Community Expresses Support for Library in Renewal of 10-Year Dedicated 11.1-Mill Tax

Now Library Staff Members Roll Up Their Sleeves to Implement 10-Year Plan

On October 24, one voter after another at precincts across the Parish marked individual ballots YES for the Library’s dedicated tax renewal of 11.1 mills on Election Day. The Library tax was renewed by more than 58.4 percent of the voters tonight.

The Library is almost entirely supported by the 10-year dedicated property tax, which was up for renewal this year after being renewed previously in 1995 and 2005. Almost all the Library System’s budget is funded by this tax renewal.

The reasons the tax was renewed are simple: the Library provides resources and services community members need, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control listens to citizens and spends taxpayer funds wisely, the Library is free and the Board and staff members have developed a 10-year plan to expand facilities and collections, increase services, build new modern facilities and develop programs that will serve people of all ages equitably.

“On behalf of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control, I want to say thank you to voters for supporting the Library and recognizing the importance of the Library throughout the Parish and the impact it makes every day on the young and the old alike. I also want to thank the EBR Library PAC and Patrons of the Public Library (POPL) for all their support in passing this dedicated tax renewal,” said Kizzy A. Payton, President of the Library Board of Control.

“The Library is critical to this community, and this renewal allows us to in turn support you with state-of-the art facilities, cutting-edge technology, free WiFi and computer use, engaging meeting and study space, books, classes, programs, online resources and so much more,” Payton said. “And with teen rooms and children’s rooms being set aside at libraries and expanding programs for them, we are able to impact the lives of young people and start moving them in a new direction. Your Library Community Expresses Support for Library in Renewal of 10-Year Dedicated 11.1-Mill Tax

Your EBR Parish Library Receives Journal’s 5 Stars Award

EBRPL the Only Library System in the State with 5 Stars

For the fourth consecutive year, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library (EBRPL) System has the honor of being presented with the Library Journal’s America’s Star Libraries Award, and this year it’s the only library in the state honored with the Journal’s 5 Stars rating. Few library systems across the United States receive the Journal’s America’s Star Libraries rating, and much fewer obtain the coveted 5 Stars designation. In the previous three years, EBRPL was awarded the 3 Stars rating.

“Once again, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library has been recognized nationally as one of the best and brightest of the public libraries in the United States,” said Kizzy Payton, President of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control. “We are delighted to be named one of America’s Star Libraries for 2015 and are eager to share this honor and all it recognizes in services, programs and collections with our real stars - our Library patrons.”
The Story Lab Film Camp

Join the Story Lab for its second filmmaking workshop for students in grades 7-12 at Main Library at Goodwood at 5:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, December 21-22 and 28-29. We’re going to be adapting a screenplay from our fall creative writing workshop into a short film to be screened in spring 2016 at one of our community cinema nights. There are only 10 spots available for this workshop and registration is required. To register, send an email to newsouthstorylab@gmail.com detailing in one paragraph the reason(s) why you love film and why you want to participate in the filmmaking class. We are looking for students to fill the roles of director, set design, camera operator, sound/audio, script-writing, script supervisor, actors, editing/post production and location scout. No previous experience in filmmaking is required.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Pride-Chaneyville Branch is celebrating its 10th anniversary! Everyone is invited to come celebrate with us at the Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, and enjoy crafts for the whole family, music by the Gator Girls Dulcimers, a balloon release and a lot of delicious refreshments! Children born in 2005 will get a very special treat!

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Please hold your gift book donations until January.

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Board wants to remain transparent, wise stewards of taxpayer funds and be open to public discussions. Thank you for being an engaged public and helping secure the Library’s future for years to come.”

There are about 340,000 cardholders circulating about 2.5 million resources (last year) in this Library System, which includes 14 libraries open seven days a week and resources and electronic materials available online 24/7. And with 30 percent of the population not being able to afford a computer or have access to the internet, all 14 public libraries in East Baton Rouge Parish provide those free to cardholders.

This Library System is a leader in Louisiana, the South and nationally in many ways. The System has been one of Library Journal’s America’s Star Libraries for four years running and holds the 2015 New Landmark Library award from the Library Journal as well as many other recognitions for the design and building of the new Main Library at Goodwood.

