Mrs. Claus is Comin’ to Town!

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays, and that means Mrs. Claus will be coming back again to visit each of our Library branches this month! She’s bringing along her funny friend, The Holiday Clown! Children ages 2-9 are invited to join the fun. Registration is required. To register just call the Library branch directly. All visits to branches will be held at 10 a.m. per the following schedule:

- Monday, December 1 - Zachary Branch
- Tuesday, December 2 - Central Branch AND the Main Library at Goodwood
- Wednesday, December 3 - Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- Thursday, December 4 - River Center Branch
- Monday, December 8 - Delmont Gardens
- Tuesday, December 9 - Greenwell Springs Branch AND Jones Creek Branch
- Wednesday, December 10 - Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- Thursday, December 11 - Carver Branch
- Monday, December 15 - Eden Park Branch
- Tuesday, December 16 - Fairwood Branch
- Wednesday, December 17 - Scotlandville Branch
- Thursday, December 18 - Baker Branch

* LASM Discovery Dome Presents Holiday Program!

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum’s (LASM) Discovery Dome is back at the Library with a popular holiday program of music, lights and more. Children of all ages will enjoy this 30-minute, visually choreographed performance that features 3D artistic animation and full holiday-related scenery. It’s a cheerful program that is sure to entertain the entire family! Dates, times and locations are listed below, along with the programs (either or both alternating: Let It Snow – LIS and Star of Bethlehem – SB). Registration is required. To register just call the Library branch directly.

- 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, December 1 Greenwell Springs Regional Branch (LIS & SB)
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2 River Center Branch (LIS & SB)
- 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2 Scotlandville Branch (LIS & SB)
- 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, December 3 Pride-Chaneyville Branch (LIS)
- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 4 Carver Branch (LIS)
- 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 4 Fairwood Branch (LIS)
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, December 8 Eden Park Branch (LIS)
- 9 a.m.-Noon Tuesday, December 9 Main Library at Goodwood (SB)
- 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9 Delmont Gardens Branch (LIS)
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, December 10 Baker Branch (LIS)
- 3-6 p.m. Thursday, December 11 Central Branch (LIS)
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 Zachary Branch (LIS & SB)
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17 Jones Creek Regional Branch (LIS)
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 18 Bluebonnet Regional Branch (LIS)

* Registration required.

Inside: Christmas Crafts • Star Libraries Ranking • Food for Fines • Genealogy • AND MORE!
Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Christmas Concert

We’ve got the perfect Christmastime family outing just for you! Everyone can join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20, to enjoy the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society’s Christmas Concert performance. Refreshments will follow.

(right) The Lagniappe Dulcimer groups’ annual holiday concert in our libraries is a well-anticipated treat.

Bookmobiles Make Holiday Parades, Events

The East Baton Rouge Library’s Bookmobiles, overseen by the Outreach Department, will be highly involved in holiday events and parades throughout the city-parish this month. Want to see a bookmobile in action this holiday? Come to one of the following appearances:

- 4-10 p.m. December 5 – Festival of Lights
- 8 a.m.-Noon December 6 – Central Christmas Parade
- 8-11 a.m. December 13 – Pride-Chaneyville Christmas Parade
- 5:30 p.m. December 13 – Downtown Baton Rouge Christmas Parade
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. December 14 – Jones Creek Christmas Parade

Baker Branch Staff to Perform Scenes from A Christmas Carol

We are in the holiday spirit at the Baker Branch! To get your jingle bells rockin’, we’re inviting everyone to the Library at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, to enjoy selected scenes from the holiday classic A Christmas Carol, which will be performed by members of our Library staff.

Winter Wreaths: A Family Crafting Event

We are inviting families to come out to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 10, to make beautiful winter wreaths to hang on their doors during the winter season. This will be a fun event for families to come together and create together. Families also will enjoy winter cookies and beverages.

* Holiday Dinners Don’t Have to Destroy Your Diet

Discover all the ways meals can be prepared and portioned to help you control the holiday bulge! Everyone is invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 13, to get some healthy holiday cooking tips! After the presentation, enjoy samples of healthy holiday options prepared by LSU AgCenter Associate Nutrition Agent Eva Davis.

Holiday Library Closings

Every branch of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

Come One, Come All!

The new PARKING LOT at the Main Library at Goodwood is OPEN! Just turn in off Goodwood Boulevard today!
Children’s Holiday Happenings

*Christmas Tree Memory Ornaments*

Have some holiday fun at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! **Little elves ages 5 and up** can come to the Library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 6, to hear a reading of *Christmas Tree Memories* by Aliki. Afterwards, we’ll make two aluminum ornaments, one to take home and one for the Library holiday tree.

*The Littlest Christmas Tree Story/Craft*

**Children ages 3-7** are invited to the Central Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to hear a reading of *The Littlest Christmas Tree* by R. A. Herman. Afterwards, children can decorate a foam Christmas tree bookmark to take home.

*Create a Christmas Star Story/Craft*

**Children ages 4-11** are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch! Come to the Library at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to hear a reading of *White Snow, Bright Snow* by Alvin Tresselt. Afterwards, we’ll create a sparkling snowflake Christmas ornament craft.

*Snowman Story/Craft*

It’s Christmastime at the Library! **Children ages 8-11** are invited to the River Center Branch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 6, to hear a reading of *Snowmen at Christmas* by Caralyn Buehner. Afterwards, we’ll create a snowman clip magnet to take home. We also will hear some Christmas music and read some Christmas poetry!

*Gingerbread Man Story/Craft*

We’ve got a sweet story time and craft for you! **Children ages 3-7** can come to the Fairwood Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to hear a reading of *The Gingerbread Man*. Afterwards, each child will design a gingerbread man craft using construction paper, buttons and decorative Christmas paper!

*A Little Christmas Owl*

Come to the Carver Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, to celebrate with other children ages 5-7 and hear a reading of *Little Owl and the Star: A Christmas Story* by Mary Murphy. Afterwards, we’ll put together a foam owl gift tag that you can surprise someone with on their Christmas gift!

*Christmas Charms Story/Craft*

Express your love and appreciation for family and friends this holiday season with a handmade gift! **Children ages 8-11** are invited to the Carver Branch at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, to hear a reading of *Christmas Magic* by Kirsten Hall. Afterwards, each child can create beaded penguin charm bracelets with a unique holiday flair.

