7060.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Story/Craft**
In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we’ll have a storytime featuring books about him and his wife Coretta Scott King. Children ages 3-11 are invited to come to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, January 15, at 4:30 p.m. to hear all about Dr. King and write personal dreams and goals on cloud and peace symbol cutouts. For more information, call (225) 231-3260.

**Chinese New Year**
January is International Creativity Month and the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Children ages 7-11 can join us at the Carver Branch on Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. to share a Chinese New Year’s tale, *The Runaway Wok* by Yihng Chang Compestine. Everyone will enjoy having their own “good luck” dragon card to make and take home! For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7460.

**New Year Story/Craft**
Bring in the New Year with style at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 4, at 11:00 a.m. Children ages 8-11 will listen to and recite the poem *New Year’s Eve: Opelousas, Louisiana* by Myra Cohn Livingston from the book *New Year’s Poems*. After the poem, children will make a 2014 bracelet from paper towel rolls! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

**MLK Day Story/Craft**
A day of peace…in honor of Martin Luther King Day, children ages 5-11 will listen to the heartfelt story *My Uncle Martin’s Big Heart* by Angela Farris Watkins at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 11:00 a.m. After the storytime, children will cut and paste a Martin Luther King, Jr. paper doll and even write their big dream to post either at the library or at home. For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

**Return of the Yo-Yo Man!**
The amazing Jim Johnson, better known as the Yo-Yo Man is returning to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 10:30 a.m. to demonstrate his spinning expertise to children ages 5-11! He’ll share some yo-yo history and trivia, offer some tips for aspiring yo-yo artists, and perform some cool tricks! For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.
Goodbye Old Year, Hello New Year

Happy New Year! Come to the Eden Park Branch on Friday, January 3, at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate with other children ages 3-8 when they listen to Goodbye Old Year, Hello New Year by Frank Modell. After the storytime, we’ll get our creative juices flowing when we make an animal friend made of braided yarn in any color! For more information and to register, call (225) 924-9386.

International Creativity Month Story/Craft

Get creative during International Creativity Month at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. Children ages 8-11 will listen to Weird Friends: Unlikely Allies in the Animal Kingdom by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. After the storytime, we’ll get our creative juices flowing when we make an animal friend made of braided yarn in any color! For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Get Creative @ Pride-Chaneyville

Create an Eskimo! Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 4, at 2:30 p.m. to hear Barbara Joosse’s Mama, Do You Love Me? with other children ages 5-10, and then create an Eskimo child craft!

Create a Polar Bear! If polar bears are your favorite arctic animal, then you’ll really enjoy yourself with other children ages 5-11 at the library on Saturday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m. when they hear the story Little Mo by Martin Waddell, then create a polar bear craft!

Create a Snowy Owl! This storytime and craft will be a hoot! Children ages 5-9 are invited to the library on Saturday, January 18, at 2:30 p.m. to hear Little Owl’s Orange Scarf by Tatyana Feeny, and then make a small snowy owl to take home and enjoy! To register, call (225) 658-1560.

Goodbye Old Year, Hello New Year

Happy New Year! Come to the Eden Park Branch on Friday, January 3, at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate with other children ages 3-8 when they listen to Goodbye Old Year, Hello New Year by Frank Modell. After the storytime, we’ll create festive New Year hats to wear home! To register, call (225) 231-3260.

Movie Day

Bring your own finger food snacks to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, January 2, at 3:30 p.m. to enjoy a movie with us! Children ages 7-11 will watch an animated film about a robot in the future that has the job of cleaning earth for humans. To register, call (225) 231-3260.

Game Time: Chutes & Ladders

Join other children ages 3-8 at the Fairwood Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m. for an hour of playing the fun board game Chutes and Ladders! For more information and to register, call (225) 924-9386.

Dinosaur Romp in the Swamp

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. for a special storytime kickoff! Children ages 2-4 will listen to several dinosaur-themed stories, make a dinosaur hat and feet, sing songs about dinosaurs, and just have a good time romping like dinosaurs! For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Children’s Games from the 1800s

Mr. John O’Neil from the Centenary State Historic Site will present children’s games from the 1800s to children ages 6 and up at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

It’s Snowing!

There’s not a snowflake in sight here in Baton Rouge, but we’re celebrating the joy of a winter snowfall! Children ages 2-6 can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. to hear Winter is the Warmest Season by Lauren Stringer and Snowballs by Lois Ehlert. After the stories, we’ll dance the “snowkey-pokey,” act out the roly-poly snowball rhyme, and make a simple snowman. To register, call (225) 756-1160.