Thanks to the support of and campaigning by the EBR Library PAC and the Patrons of the Public Library (POPL), as well as citizens voting yes, the Library can now continue its mission. Because the community voted YES on this renewal, it ensures we:

• Maintain and operate a Library System throughout the parish, offering robust collections, programs and services to patrons of all ages and all educational and economic levels.

• Enhance and improve aging facilities to keep them current and relevant for their communities. Only 5 percent of the entire projected budget for the next 10 years goes to capital improvements.

Library Director Spencer Watts thanked the community for its support. “We are excited and grateful that the citizens have chosen to continue their tradition of support for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library by approving the dedicated tax,” he said. “Without this revenue, which is our primary source of funding, the Library would not be able to function.

“The community’s investment in their libraries has helped us build strong, responsive programs, services, and collections that successfully meet the needs of people,” Spencer said. “It has also allowed us to build attractive, functional, facilities with modern features and to offer vital access to current technology. This renewal of the millage means we can continue to work diligently to provide high quality services and outstanding libraries. Our mission is to provide citizens with information, services and resources to make a positive difference in their lives. I want to thank the voters for letting the Library continue that mission.”

Spencer added the Library System wants to provide excellent services and collections, and for those services and programs to evolve to meet the changing needs of library users. “The Library remains strongly committed to consistently engaging library customers and working with them to provide the types of enriching opportunities and learning experiences that help meet their needs,” he said. “We think our community has a bright future and unlimited potential, and the vote will provide us with the stable revenue that allows the Library to energetically and effectively serve our citizens over the next decade. With the continuing able and thoughtful guidance of the Library Board of Control, this investment permits the Library to grow and meet the challenges of the coming decade.”

The Library’s 10-year tax plan includes maintaining the current high level of services, resources, programs, collections and technology the Library currently offers – yet going beyond those to meet the needs of the public and the ever-changing advances in technology. For more information, call (225) 231-3710 or visit us online at www.ebrpl.com. There is a Frequently Asked Questions guide on the tax renewal on the Library’s website at http://www.ebrpl.com/FAQTaxMillageSept14.pdf.
It’s an elite group of high-performing library systems in the United States that are named the cream of the crop and obtain the highest recognition: the 5 Stars designation of the America’s Star Libraries award. Only 85 Library systems, or 1.1 percent across the nation, earned 5 Stars. That’s after an extensive review of 7,663 public libraries being scored for the main award with only 261 libraries, or about 3.4 percent of the applicants receiving any honor at all.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library is a standout among comparable America’s Star Libraries in 2015, offering local patrons some of the best library resources, collections, archives, technology and databases available. Only four other library systems in East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s category received 5 Stars. That includes the prestigious Cuyahoga County Public Library in Parma, Ohio, and the Public Library of Cincinnati, the first- and second-place scorers (1,655 and 1,247) in this Star category. EBRPL held third place, followed by Cleveland Public Library (1,198) and Seattle Public Library (1,126).

“Our Library is in good company, and this outstanding recognition is a testament to our staff’s continuous hard work in delivering convenience, cutting-edge technology, resource materials and excellent customer service,” Payton said. “It’s great to hear from our customers and our peers in libraries across the nation that we are getting it right in promoting lifelong learning while engaging and inspiring the public. Now the work continues with our 10-year plan, and we are excited to build on the foundation of our accomplishments, expand what we offer and reach for even higher services and offerings to enhance the lives of our patrons.”

The Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service is the measurement tool for the Star awards. It compares U.S. public libraries with their budgeting peers based on four per capita output measures: circulation, library visits, program attendance and public Internet computer use.

“We are pleased to achieve this high level of recognition. It is particularly gratifying that our ranking has moved so dramatically and so quickly to the very highest level on the national stage,” said Spencer Watts, director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. “This is a tribute to the hard work and innovative spirit of our staff, the strategic planning and leadership of the Library Board of Control, the continuing collaboration and assistance of the Mayor’s Office and the Metro Council and the enthusiastic support of our community.”

Red Stick Farmers Market at the Library

The Red Stick Farmers Market will host a seasonal mobile market at the Main Library at Goodwood at 8 a.m. – noon every Tuesday in December.

~ LIBRARY CLOSURE ~

All locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31, New Year’s Eve

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Learn to Brew Beer at Home for the Holidays!