*Movie Night for Kids at Scotlandville*

Join other **kids ages 3-8** at the Scotlandville Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 11, for an exciting movie about a grumpy miser duck who is visited by three Christmas ghosts. Bring your favorite finger foods to munch on while you enjoy the movie.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. *Registration required.*
*Two Chances for a Christmas Tote Bag Story/Craft

Join us for Christmas crafting! **Children ages 7-11** can come to the Baker Branch at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 13, to hear a reading of *Bear Stays Up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson and make a holiday tote bag. Can’t get enough of holiday story time and crafting? **Children ages 6-11** can head over to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 3 p.m. Monday, December 22, to hear a reading of *The Night before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore. After the story time at, each child will create a decorative bag to put presents in.

*Christmas Sun Catcher Story/Craft

Even though it’s cold outside, the sun still brings us warmth! **Children ages 8-11** are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to hear a reading of *Toot and Puddle: You Are My Sunshine* by Holly Hobbie. Afterwards, each child can create a sparkling sun catcher craft to hang from the family Christmas tree.

*Snow Bank Story/Craft

Even little ones can get a jump on good financial stewardship for the New Year! **Children ages 4-8** are invited to the Carver Branch at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to discover a new take on the traditional holiday wreath. Come check out what you can do with some wallpaper and a picture frame!

*Unwrapping Christmas Fun Story/Craft

**Children ages 8-11** are invited to the Central Branch at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to learn fascinating facts about their favorite holiday traditions when they listen to excerpts from *Christmas Unwrapped: A Kid’s Winter Wonderland of Holiday Trivia* by Amy Shields. After learning the answers to many intriguing questions about the holidays, kids can participate in a holiday trivia game and make some cool Christmas star ornaments out of old Christmas cards!

*Christmas Stocking Story/Craft

**Kids ages 4-11** can add to their holiday enjoyment by coming to the Fairwood Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 20, to hear a reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore, and *The Southern 12 Days of Christmas* by David Davis. Afterwards, each child will decorate a Christmas stocking to display at home!

*Candy Canes Story/Craft

**Children ages 7-10** can come to the Carver Branch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, to hear a reading of *Santa Retires* by David Biedrzycki. Afterwards, we’ll have fun decorating poster board candy canes with markers, glue and glitter!

*Book Page Holiday Ornaments Craft for Teens

It’s holiday time! **Teens** can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, to make an ornament craft out of recycled book pages. We’ve got glitter and other materials to spruce it up!

*Bottle Cap Holiday Ornament Craft for Teens

Bring your friends to the Zachary Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to hang out with other **teens** and learn how to turn ordinary bottle caps into groovy holiday tree ornaments! All supplies will be provided.

*Holidays Wreath Craft for Teens

**Teens** can come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to discover a new take on the traditional holiday wreath. Come check out what you can do with some wallpaper and a picture frame!

*Christmas Tree Feltie Craft for Teens

Get into the spirit of the holidays with a fun craft! **Teens** can join others at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to make a personalized Christmas tree feltie. This craft is perfect for holiday decorating or giving as a gift!

*Zachary Teen Council Holiday Party

It’s that time again! **Teens in grades 8 and up** can come to the Zachary Branch at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, to celebrate the holiday season with music, games and a surprise service project! You’ll also get new ideas for holiday books to read as we share our favorite titles. Remember, newcomers are always welcome to join us!
Teen Holiday Happenings

Teen Holiday Shake-Up
Join other teens at the Central Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, for a holiday shake-up with crafts, games and more! We’ll make a cookie ornament for your tree, play holiday lights limbo and test your singing skills with the Carols of Dysfunction.

Cinnamon Ornaments Look and Smell Great!
Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, to use paint, glitter, ribbon and other supplies to decorate cinnamon holiday ornaments!

Book Page Ornament Craft for Teens
Do you need a last-minute gift for a friend or family member? Join other teens at the Fairwood Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, to make a special book page ornament using strips of book page and a glass ornament. Top it off with your choice of decorative ribbon!

Teen Craft: Upcycled Magazine Coil Ornaments
’Tis the season to make stuff! Teens can come to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, to use coiled strips of magazines for making ornaments of all shapes and sizes.

*Santa & Candy Canes Story/Craft
Children ages 7-10 can come listen to the book Santa Retires by David Biedrzycki during this story and craft time held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, at the Carver Branch. We’ll have fun decorating poster board candy canes after listening to how much fun Santa and Mrs. Claus have on their vacation. Limited seating, so registration is required. Call (225) 389-7460.

Up-Cycled Magazine Christmas Tree Craft for Teens
Teens can get into the holiday swing of things with a cool craft this month! Come to the Zachary Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to make a mini Christmas tree out of up-cycled magazines. Use it as decoration for your room or family dinner table. All supplies will be provided.

Have a Holiday Snack at the Fairwood Branch
Teens are invited to the Fairwood Branch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, to enjoy a quick snack to kick off the holiday break! If you have time, stick around to watch a holiday comedy film.

Holiday Memory Box Craft for Teens
Create your own memory box for the holidays! Teens can come to the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, to make a craft they can give as a gift or keep for themselves. Use it to hold memories of the holidays, the New Year and other memorable occasions.

Adult Holiday Happenings

Do-It-Yourself Ugly Christmas Sweater Party for 20-Somethings
Ugly and tacky Christmas sweater parties are all the rage, but unattractive holiday sweaters are getting harder to find in stores. If you’re a 20-something ages 19-30, bring your own sweater to the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Monday, December 1, and we’ll give you everything you need to tacky it up! Fabric paint, tinsel, buttons and sequins will all be provided so that you can create your own ugly Christmas sweater. The ugliest, tackiest sweater created will receive a prize.

African Holiday Angels Craft for Adults
Experienced crafter JoAnn Fryling will be at the Scotlandville Branch at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, to teach adults how to create a unique African holiday angel to add to home décor this season.

*Jazz Up Your Tree with Wine Bottle Corks
Our team of crafty librarians has an amazing holiday project for those who like to repurpose items. Adults can come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, to use discarded wine bottle corks to make whimsical caroling angels or mini Christmas trees for holiday decorations. All supplies will be provided.
*Heat Up Your Holiday with the Gift of Hot Cocoa*

*Adults* can come to the Library this month to make an inexpensive, heart-warming gift for family and friends. Join us at the Central Branch at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to sip hot chocolate and make an eye-catching gift for loved ones this season. We will be making hot cocoa mixes in a jar, and each participant will leave with one completed project and recipe.