Snowflake Bentley Story/Craft

Come to the Zachary Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m. to hear Jacqueline Briggs Martin’s Snowflake Bentley with other children ages 7 and up. For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Sparkly Snow Globe Story/Craft

Baby, it’s cold outside! Children ages 8-11 can warm up at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, January 22, at 3:30 p.m. when we read Snow Happy by Patricia Hubbell. After the storytime, we’ll make a sparkly snow globe. To register, call (225) 354-7060.

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Playful Penguin Story/Craft

National Penguin Awareness Day is this month, and to celebrate, we’re inviting children ages 3-6 to the Central Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 2:30 p.m. to hear Wendell and Florence Minor’s *If You Were a Penguin!* After the storytime, children will make cute, playful penguins made from paper plates to enjoy! For more information and to register, call (225) 262-2660.

All About Penguins Story/Craft

Join other children ages 4-8 at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 18, at 10:30 a.m. for an exciting storytime all about penguins! We’ll sing penguin songs and hear *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester and other penguin stories. After the storytime, we’ll make a penguin friend to take home and enjoy. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1160.

All Dressed Up for Winter

In this winter storytime, children ages 2-6 will listen to the stories *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London and *Under My Hood I Have a Hat* by Karla Kuskin at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 28, at 10:30 a.m. After the storytime, children will play “pass the hat” and make an adorable paper mitten craft. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1160.

Winter Sledding

After hearing the story *The Iciest, Diciest, Scariest Sled Ride Ever* by Rebecca Rule, children ages 8-11 will make little wooden sleds to decorate and take home! The fun happens at Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m., so don’t miss out! For more information and to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Winter Window Scene

Each child ages 8-11 will create his or her own artistic winter scene after hearing Robert Frost’s poem *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening*. The fun is happening at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m. Don’t miss it! For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1160.

National Puzzle Day Story/Craft

Piece-by-piece! To celebrate National Puzzle Day, children ages 3-5 are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m. listen to and participate in stories from Will Hillenbrand’s *Mother Goose Picture Puzzles*. After the storytime, children will color and put together their own 6-piece puzzle. For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Puzzle Day Story/Craft

Are you ready to celebrate National Puzzle Day? Come and join your friends at the River Center Branch on Saturday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. to hear *All Aboard: A Traveling Alphabet* by Bill Mayer and other fun puzzle stories. After the storytime, children ages 5-11 will make an original jigsaw puzzle to share with family and friends. For more information and to register, call (225) 389-4959.
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 seven 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**

- **Bluebonnet**: Tuesday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.
- **Main Library**: Tuesdays, January 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.
- **Zachary**: Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

**Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old**

- **Bluebonnet**: Wednesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Central**: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, January 21, 22, 28, 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Fairwood**: Mondays, January 13, 27, 10:30 a.m.
- **Greenwell Springs**: Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.
- **Main Library**: Tuesdays, January 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.
- **Pride-Chaneyville**: Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Zachary**: Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old**

- **Baker**: Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Bluebonnet**: Wednesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Carver**: Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m.
- **Central**: Wednesdays, January 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Delmont Gardens**: Monday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
- **Fairwood**: Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m.
- **Greenwell Springs**: Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m.
- **Main Library**: Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 21, 23, 28, 30, 10:30 a.m.
- **Pride-Chaneyville**: Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.
- **Zachary**: Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m.

**PJ or Night Storytime**

- **Greenwell Springs**: Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, 7:00 p.m.

**Family Storytime**

- **Bluebonnet**: Monday, January 27, 6:00 p.m.
- **Eden Park**: Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 4:30 p.m.

**Origami Basics Workshop**

Meet other children ages 8-11 at the Central Branch on Thursday, January 23, at 4:30 p.m. where Origami expert Peter Sze will teach children how to make various animal shapes, like a dog and a cat, using simple folding techniques. For more information and to register, call (225) 262-2660.

**Backwards Day**

**Story/Craft**

We are celebrating Backwards Day at the Scotlandville Branch with a special mixed up storytime for children ages 3-11! Come to the library on Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. wearing your clothes backwards to hear silly stories like *The End* by David LaRochelle and Eugene Trivizas’s *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. For more information, call (225) 354-7560.

**Second Saturday**

**Chess & Checkers**

Children ages 6 and up can spend a relaxing afternoon at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, January 11, at 2:00 p.m. playing chess or checkers with friends. Learn how to play the game, or if you’re already a pro, just play for fun! For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

**Card Game Time**

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. for an hour of playing fun card games including *Go Fish!* For more information and to register, call (225) 924-9386.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Portraits
A collection of sketches and shaded art from Robert Chaney

Jewelry Collection
An exhibit of jewelry designs by Angela O’Neal.

Heritage Series
This exhibit by Erik O’Neal consists of a heritage series documenting his ancestry and a narrative of his travels.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Train Day Art
A photography and art exhibit by Baton Rouge Area Railfans.

Chinese Folk Art
A collection of folk art from China as part of the celebration of Chinese New Year.