Are you ready to get your brew on? We know you said yes, that’s why we’re inviting adults to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12, for a home brewing basics class presented by a representative of LA Homebrew! We’ll discuss the history of brewing, the current world-wide brewing styles, the biggest imports and brewing companies, the best brewing ingredients and step-by-step process, fermentation and bottling and so much more! You’ll even learn how to brew your own beer! No beer or alcohol will be served at this program.

The Library Road Show is on Metro 21!
The Library Road Show is a 30-minute, once-monthly television show that features news, events, services and programs available through the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Watch this program on TV Cox Cable Channel 21 (Metro 21) every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. to find out what’s going on at your East Baton Rouge Parish Library!

Adult Coloring at the Library

Have you heard? Coloring isn’t just for kids anymore! It’s a relaxing, stress-relieving and fun way to spend an hour or two. Join us at the Library in December for adult coloring sessions. We’re providing the coloring sheets and colors, but feel free to bring your own. Dates, times and locations are listed below.

Main Library at Goodwood
- 7 p.m. Monday, December 7
- 7 p.m. Monday, December 14

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 14

Jones Creek Regional Branch
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9
- 1 p.m. Saturday, December 19

River Center Branch
- 4 p.m. Monday, December 7

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Professor Bea Gyimah and BRCC students donated a copy of their most recent book Race and Ethnic Studies Journal to the Library’s collection. (From L to R) Desiree James, Terrell Alexander II and Crawford Wheeler II. (Up Front, L to R) Takara Abuwi, Assistant Library Director Mary Stein, Assistant Professor Bea Gyimah, Antione Lacey and Scott Huffman.

8 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • MAIN LIBRARY AT GOODWOOD
Tickets available at uncommonthread.culturecandy.org
DIVAS Holiday Event at Greenwell Springs

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch will present a DIVAS adult holiday event for women at noon Saturday, December 12. This event is designed to help women learn effective ways to manage stress during this bustling and busy time of year. If you’re a single mom, a grandmother raising grandchildren or just need a little boost to keep you going, we’re offering stress-busting fitness activities, too! You’re invited to benefit from entertaining and interactive self-esteem building activities and enjoy delicious food, games and prizes!

Teen Christmas Party at the Main Library

The Main Library at Goodwood Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is hosting a Christmas party! Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to the Library at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, to enjoy hot chocolate, delicious Christmas cookies, board games and video games. We also will have a Christmas-themed scavenger hunt around the Library.

Happy Holidays Photo Booth at Zachary

Hey, teens in grades 6 and up drop by the Zachary Branch at any time between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to take fun and silly selfies with your friends for Christmas and the New Year. We’ll have the photo booth and props ready for you to enjoy!

Holiday Time Tea Party & Etiquette Workshop

You are invited to a tea party! Adults can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 6, for a tea party and presentation on etiquette by Marsha Schewe and Tricia Bauer. Tea and refreshments will be served, but be sure you bring your favorite tea cup.

Library-Branded 2 GB USB Drives Now for Sale!

Do you need to save your work? Don’t have a USB drive? We’ve got you covered! East Baton Rouge Parish Library-branded 2 GB USB drives are now for sale at the Circulation Desk at all 14 locations for only $4! The fee cannot be charged to your patron account; it must be paid up front with cash or check.

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.

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**Special Performances**

*The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Christmas Music Concert*

**Everyone** is invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 17, to hear the Dulcimer Ladies and Guys perform a festive program of Christmas and holiday music on the three-stringed Appalachian dulcimer. Enjoy popular holiday songs, favorite Christmas carols and sing-along songs. Join us for a joyous and relaxing hour of holiday music!

*Dialogue on Race with Speaker Maxine Crump*

Understanding what racism is and how it operates through institutions is the core of the Dialogue on Race education process. This award-winning effort offers a safe, structured environment for open and honest discussion to help people understand what needs to be done and how they can join in to help eliminate racism in our communities.

Dialogue on Race Louisiana Chief Executive Officer, Maxine Crump will be at the Eden Park Branch at noon Saturday, December 5, to present an interactive discussion for **adults** on institutional racism in today’s society.

Registration and fee is required. Participation is limited to 15. For more information and to register, visit www.dialogueonracelouisiana.org.

*Career Path*

**Louisiana Film Jobs 101 for 20-Somethings**

Are you interested in a career in film but don’t really understand the industry or know where to start? Join other **adults ages 19-30ish** at the Main Library at Goodwood at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, for Louisiana Film Jobs 101 presented by Jillian Hall, Baton Rouge Program Coordinator for the New Orleans Video Access Center (NOVAC). Hall will give an overview of the South Louisiana film industry, common jobs in the industry and resources NOVAC offers to help get a film career started.