*Holiday Deco Mesh Wreath Craft for Adults*

The holiday season is finally here! *Adults* can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to learn how to make a unique deco mesh wreath just in time for holiday celebrations! Please bring your own deco mesh and other embellishments you would like to add to your wreath. Limited supplies will be provided.

*If You Need a Holiday Wreath, This Craft Is for You!*

Join experienced crafter Dawya Davis at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 6, to make a holiday wreath for your door! *Adults* will learn how to create eye-catching holiday embellishments for your doors.

*Christmas Present Pop-Up Cards*

*Adults* are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 11, to make a very simple pop-up Christmas card. The basic card supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own craft materials and embellishments, like colorful pens and markers or decorative-edged scissors to personalize your card!

*Holiday Pine Cone Décor*

You can use pine cones that have fallen from the trees in your yard to spruce up your home for the holidays! Bring some pine cones to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 11, and learn how to turn those natural pine cones into gorgeous holiday ornaments and décor for your home. *Adult* participants are encouraged to bring personal supplies and embellishments, especially ribbon and spray paint. Other supplies will be provided.

*Decorative Holiday Wreaths*

*Adults* can join experienced crafter Cheryl Lott for a morning of holiday wreath making at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13. Get ready to spruce up your doors for the holidays!

*Holiday Craft for Adults*

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun craft! *Adults* are invited to the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 14, to make a seasonal-themed craft that can add to holiday cheer!

*Lagniappe Dulcimer Society’s High Note*

If you love the sound of dulcimers, come out to the Zachary Branch Library for a free concert by Lagniappe Dulcimer Society members 2 p.m. Saturday, December 6. *Everyone* will enjoy traditional, early American music played with mountain and bowed dulcimers, guitars, fiddles, harmonicas and concertina accordion. More information is at www.ebrpl.com.
Adult Holiday Happenings

Holiday Handiwork for 20-Somethings
Calling all 20-Somethings ages 18-30ish! Do you need help with your holiday decorating? Come to the Zachary Branch at 7 p.m. Monday, December 15, to jazz up pine cones, acorns and gum balls to decorate your holiday tree and more! Enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and Christmas music while you craft!

Holiday Movies

TGIF Movie Day at Jones Creek
Admission is free at 1 p.m. every Friday in December when adults come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch to watch a movie! The featured film will vary each week, but all will have a holiday theme. Enjoy popcorn and punch while you watch.

Movie Day at Delmont Gardens
Adults are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 2 p.m. Monday, December 15, to watch what happens when college friends reunite after 15 years over the Christmas holidays and they discover just how easy it is for long-forgotten rivalries and romances to be reignited.

Teen Movie Day at Jones Creek
Teens can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20, to celebrate the holiday season and watch a hilarious movie about a man who was raised by Santa’s elves! Enjoy refreshments while you watch.

A Holiday Tale Movie for Teens
Teens are invited to the Carver Branch at 4 p.m. Monday, December 22, to enjoy a movie that follows Buddy, an orphan who stowed away in Santa’s toy bag and ended up at the North Pole. The elves raise him as one of their own until Buddy discovers that he is actually human and he leaves the North Pole in search of his biological father!

Teen Holiday Movie
Indulge in the holiday spirit while avoiding your stressed-out parents! Join other teens at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 22, to watch a holiday-themed movie.

*Holiday Classics Monday Movie & Pajama Party
We’re having a Monday movie and pajama party at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 22! Children of all ages are invited to join us for two holiday classics! In the first film, children will enjoy a 30-minute cartoon of Dr. Seuss’ popular holiday tale about a mean, green creature who tries to steal Christmas from the Whos in Whoville. The second film will be a cartoon version of Charles Dickens’ classic story about a miserly man (or duck, in this case) that is shown the error of his ways by three Christmas ghosts! Children are invited to wear their Library-appropriate pajamas and bring their favorite finger foods to snack on.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly.
For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. * Registration required.
Covering Community, Biz, Career: Wrapping Up an Excellent Year!

By Tanya Freeman
President
Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control

This has been a phenomenal year for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and as 2014 comes to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to you for your outstanding support and participation demonstrated this year. Your Library and its branches have become “the place” to be, and there are many reasons for this transformation in our community.

There are a multitude of services that are easily accessible to you, through the Digital Library, which is located online at www.ebrpl.com. I encourage you to try a few of the free popular offerings, which include: Flipster and Zinio for free magazine downloads; Mango and Muzzy foreign language courses; Learning Express; Homework Louisiana for online tutoring (tutor.com); TumbleBooks; Freegal for downloadable music; Comics Plus; eBooks and audio books; Gale Courses; Safari Tech Books; and the Baton Rouge Room Digital Archive. Remember, all you need is your Library card.

With all these new services, the Library continues to upgrade online and electronic resources, also. To keep up with the needs of the 21st Century, we offer free computer use and WiFi access at all 14 branches, 3D printing services at the Main Library at Goodwood and Robotics and Arduino clubs throughout the system. There are a number of computer courses for all ages; access to online databases and archives; and free online downloads of eBooks, audio books, music, magazines, comic books and movies – all at www.ebrpl.com.

This year, we celebrated our 75th anniversary, and though we are quite different from the Library that opened in 1939 with its small collection of donated books, your Library is still committed to prepare you and the community for the next 75 years and beyond. Log on or visit us today. Our Library has become the place everyone wants to visit, due to a variety of resources, services and programs being offered to expand our world. The year’s memories are filled with significant experiences that will live on in our hearts and minds – especially for our children – as your Library continues to be a valued center for learning and community outreach for several decades to come.

In January, the 126,000-square-foot, $41.2-million (under budget) Main Library at Goodwood opened its doors to our customers, and a whole new world opened up to our patrons. Take a few minutes to review The Source newsletter to find more information on what the Library offers: the Genealogy Room and the Baton Rouge Room (relocated to the Main Library), 3D Printing services and demonstrations, community workshops and crafts, children’s story times and activities, special programs and community/government meetings, computer labs and software training and more. They all take place at all of our 14 branches – every day, seven days a week! Can’t make it to a branch? Just log on to Library services with your Library card 24/7 at www.ebrpl.com.

Uniquely situated, our Main Library at Goodwood is involved in a collaboration with Independence Park and EBRPL Again Named to America’s Star Libraries List

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library has for the third consecutive year been named a Star Library by the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service, sponsored by Baker & Taylor’s Bibliostat. The Library, with a rating of three stars, is one of only two in the state (the other being the Jackson Parish Library in Jonesboro, also at three stars) to earn this honor. The rating is based on 2012 data. This is the seventh edition of the Index. Library Journal (LJ), which has provided library-related news and reviews of books, library systems, databases and websites for more than 100 years, announced the seventh edition of its Index of Public Library Service and “Star Libraries” on November 3. According to Library journal, the Index is a measurement tool that compares U.S. public libraries with their spending peers, based on four measures of their per-capita use.

Donate Books and Help Educate, Elevate Area Prisoners

Beginning December 3 and continuing through the early part of 2015, community members are asked to donate books to our prisons – with the help of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library – to educate and elevate those who are incarcerated. Besides the Library, partners in this city-parish effort include the Warden’s Office, the Sheriff’s Office, churches, prison libraries, elected officials and more. All books donated will be reassigned to area prison libraries and be available to prisoners. Each Library branch throughout the city-parish will host a collection box on site for citizens to drop off their used softbound books, magazines and other items. So make sure to give your donation today!
Food for Fines
The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is hosting a program throughout the month of December as a special holiday gift for our patrons, as well as for those in need. Patrons can donate a non-perishable food item at any of the 14 Library branch locations throughout December, and the Library will waive $1 of the total late check-out fine per donated item. All items will benefit the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Food can include canned vegetables, soups and meat; flour; rice; peanut butter; pasta; corn meal; breakfast cereal and bars; or any canned, bagged or boxed non-perishable food item. For more information, call (225) 231-3740 or visit www.ebrpl.com.

Health & Fitness

*Your Pace or Mine Walking Club
Get your walk on with friends at the Library! Adults can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in December to join the walking club. We’ll be walking on a nearby path and following a map. In the event of evening showers, we’ll walk inside the Library. All fitness levels are welcome. Be sure to bring water!

*Scotlandville Sole Pacers Walking Club
Join our free adult walking club at the Scotlandville Branch! Just come to the Library at 5 p.m. Tuesdays, December 2, 9 and 16, and Thursdays, December 4, 11 and 18, to learn the benefits of walking. We’ll discuss goals, do warm-ups and more. Participants will meet in the lobby of the branch and leave at 5 p.m. for a self-paced walk on a nearby path. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.

Carver Fit Club
Adults, tweens and teens are invited to the Carver Branch at 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday in December to observe and/or participate in monthly exercise demonstrations. This month, we’ll mix it up with interval training that alternates between total body moves and core conditionings. You’ll get the maximum benefit from a workout in just 30-minutes with Ultimate Sculpt. Be sure to bring your towels, water bottles and portable weights.

*Relax with Chair Yoga
Adults can come to the Eden Park Branch at 10 a.m. Thursdays, December 4 and 18, to enjoy a gentle, hour-long course designed for relaxation and to quiet the 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 attending.

*Mindful Meditation
Relax and retreat to the Library this month. Adults can come to the Eden Park Branch at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 11, to enjoy an hour of relaxation and quiet the mind. Meditation has proven useful in stress relief, mental clarity, focus and biofeedback.

Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group Meeting
Dianne Miller will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 1 p.m. Monday, December 15, to lead an information sharing meeting with adults held with the caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. Alzheimer’s Services of the Capital Area sponsors this free and public program.

*Teen Hatha Yoga
Teens are invited to the Central Branch at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, to learn Hatha Yoga techniques. Discover new ways to deal with stress and anxiety through breathing exercises, relaxation, meditation and more. Be sure to wear comfortable Library-appropriate clothing and bring your own non-slip mat.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. *Registration required.
African-Americans in Aviation: Past, Present & Future

Experienced pilot Albert Rutherford will be at the Fairwood Branch at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, to make a presentation for adults on the history of African-Americans in aviation. Rutherford has 30 years of experience as a pilot and will share a three-panel pictorial display and documentary film titled Beyond Tuskegee, Closer to the Stars. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

*Use Wills and Probates to Discover Your Family Tree

Adults can come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 10, to learn how to use wills and probate records to trace a family tree and discover details of ancestors’ lives. This class will cover the various types of probate records, where to find them, and what they contain. Using these records, you can learn how people were related, what kind of land and property they owned and more.

Genealogy Moves to Main Library

Attention all you Genealogy buffs! The Genealogy Room staff of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library System has spent the last few days moving from the Bluebonnet Branch Library to its new home at the Main Library at Goodwood. The Genealogy Room is open the same hours as the Main Library (2-10 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday). Other digital archives are accessible online at www.ebrpl.com.

The Collection now has joined the Baton Rouge Room’s Archives and Local History collections in the Special Collections Department of the Main Library in a state-of-the-art facility that spans a broad spectrum of historical and genealogical topics. Researchers will be able to take full advantage of not only those collections but also the Main Library’s strong Louisiana Reference, microfilm and Louisiana / Baton Rouge Vertical File collections.

Both the Baton Rouge Room Archive and the Genealogy Collection trends to the Southeastern Region of the United States and is enhanced with national and international materials. The vertical file, print and manuscripts collections have been selected carefully to provide an integrated research collection to our patrons,” said Melissa Eastin, archivist. “With the Main Library’s Reference Department just steps away on the second floor, the new Special Collections Department will be a one-stop shop where our staff will be able to help you answer even the most obscure historical or genealogical questions.”

In addition, the area offers maps, vertical files, city directories, photographs, print and digital materials will be available with staff on hand to help users navigate the collection. For more information, contact Eastin or Genealogist Theresa Wagner at (225) 231-3751 or visit www.ebrpl.com.

Self-Guided Genealogy Classes

The Special Collections Department is pleased to announce the launch of our East Baton Rouge Parish Library Certified Genealogist Program. This self-guided curriculum of 10 classes is designed to help attendees become skilled genealogists and researchers. The curriculum is comprised of eight core classes and two electives of the person’s choice. Topics covered include: Introduction to Genealogy, Using Ancestry.com Library Edition, Exploring Probate Records, Resources for African-American Genealogy and many more!