**Teen Workshop: The Interview**

Do you have an interview coming up? Need to know what comes next? Join us for a free workshop to learn what talents and personal qualities to emphasize, and what employers and/or college admissions are really looking for! Come to the River Center Branch at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, December 17, to discuss and get tips on how to prepare for an interview, manage nerves and craft effective answers to common interview questions. This workshop is for **teens**.
An Hour of Code

Everyone can join us for an Hour of Code at the Main Library at Goodwood Technology Lab at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 12. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of people in over 180 countries. Learn the basics of coding through fun exercises suitable for ages 4 to 104! Coding fundamentals help nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. No experience necessary! We’ll be one of over 70,000 events happening worldwide. After this event, continue your coding journey using courses in the Digital Library from Treehouse, Lynda and Safari Tech Books Online at http://www.ebrpl.com/digitallibrary/.

Tech Toy Box

Get ready for what the holidays will bring! If you’re expecting a shiny new electronic device this holiday season, we know you’ll want to be prepared to use it. Adults can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 2 p.m. Thursdays, December 10 and 17, to learn how to make the most of their laptop, iPhone, iPad, Kindle or another electronic device! Knowledgeable staff members will be available to show you how to use the Library’s resources to read books and magazines, learn languages, download music, study for tests, develop career skills and much more!

Teen Tech: LEGO® Mindstorm Workshop

Have you wanted to try your hand at robotics? Now’s your chance! Head over to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17, to build a project with other teens with LEGO® Mindstorm! Work in teams to program your robots to run obstacle courses.

*Two Chances for Snap Circuit Fun

Teens come get your science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) on! If you’re interested in learning how electronics work, come to the Fairwood Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, to learn about electricity and engineering using snap circuits. Can’t make it? Head over to the Baker Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10, to enjoy tinkering with electronics and gadgets! All supplies will be provided.

Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Dianne Miller will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 1 p.m. Monday, December 21, to lead an information-sharing meeting for 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.

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.
**Health & Wellness**

*Relaxation & Meditation Workshop for Adults*

Are you looking for a way to unwind from everyday stress? If you said yes, this workshop is for you! **Adults** can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 20, for a workshop led by Nitin Gupta that will help you relax, reduce stress and get connected to your inner feelings of love and abundance. You also will discover how to improve your focus and overall performance in everyday life, while promoting peace and harmony by creating peace within that reflects on the outside.

*Tai Chi for Beginners*

With so much going on, you need an opportunity to relax. We’ve got you covered! **Adults and teens** are invited to the Eden Park Branch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, to learn the ancient and meditative art of Tai Chi. This is a beginners’ course that will offer the basics of exercise and relaxation.

**20-Somethings**

*Butterbeer & Wands for 20-Somethings*

**Adults ages 19-30ish** can come get into the holiday spirit Muggle-style! Bring your friends to the Fairwood Branch at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, to hang out with other 20-somethings, craft your very own *Harry Potter* wand and drink warm Butterbeer! This non-alcoholic, deliciously frothy drink consists of vanilla cream soda, whipped butter, sweetened condensed milk and is topped with butterscotch.

*Martini Clay Pendants*

Do you want to learn how to create a homemade Christmas gift that will wow your friends and family? If you said yes, you’ll want to join other **adults ages 19-30ish** at the Central Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 19, to learn how to make marbled clay jewelry! You can make a pendant or earrings using polymer clay in several colors to create a beautiful marbled effect.

**Introducing the 20-Somethings Book Club at Baker**

We’ve started a new book club just for **adults ages 19-30ish**! Invite your friends to come along with you to the Baker Branch at 4 p.m. Friday, December 4, to discuss our first book selection *Can’t Stand the Heat* by Shelly Ellis.

*Christmas Pickle Ornament Craft*

Get in on the Christmas Pickle fun this year! According to tradition, a decoration in the shape of a pickle is hidden on a Christmas tree with the finder receiving either a reward or good fortune for the following year. Join other **adults 19-30ish** at the Eden Park Branch at 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, to make a festive pickle ornament using felt and needles.