Patrons who finish the 10-class curriculum will receive a certificate of completion. The classes can be taken in any order, and there is no time limit for completion. Classes are free and scheduled regularly throughout the year. Please see the “Classes Offered” page of the Genealogy Infoguide (to get started visit www.ebrpl.com and click on the Genealogy Button – look for the green leaf) for detailed core class descriptions and a list of electives. Upcoming class schedules can be found on the online calendar at www.ebrpl.com or in The Source newsletter. For more information, call the Genealogy Room at (225) 231-3751.
20-Somethings Game Night

If you enjoy video and board games and are looking for a way to meet other gaming enthusiasts ages 19-30ish, come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, December 9 and 23, to play free board games like Settlers of Catan and 7 Wonders and video games like Rock Band and Minecraft. Enjoy light refreshments while you play. Be there or be square!

Coffee & Tea 101 for 20-Somethings

Niklas Issac from Pure Delight Coffee will be at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13, to host a cupping event for coffee and tea enthusiasts who are ages 19-30ish! A cupping event is where participants can taste and learn about different coffees. After the coffee lesson, we’ll welcome Anne Milneck from Red Stick Spice Company to discuss holiday teas for drinking and use in cooking.

20-Somethings Anime Day

Anime isn’t just for kids! Come to the Baker Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20, to hang out with other 20-somethings ages 19-30 and enjoy snacking on delicious ramen noodles while you watch the latest anime.

20-Somethings Movie Day

Adults ages 19-30 can come to the Baker Branch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, to watch a film about a futuristic dystopia where society is divided into five factions that each represent a different virtue. Watch as teenagers decide if they want to stay in their faction or switch to another for the rest of their lives.

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Welcome to Night Vale Podcast Listening Party for 20-Somethings

If you’d like to hang out with other 20-somethings ages 19-30, you’re invited to the Baker Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to listen to Welcome to Night Vale, a podcast in the style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale. It features local weather, news, announcements from the Sheriff’s Secret Police, mysterious lights in the night sky, dark hooded figures with unknowable powers and cultural events.

Savvy Shoppers’ Couponing 101

You’ve probably heard of the big savings that can come from clipping or printing store coupons. If you’re interested in learning how to make them benefit your family’s budget, come to the River Center Branch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 13, to learn how to use online and newspaper coupons and sales ads to your advantage! Adults can 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!

Three-Part Teen Acting Workshop with Niesha Bentley

Do you have the acting gene? Maybe you’d like to find out. If you said yes, this workshop is for you! Teens are invited to the Scotlandville Branch at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, to participate in an acting workshop presented by experienced actress and acting coach Niesha Bentley. You’ll practice and enjoy discovering the fun in acting by reciting tongue twisters, mimicking other participants, reading dramatic dialogues and more!
Let's Play Bingo Together!

This game never gets old! Bring the whole family to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, to play bingo and win cool prizes! Enjoy cookies and punch while you play.

Bingo Time at Eden Park

We know you love this game! Families can come to the Eden Park Branch at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, and seniors can come at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 4, to play the classic game.

Family Bingo at Central!

Everyone is invited to the Central Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to play bingo! Enjoy refreshments while you play. Prizes will be awarded.

L’Eagle Bingo

Are you a hawk with bingo cards? Can you “sparrow” a few bingo markers? If so, you’ll want to swoop down to the Carver Branch at 10 a.m. Monday, December 8, and join other adults to play L’Eagle Bingo! If you have the “talons” for it, you just might “wing”!

*Holiday Time Bingo at Jones Creek

Head over to the Library for the holidays for a fun game of bingo! Everyone is invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, for an evening of the classic game that never goes out of style.

Art & Crafts

*Craft Time for Adults at Jones Creek

Adults can join us for a fun evening of fantastic fall crafts! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. every Monday in December to learn how to make colorful autumn crafts to give to your friends or to keep for yourself. All materials will be provided.

Teen Craft: Crochet Rings

Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to hang out with other teens and learn to crochet a great piece of jewelry for yourself or as a gift for someone special. This craft is simple and impressive. You’ll love the hand-crocheted rings!

Buds ‘N’ Beads for Teens

Teens, if you are festive, creative and love holiday music, this program is a must! Join us at the River Center Branch on the second floor at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 4, to customize ear buds with beads. Come create with us, and bring a friend! All supplies will be provided.

Make a Journal for a New Year Teen Craft

We’re going to get creative with composition notebooks again! Teens won’t want to miss this program because we’ve got a special idea for the notebook covers that’ll help you get on the right track for 2015. Come to the Library at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, to get crafty!

*Eden Park Art Club

Adults can get creative in expressing the world around them as they see it! Come to the Eden Park Branch at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to participate in an art class guided by artist Kim Lewis.

Beaded Necklace Craft for Teens

Teens can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to make a stylish beaded necklace that they can keep or give away as a heartfelt holiday gift!

Duct Tape Frame Craft for Teens

Learn a cool new use for your duct tape! Bring your friends to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 27, to hang out with other teens and create picture frames using cardboard and duct tape. Duct tape in various colors and funky patterns will be provided.
Sew Much Fun!

*A Stitch in Time Sewing Circle*
Adult sewing needle enthusiasts can gather at the Eden Park Branch at 5 p.m. Tuesdays, December 2 and 9, to learn beginning and intermediate level sewing techniques. Experienced seamstress Brenda Harris will be at the Library to give instructions and demonstrations on various sewing projects.

Crafting for a Cause
Whether you are new to the art of crochet, want to improve your skills or just want to enjoy the company of adult fellow crafters, the Pride-Chaneyville Branch is where you need to be! Come to the Library at 1 p.m. Thursdays, December 4, 11 and 18, to make crafts. Items made through this program will be crafted for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge to benefit their many charitable programs, along with organizations like The Leprosy Mission in Anandaban Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal; War Veterans Hospital; Pregnancy Problem Center; St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital; Hope House; and the Battered Women’s Shelter. Donations of supplies or finished items also are welcome.

The Stitcher Mixer
Knitting, crocheting and needlepoint, oh my! Would you like to learn these skills? Perhaps you’d like to join some like-minded adult crafters for some stitching and conversation. If this sounds like your cup of tea, come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, December 9 and 23, in Conference Room B on the second floor. We’ve got plenty of materials for you to use, or you can bring your own project materials.

Hand Quilting for Beginners
Adults and teens can come to the Central Branch at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, December 10 and 17, to learn the basics of hand quilting! Work on your current project, get advice on starting a new one, get ideas for quilting patterns and enjoy how-to demonstrations. Questions and ideas are welcome and encouraged! Be sure to bring your own fabric, needle, thread, scissors, pins and other materials.