**20-Somethings Gravity Maze Competition**

Challenge your friends in a gravity-powered logic maze at the Baker Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 17. Who will be the first to successfully carry their marble to its target? This program is for **adults ages 19-30ish**.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

Ugly and tacky Christmas sweater parties are all the rage, but unattractive holiday sweaters are getting harder to find in stores. Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library has the remedy! **Adults ages 19-30ish** can come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 7, to make the tackiest sweater ever! Bring your own sweater, and we’ll give you everything else you need to make it ugly. Fabric paint, tinsel, buttons and sequins will all be provided. The ugliest, tackiest sweater created will receive a prize. Refreshments will be served.

**20-Somethings Game Night at Jones Creek**

**Adults ages 19-30ish** are invited to game night at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, for some board gaming fun. Gaming enthusiasts can choose between board games like Catan, *7 Wonders*, and *Forbidden Island*. Game night is a great way to meet new people and try out new games without dropping any cash!

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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.* Registration required.
Play Bingo at the Library!

This game never gets old, so grab your friends and family and join us each month for a roaring game of bingo at the Library! Win prizes and enjoy snacks while you play! Registration is required for some. Bingo game dates, times and locations are listed below.

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- *10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, Delmont Gardens Branch
- *6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, Jones Creek Regional Branch

Come dressed in holiday colors for the Jones Creek Regional Branch bingo night.

Do-It-Yourself Bath Bombs

We’ve got a fizzy craft that’s perfect to keep or give away! We’ll show you how to use simple ingredients that can be found in local grocery stores to make luxurious bath bombs. Join other adults at the Central Branch at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, to learn how to create this fizzy, moisturizing craft!

Led Enhanced Holiday Card Craft

Wow your friends and family with a holiday card that you’ve made yourself! But, these won’t be just any cards. Teens are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, to get their tech on when they make a fancy holiday card enhanced with LED lights! Come enjoy this craft that’ll be educational, fun and festive.

Glass Christmas Ornaments

Make your holiday tree a little brighter! Teens can come to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 3 p.m. Monday, December 14, to make glass Christmas ornaments to decorate with. All supplies will be provided.

Rainbow Loom Bracelet Craft

Join other teens at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, to make bracelets using Rainbow Looms! Make holiday-colored bracelets and wear them for Christmas and New Year’s, or give them as gifts to friends and family.

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Duct Tape Flowers & Wallet Craft
You can make just about anything out of duct tape! Teens are invited to come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 19, to make pretty roses and cool wallets out of decorative duct tape.

Scrumptious Sugar Scrub Craft
Cooler temperatures can sometimes cause dry skin. We’ve got a scrumptious solution! Teens can come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 21, to make an exfoliating sugar scrub! This craft will help keep your skin soft during the winter months. Enjoy it yourself or give it away as a gift.

Helping the Homeless: Plarn Mats
Plarn is yarn made from plastic grocery bags. Diane Forrest Taylor also known as the Pie Lady will return to the Eden Park Branch at 3 p.m. Monday, December 7, to teach teens how to crochet plarn into a durable sleeping mat for the homeless.

Personalized Ear Bud Craft
Give your ear buds a unique personalized edge! Teens can come to the Eden Park Branch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, to use perler beads to deck out ear buds that we’ll provide. You’ll be ready to rock out and ring in the New Year with your favorite tunes and stylish ear buds.

3-D Holiday Card Craft
Jazz up your holiday greetings with this cool craft! Come to the Central Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, to learn a new paper-folding technique to make colorful holiday cards that look three-dimensional. Teens will enjoy making these super-easy cards that look so fancy!

Christmas Crafts
Teens can come to the Baker Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to use puff paint window decorations or glitter ornaments to make something special for the holiday season.

Holiday Craft & Movie for Teens
The clock’s ticking! Do you need a last-minute gift for someone special? If you said yes, you’ll want to join other teens at the Fairwood Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, to make a special book page ornament while watching a fun holiday movie. Light refreshments will be served.

Candy Cane Earring Craft
Teens are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 20, to learn how to make candy cane earrings out of seed beads!

*Unique Tree Ornaments
The holidays are right around the corner! Teens are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 3, to create a décor item that’s sure to help make their space a winter wonderland. Get crafty when you make a glittering white ornament using plastic balls, glitter and fluffy feathers!

Do-It-Yourself Holiday Gifts
Giving gifts you’ve made yourself can be fun and affordable! Come to the Central Branch at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, to make unique holiday crafts and gifts with other teens. Let your imagination run wild when you create a variety of homemade gifts! Use duct tape to make faux feather jewelry, clay or hardware to make a necklace or keychain, or an old T-shirt to make a fashionable scarf.

Fröbel Star & Ornament Craft
Adults and teens are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 3 p.m. Monday, December 7, to make various ornaments and other decorative pieces with paper inspired by the traditional designs of 18th century German educator Friedrich Fröbel. Enjoy refreshments while you craft. All supplies will be provided.

*African Holiday Angel Craft
Local crafter JoAnn Fryling will be at the Scotlandville Branch at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, December 3, to instruct adults on how to create their own unique African holiday angels.

*Christmas Craft Day
Adults and teens can come to the Eden Park Branch at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to make a cute Christmas craft to celebrate the holiday season. All supplies will be provided.
**Art & Crafts**

**Holiday Book Ornaments**

Are you feeling festive? Join other **teens** at the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, to make two holiday ornament balls from discarded books. Take one home and display the other on the branch’s Christmas tree!

**Recycled Book Holiday Crafts**

Come have some fun getting creative with discarded books at the River Center Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10. **Teens** will make Christmas ornaments, snowflakes, trees and more—all from recycled discarded books! Enjoy snacks while you craft. All supplies will be provided.

**Christmas Wreath Craft**

Join other **adults** at the Fairwood Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10, to make your own Christmas wreath! We’ll be upcycling discarded books, and with a little finesse and holiday sparkle, you’ll create a unique wreath to display on your door. All supplies will be provided.

**Book Page Ornaments**

**Teens** can create a unique holiday ornament by using strips of recycled book pages at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5! Use glitter and other materials to personalize it, and top it off with your choice of decorative ribbon!

**Scrapbooking Saturday for Adults**

Join us for a series of scrapbooking classes! **Adults** can bring old and new photos, mementos from vacation and travel, bits of fabric and other special memory items to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 10 a.m. Saturdays, December 5 and 19. We’ll show you how to arrange them in a memory-keeping book. Both beginner and advanced scrapbookers are welcome! Please bring your own photos and scrapbooking paper.

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**Sew Much Fun!**

**Teens Can Crochet Companionship at the Main Library**

**Teens** are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, to have fun with crochet and giving back to the community. This is a popular program, and we’d like you and your friends to join us!

**Crafting for a Cause**

Learn to crochet, knit or do counted cross stitch at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. Thursdays, December 3, 10 and 17. Come enjoy the company of fellow **adult** crafters! All skill levels are welcome. Donations of yarn, supplies or finished items are welcome.

**Bluebonnet Knitting Nook**

Would you like to learn how to knit? Are you ready to start early on your Christmas gifts while chatting with fellow knitters? **Adults and teens** can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 10, to learn how to knit. We’ll show you how to create all kinds of items, from dishcloths and scarves, to shawls and blankets, all to take home and share! Limited supplies are available, so please bring a pair of size 8, 9, 10 or 10½ knitting needles and two balls of yarn. Also bring a notepad for any note-taking you may want to do. All skill levels and left-handers are welcome!

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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.*

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Sew Much Fun!

*Bluebonnet Crochet Corner*

Join other adults and teens at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10, to create Christmas tree ornaments perfect for decorations around your home! Make something for someone special or keep your creation to enjoy. Participants should bring a 5.0 mm crochet hook (size H) or one similar in size and fall-colored yarn, as only a limited amount will be available. Donations of yarn and supplies are welcome.

**Hand Quilting for Beginners**

Adults can come to the Central Branch at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2 and 16, 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.

**Three-Part Hand Quilting Basics at Baker**

If you’d like to learn how to hand quilt, join other adults at the Baker Branch at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, for the final portion of a three-part series on hand quilting basics. Create a small project using the skills you’ll learn!

**Two Chances to Crochet Compassion with Plastic Bags**

Adults are invited to learn how to turn plastic bags into plastic yarn (plarn) at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 3. Turn plarn into a lightweight, weather resistant sleeping mat that can be used by those that are in need. No crochet skills are necessary. Share your compassion by flattening bags, cutting strips and making balls of plarn. Head over to the Main Library at Goodwood at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 27, for another chance to crochet compassion.