Quilters’ Corner
Adults can join this on-going quilting group that will meet monthly at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Come to the Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13, to create quilts everyone will admire! Build your skills with techniques for piecing, machine quilting, appliqué, finishing and so much more.

Carver Crochet Club
Come crochet your stress away at the Carver Branch! Adults and teens are invited to the Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, to join the crochet club. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. We will have limited supplies available, but you are welcome to bring your own.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged.
To register, call the Library branch directly.
For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. *Registration required.

Monday Movie Series at River Center
Join other adults at the River Center Branch this month for a two-part Monday movie series! Come to the Library at 1 p.m. Monday, December 1, to watch a political thriller about a rescue operation starring Ben Affleck. Come back at 1 p.m. Monday, December 15, to check out an action thriller about one of history’s greatest manhunts starring Jessica Chastain. Enjoy popcorn and lemonade while you watch.

Saturday Afternoon Movie at Scotlandville
Adults can come to the Scotlandville Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 6, to enjoy an afternoon movie in which the good-natured Rev. Henry Biggs finds that his marriage to choir mistress Julia is flailing due to his constant absence caring for the deprived neighborhood they live in. In addition, his church is coming under threat from a property developer and in desperation, Rev. Biggs prays to God for help. Watch what happens when help arrives in the form of an angel named Dudley. Popcorn will be served.

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Green Thumbs Up for Fall Gardening, Part II

LSU AgCenter agents Shawn Zeringue, Katie Strecker and Abby Greenbaum will be at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 13, to host the second of a two-part series of workshops that will show adults what plants will thrive during the fall season.

Getting Ready for Gardening

Learn how to get ready for your gardening projects! Come to the Eden Park Branch at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 18, for a presentation by an experienced gardener who can teach you about the plants that are suitable for the current season and how to care for them.

Do’s and Don’t’s of Fall Gardening

- **What:** A workshop series on how and what to plant in the fall.
- **Where:** Greenwell Springs Road Library
- **When:** Saturdays, December 13, 10-12 p.m.

Join Shawn Zeringue and other Ag Center agents as they teach and demonstrate fall gardening techniques.
**Let's Dabble in Scrabble**

If you’re an adult word game enthusiast, you’ll want to join others at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in December, to play Scrabble and find out who’ll be the word master! If you’d prefer a fast-paced game with less strategy, we invite you to play Quiddler. If you don’t know how to play, don’t sweat it. Instructors will show you how to play. Prizes will be awarded.

**Teen Gamerz Club: Super Mario 3D World**

Teen gamers, are you ready for some Super Mario Brothers fun? Then it’s time to get revved up and claw your way to the top of the flagpole! Come join us at the Central Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, for a game of Super Mario Brothers 3D World on the Wii-U!

**Minecraft Game Day for Teens**

What will you create? Grab your friends and join other teens at the Baker Branch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, to build your world with Minecraft. Your imagination is the limit!

**Minecraft Monday for Kids**

Hey kids! Is the hustle and bustle of the approaching holidays tiring you out? Head over to the Central Branch at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, and relax with other kids ages 7-11 for an afternoon of Minecraft on the Xbox 360!

**Join the Eden Park Gaming and Play Halo 3**

Brave teens can join others at the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, for tournament-style rounds of Halo 3!

**Teen Game Day at Jones Creek**

It’s time for a smackdown! Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, to play Super Mario 3D World on the Wii-U.

**Adults Can Learn to Play Chess**

If you’ve ever wanted to learn to play chess, you’ll want to join other adults, teens and children at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13, to get the basics.

Retro Game Day for Adults

Adults are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 17, to play a variety of board games, including Scrabble, Connect Four and dominoes. Jigsaw puzzles of various sizes also will be available for puzzle enthusiasts. Enjoy refreshments while you play!

Adult Game Night at River Center

If you’re looking for something to do this month, you should join other adults at the River Center Branch at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 18, for fun and games! We will play golf, exciting card games and more! Light refreshments will be served.

**Teen Video Game Day**

Are you bored at home on winter break? Join other thrill-seeking teens at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 29, for an afternoon of Dance Central and Rock Band. Get out of the house and enjoy a day of boredom-busting, musical fun!
Eden Park Anime Club
Come enjoy the company of other teen anime enthusiasts at the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, while you watch some popular anime shows!

Anime Matinee at the Main Library
Get your jingle bells over to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13, to watch anime on our Crunchyroll account with other teens anime lovers! Snack on delicious ramen noodles while you watch.

Anime Day at Bluebonnet
It’s simple. We “heart” anime! If you and your friends share our love for these cool cartoons, join other teens at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, to watch anime and munch on snacks!

Teen Anime Club
If you love anime, you’ll love this program! Teens are invited to the River Center Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to hang out with other anime lovers and watch two of the newest anime movies. Enjoy some snacks while you watch.

Get Your Business Off to a Good Start with SCORE
SCORE Baton Rouge, which celebrated 41 years of serving small business clients in the greater Baton Rouge area this year, is offering free counseling for start-up businesses and mentoring for those who are facing challenges in some phase of their business. As part of this service, the organization will hold a series of free workshops monthly for small business owners and entrepreneurs alike. All are held at the Main Library at Goodwood as follows:

- Tues., December 9, 2-4 p.m. – Simple Steps for Starting Your Business at the Main Library at Goodwood
- Wed., December 10, 2-4 p.m. – What is in Your Online Marketing Toolkit (with bonus “12 Last Minute Tips to Drive Year End Success” at the Main Library at Goodwood

Business mentoring also available at the Main Library every Wednesday for those with appointments. For more appointments and information, contact Bob Breaux, area chair of SCORE Baton Rouge, at bob.breaux@gmail.com or (225) 381-7130.

Resumé Seminar
Anne Nowak, head of the Library’s Career Center, will lead a workshop on writing a great resumé. The free event is scheduled at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, at the Carver Branch. Registration is required.

At the seminar, attendees will learn how to: structure the document to showcase valuable skills, format it to look professional, avoid “red flags” employers dislike and write a cover letter. For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7440.