**Knitting Fun with Birdie**

Knitting enthusiast and member of local stitchery group the Knit Wits, Birdie Sandifer will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 9 and 23, to teach adults basic knitting skills. Lessons continue with casting on, the knit stitch and adding the pearl stitch. You’ll enjoy creating a scarf with this easy and popular technique. Assorted yarn and needles will be provided, but participants may bring their own if they prefer.

**The Stitch Mixer**

Knitting, crocheting and needlepoint, oh my! Would you like to learn to knit, crochet or needlepoint? Perhaps you’d like to join some like-minded crafters for stitching and conversation. Adults and teens are invited to join us in Conference Room B on the second floor of the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, December 1 and 15, for the Stitch Mixer! We’ve got plenty of materials to practice with or you can bring your own project!

**Films & Fun**

**Holiday Movies on the Plaza Series!**

Tis the season for movies! Everyone is invited to the Main Library at Goodwood to enjoy family time and FREE family-friendly movies on the BIG screen in the Outdoor Plaza. Bring your afghan, lawn chairs and be sure to bundle up! A Food Truck will be available to purchase refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will relocate indoors to the Large Meeting Room. No smoking, please. Check out the show times below:

**Saturday, December 12**
- 6 p.m. Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas
- 6:30 p.m. Mickey’s Christmas Carol
- 7 p.m. White Christmas

**Saturday, December 19**
- 6 p.m. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)
- 6:45 p.m. Home Alone

**Saturday Afternoon Classic Christmas Movie**

Families can come to the Scotlandville Branch at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to enjoy A Christmas Story, a yuletide classic in which a young boy must convince his parents that a toy rifle is the only Christmas gift that will make Christmas worthwhile.
Two Chances for a Horrific Holiday Movie

Best Christmas ever! … Or is it? Teens can bring their friends to the Scotlandville Branch at 4 p.m. Monday, December 7, to watch Gremlins, a 1984 comedy horror film in which a young man accidentally breaks three important rules concerning his new pet mogwai, and unleashes a pack of very mischievous monsters on a small town during Christmastime. Can’t get enough of these furry terrors? Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, for another chance to watch. Lemonade and popcorn will be served.

Christmas Movie at the Main Library

Indulge in the holiday spirit with a fun movie! Teens can bring their friends to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, to watch Elf starring the hilarious Will Ferrell! Watch what happens after Buddy, who was raised as an elf at the North Pole, unintentionally wreaks havoc on the elf community because of his awkward size.

*Classic Christmas Movie Night

Adults are invited to get away from the season’s hustle and bustle to enjoy a classic movie at the Eden Park Branch. Come to the Library at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, to enjoy popcorn while you watch Miracle on 34th Street, a 1947 family dramatic comedy. When a kind elderly man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing. Join us for this Christmastime favorite!

Teen Holiday Movie & Craft

Come watch a fun holiday movie with other teens at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 10. Afterwards, we’ll make a holiday ornament that’ll be great for your holiday tree!

*Movie Night at Eden Park

Adults can come enjoy delicious popcorn while watching The Santa Clause at the Eden Park Branch at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 16. Starring the funny man Tim Allen, this 1994 family dramatic comedy follows a man who unintentionally kills Santa on Christmas Eve then finds himself magically recruited to take his place.

Movie Monday at River Center

Adults can come to the River Center Branch at 1 p.m. Monday, December 7, to watch the family comedy film A Christmas Story. In the movie, Ralphie has to convince his parents, his teacher and Santa that a Red Ryder B.B. gun really is the perfect gift for the 1940s. Come back to the Library at 1 p.m. Monday, December 21, to enjoy watching National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, the 1989 comedy film in which the Griswold family’s plans for a big happy family Christmas predictably turn into a huge disaster.

Christmas in London Movie Day

The stories of eight different couples play out against the backdrop of the Christmas season in London in the romantic comedy Love Actually. This movie has a variety of plots that will tug at your heartstrings and put you in a loving mood this holiday season. Join other adults at the Carver Branch at 3 p.m. Friday, December 11, to watch what happens!

Movie Matinee at Delmont Gardens

Get into the holiday spirit with Scrooged, a modern retelling of Charles Dickens’s classic A Christmas Carol. Come to the Delmont Gardens Branch at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, to watch a movie starring Bill Murray as an unscrupulous television executive. The 1988 dramatic comedy film is about Frank Cross and his experiences when he’s haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve. Refreshments will be served. This movie is for adults.