Teen Advisors
Help us make the Eden Park Branch a fun place for teens to be! Come to the Library at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 18, to suggest program ideas, create programs, help decorate the Teen Room and make new friends along the way.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. * Registration required.
### Book Clubs @ Your Library

#### Baker Branch
- **Baker Evening Book Club**
  6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2
  *Dashing Through the Snow*
  by Mary Higgins Clark

- **Baker Morning Book Club**
  10:30 a.m. Monday, December 8
  *The Christmas Wedding*
  by James Patterson

#### Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- **Reading the Classics Book Club**
  1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2
  *Blood Wedding* by Federico Garcia Lorca
  and *The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov

- **Bluebonnet Book Club**
  7 p.m. Wednesday, December 17
  *City of Light*
  by Lauren Belfer

#### Central Branch
- **Central Book Club**
  11 a.m. Thursday, December 18
  There is no book choice. Attendees will talk about their favorite selections for the year.

#### Eden Park Branch
- **5 p.m. Tuesday, December 16**
  *The Shoe Box*
  by Francine Rivers

#### Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Louisiana Reads Book Club**
  10 a.m. Wednesday, December 17
  *We Were Merchants: The Sternberg Family and the Story of Goudchaux’s and Maison Blanche Department Stores*
  by Hans J. Sternberg with James E. Shelledy

- **The Seekers’ Book Club**
  3 p.m. Sunday, December 21
  *Your Beautiful Purpose (continued discussion)*
  by Susie Larson

#### Jones Creek Regional Branch
- **Historical Society Book Club**
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 9
  *When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation 1940-1944*
  by Ronald C. Rosbottom

- **JCR Book Club**
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 16
  *The Christmas Train*
  by David Baldacci

#### Main Library at Goodwood
- **French Book Club**
  7 p.m. Thursday, December 4
  *Un secret*
  by Philippe Grimbert

- **Mystery Lovers Book Club**
  Noon Tuesday, December 9
  *Book Club Crimes for the Holidays*

- **Historical Novel Book Club**
  1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11
  *First Man in Rome*
  by Colleen McCullough
  (There are 7 books in this series called Masters of Rome, and any of them may be read.)

- **Compassionate Book Club**
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 16
  *Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen*
  by Bob Greene

- **Chinese Book Club**
  7 p.m. Thursday, December 18
  *仓央嘉措：不负如来不负卿*
  by 高平

- **Sci-Fi Book Club**
  6 p.m. Tuesday, December 30
  There is no book choice. We will be selecting books for the year 2015.

#### Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- **Crafting for a Cause Book Club**
  1 p.m. Thursdays in December
  *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*
  by Mitch Albom

- **Like It or Not Book Club**
  10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 6
  *Angel Books*
  by Debbie Macomber

### Book Clubs

**Read Well at Greenwell Children’s Book Club**

*Children ages 7-11* will meet at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13, to discuss the previous read. Members are invited to present a visual presentation prepared at home that is related to the story in any creative form they choose. Afterwards, we will introduce and discuss the upcoming read.

**Choose a Chapter Book Club for Kids**

At this meeting of the Choose A Chapter Book Club, *children ages 6-11* will choose chapters to read from the book *Junie B., First Grader: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells*. The reading will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 13, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library. Afterwards, the children will make a holiday elf ornament craft.
High Five Book Club

High Five Book Club members ages 8-11 will discuss the unique characters in the Newberry Award-winning book *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 18.

Afterwards, we’ll learn about calligraphy writing and create Christmas gift tags using this beautiful lettering. Light refreshments will be served.

The Fiction Writers’ Workshop

Adults can come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 7 p.m. Mondays, December 8 and 15, to join a fun group of local authors! You can share your works of fiction and get feedback and encouragement. We’ll be doing writing exercises to spark your creativity.

Overdrive Digital Bookmobile Visit

A double-breakout, 74-foot-long semi-trailer, known as the traveling exhibit the Digital Bookmobile, made a special visit during its national trek to the Main Library at Goodwood in November. It helps teach patrons about digital collections, including those at the East Baton Rouge Library, and included five separate spaces showcasing eBooks, audio books, a gadget gallery, a video lounge and more.

Best-selling authors. New release titles. Classics and crowd-pleasers. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s Overdrive digital collection has it all. Introductory videos and interactive computer stations give visitors a chance to browse our Library’s collection. To learn more about the Overdrive Digital bookmobile, visit www.digitalbookmobile.com. To learn more about the Library System’s Digital Library visit www.ebrpl.com/digitallibrary, go online to our Twitter or Facebook pages or call (225) 231-3750.

Do You Have the Writers’ Club Bug?

If you’ve got the writing bug, then you should join other aspiring writers at the Eden Park Branch at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13.

This is the perfect environment for adults and teens to discuss ideas, pair up for editing and proofreading, conquer writer’s block and even play games designed to strengthen your writing skills. We’ll also discuss traditional publishing and self-publishing.

If teens need help with writing for school work, we’ll have a retired volunteer English teacher available for consultation.
Book Festival Launches
One Book for Library

Hundreds of people visit the East Baton Rouge Parish Library booth November 1 during the downtown Louisiana Book Festival. The Library used this opportunity to announce its One Book, One Community title for the spring of 2015: *A Confederacy of Dunces*. This is a wonderful novel by John Kennedy Toole published in 1980 that takes a romp with the central character, Ignatius J. Reilly, a slothful 30-year man living in New Orleans, as he travels between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. It earned Toole a posthumous Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1981.

Because Reilly enjoys wearing a bushy moustache, ear-flap hunting cap and a checked flannel shirt and is known to enjoy a Lucky Dog hotdog or two, the Library handed out related items at the Book Festival booth: edible miniature hotdogs and fake moustaches. Staff dressed up in their best Reilly outfits, too, and one even wore a hotdog costume. Visitors enjoyed taking selfies at the cutout of a hotdog, as well.

Meet the Authors, Learn About La. Seafood

Come meet the authors of *Southeast Louisiana Food: A Seasoned Tradition*, Addie K. Martin and Jeremy Martin, who will speak to patrons about their book at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 14, at the Main Library at Goodwood (Meeting Room 102) at this free event.

The cuisine of Southeast Louisiana is informed by a unique landscape. Defined by water — Vermillion Bay to the west, marshlands to the east, the Mississippi River to the north and the Gulf Coast to the south — the scenery transitions from verdant swamps to open seas stocked with diverse wildlife. This book covers the fact that indigenous Cajun cuisine is a cultural blend three centuries in the making with traces of American Indian, French, German, Italian and African heritage. To feed themselves and burgeoning markets, locals built formidable aquaculture empires. Eventually, the area became less isolated, offering more opportunity while threatening traditions. With interviews and family recipes, authors Addie and Jeremy present the history behind this enchanting culinary tradition. For more information, call (225) 231-3752.
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*Winter’s Day Story/Craft*

Little ones are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, to hear a reading of *Little Cloud* by Eric Carle with other children ages 3-7. Afterwards, each child will make a sunny winter’s scene craft using cupcake wrappers, cotton balls and construction paper.

*Storytime at the library*

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading. You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer 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.

**Preschool Storytime – for children 3 to 5 years old**

Carver, 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 3
Library, BREC Partners to Open Plaza and BREC Café at Main: Hundreds Come to Attic Treasures Event, Fall Festival

In a governmental partnership that is unique among other such entities nationally, BREC and the East Baton Rouge Library have worked collaboratively together to fulfill the wishes of community members and enhance the Independence Park experience through resources offered in tandem with the Main Library at Goodwood. On Saturday, November 22, both groups jointly held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Independence Park Plaza and Independence Park Café – both located at the entrance of the Main Library.

Hundreds turned out for the ceremony and also for the Library’s 14th Annual Attic Treasures & Collectibles Event held at Main Library and the BREC-Library Family Fall Festival held in the plaza.

In addition to the ceremony, BREC announced it will have CC’s Coffee House and Roly-Poly Sandwiches as Café vendors when the site is fully up and running.

Lines were out the Library doors as people lined up with swords, antique knives, old dolls, pieces of furniture, jewelry, collectible ceramics and pottery and much more to have them reviewed by experts in every field during the Attic Treasures event. Among the more interesting finds was a photograph taken by famous Baton Rouge Confederate War photographer and spy A.D. Lytle. The photo included the owner’s relative in the picture. In addition, a very old etching of Queen Elizabeth ordering the beheading of Mary Queen of Scots was brought by for review, and another person brought in a copy of the book Profiles in Courage autographed by John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and JFK’s secretary. In addition, a man brought in his father’s old sword taken during a war from a Spanish soldier. Meanwhile, also inside Main Library, a children’s chess tournament was underway and 3D printing demonstrations were attracting a big crowd of interested and amazed patrons.

At the Fall Festival, children enjoyed a cake walk, Twinkle the Clown, the Library’s Digi-Blue bookmobile, fall art and crafts activities, candy cane bowling and more. Both the Baton Rouge Jazz Ensemble and guitarist Dorothy LeBlanc also entertained the crowd, and LPB’s Elmo mascot danced with some of the children.

As usual, the 3D Printing demonstrations in the Main Library drew a big crowd.
**3D Printing Demos Are BACK!**

The Main Library at Goodwood is bringing back free demonstrations of the 3D printer for the community. In December, they’ll be held at Main Library at the following times and dates: 6 p.m. December 10, 7 p.m. December 18 and 2 p.m. December 27.

3D printing is a process that creates solid objects from various materials based on a digital design. Rather than cutting, the objects are created by printing layers of material combined to produce a physical object. This is the next evolutionary step from toner on a page and is transforming manufacturing. Submit your own design from required specs or borrow a design from Thingiverse. There’s a nominal fee plus material costs when you put in your Library 3D printing request. For more information, details and 3D printing request forms, visit [www.ebrpl.libguides.com/make](http://www.ebrpl.libguides.com/make) or call (225) 231-3750.

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**Teen Tech: Programming with the Scratch Web App**

Command your computer! [Teens](#) are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 11, to create stories, games and animations using Scratch, the free desktop and online multimedia authoring tool and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)-sponsored web application. There’s no end to what you can create!

**Tech Toy Box at Bluebonnet**

Do you have a laptop, iPhone, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Make the most of it! You can use the Library’s resources to read books and magazines, learn languages, download music, study for tests, develop career skills and much more! [Adults](#) can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 13, to get assistance from Library staff on how to operate your device!

The times and days for Tech Toy Box are: Monday-Thursday 3-6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays 3-5 p.m. For more information, call (225) 231-3750 or visit [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com).

**Teen Arduino Robotics Club**

Would you like to learn and experiment with electronic projects or build your own robot? If you said yes, you’ll want to join other [teens](#) at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20, to tinker with Arduino, an open-sourced microcontroller that can be used to create wearable art, home automation, do-it-yourself gadgets, robots and more! Kits are provided for use during the program. The program is free.

**You Can Ask Tech Questions Weekly**

The Library will be offering Tech Toy Box by the Main Library at Goodwood’s concierge desk throughout December. Experts will be available to answer any questions about the Library’s digital services, especially when getting started with Overdrive. They’ll also show off devices like iPad, Kindle Fire and Nook so people can learn how to download eBooks. And they’ll be troubleshooting any tech problems patrons are having with devices. For information, call (225) 231-3750 or visit [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com).

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**Telescope Training Class**

[Adults](#) can come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 18, for a brief presentation on how to use and care for the Library’s Dobsonian telescope. This telescope also is available to borrow. All that is required is attendance at the training class and your Library card.

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All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com). *Registration required.*
**COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY**

In addition to free online classes in Gale Courses (formally Learn4Life), Learning Express and our newest resources, Atomic Training, Treehouse and Lynda, the following computer classes will be held throughout the month of October. Registration for some classes is required. *For more information or to register, call the Library branch directly or log on to www.ebrpl.com for free resources and downloads.*

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**Visit a Library branch near you for free WiFi and computer use!**

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*The Tech Lab at the new Main Library at Goodwood is open for business! Check out the online calendar for a listing of dates and times.*
River Center Branch
The Christmas Winter Wonderland
This Christmas exhibit is designed by Gail Carter and will be located on the third floor.

Scotlandville Branch
Toria’s Homemade Barbie Cuties
Toria Quinn will display her collection of Barbie dolls dressed in their homemade holiday outfits.

A Toast to Scotlandville
This exhibit will consist of art and writings from children in the Scotlandville community. A reception will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 16.

Zachary Branch
Kinkade Puzzles
A collection of completed Thomas Kinkade paintings jigsaw puzzles coordinating with the upcoming movie will be on display.

Recycled Reads Is on Hiatus
The Recycled Reads Gift Book Sale will take a break in December. After a holiday break, the slightly used books will begin again 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 238 Little John Dr. We have enjoyed serving you this year! All the proceeds from the Patrons of the Public Library friends gift book sale support Library services and programs, such as the Summer Reading and the Author Illustrator programs. Sales are held the last Saturday of each month January through October (no sales in November and December).