Santa Claus Movie & Popcorn

He didn’t see this coming! Teens are invited to gather at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 17, to watch The Santa Clause starring Tim Allen. Scott Calvin wasn’t prepared for what would happen after he unintentionally killed Santa on Christmas Eve. Following Santa’s demise, Calvin himself is magically recruited to take St. Nick’s place in this 1994 family dramatic comedy.

Pixar Teen Movie Day

Teens come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 19, to watch Inside Out, an animated adventure comedy that follows Riley as she tries to deal with her out-of-control emotions. Refreshments will be served.

TGIF Movie for Adults at Jones Creek

Thank goodness it’s Friday! Adults are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 1 p.m. Fridays, December 4, 11 and 18, to watch a different movie each week. Kick back at the Library and let the movie reel relax you into the weekend. Enjoy delicious popcorn and punch while you watch.

Sunday Afternoon Movie at Jones Creek

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 3 p.m. every Sunday in December, for a feature-length movie. Popcorn and punch will be served. This movie is for adults.
Learning the Basics of Self-Publishing with the LuLu Website

Have you written a novel? Do you want to avoid the rejection and hassle of traditional publishing to reach your readers? Adults and teens can come to the Eden Park Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, to learn the process of self-publishing with an author who has completed the process several times. Learn what to do and what not to do, how to promote your book, how to get paid and how to find editors, proofreaders and cover designers. Come ready to be excited and inspired about self-publishing!

Familiar Evil Book Chat with Author Rannah Gray

Author and award-winning public relations consultant Rannah Gray will be at the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, to share and discuss her new book Familiar Evil. Written in collaboration with Mary Jane Marcantel and the British survivor known as Ethan, the book details the international search for television personality Scott Rogers. Adults are invited to the Library to hear from Gray, Marcantel and Leslie Todd, a licensed social worker who contributed to the book on how to recognize child predator behavior. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

Book Talk with Author Chelsea L. Johnson

Local author Chelsea L. Johnson will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 5, to give a presentation of her new book The Heart of a Worshiper: Inspirational Writings. Founder of Heart of a Worshipper Dance Ministry, Vessels of Love Women’s Ministry and Antioch Christian Fellowship Worldwide along with her husband, Johnson is a prophetic speaker, dancer and mentor. For a second chance to hear from Johnson, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 12. This book talk is for adults.

Elvis Hasn’t Left Our Memories: Meet Author Barbara Barnes Sims

Adults are encouraged to bring their white jump suits to the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6, for a talk regarding the book The Next Elvis: Searching for Stardom at Sun Records. At this free event, author Barbara Barnes Sims, a former LSU English faculty member, will present her memoir published by LSU Press chronicling the three years she spent working at Sun Records in Memphis. She was the studio’s one-woman publicity and sales promotion department. The studio was vital in the evolution of Rockability and produced such stars as Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and, of course, Elvis Presley. You’ll get to listen to music, too, and light refreshments will be served.

Spoken Word Poetry Slam & Book Signing

Baton Rouge native and active member of the city’s poetry scene, author Donney Rose has been performing spoken word and facilitating spoken word events for over a decade. Rose will be at the Main Library at Goodwood at 8 p.m. Sunday, December 13, to lead a spoken word poetry slam as well as a reading from his chapbook The Crying Buck. Rose’s wife, local journalist and photographer Leslie D. Rose, also will share excerpts from her book The Newsroom which contains journalism-inspired poetry. Copies of each book will be available for purchase. A book signing will follow the presentation. This event is for all ages.
Remember the River Preacher

In conjunction with her art exhibit River Preacher, artist Merriann Hornsby will be at the Zachary Branch at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to give a presentation for adults on George West, also known as the River Preacher. Hornsby’s art and paintings chronicle the life of West, a native of Ascension Parish, who began preaching up and down the Mississippi River in 1941.

*Women’s Genealogy Introduction

Adults are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 19, for an introductory course on women’s genealogy. This class will explore some common problems that arise when researching female ancestors. We’ll discuss techniques for successful research and discover records created by women. We also will highlight resources that will help guide you in your genealogy research.

*Analyzing Records & Standards of Proof

Come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, to learn how to analyze and interpret information from genealogical records found during the course of your research. Adults will be introduced to the Genealogical Proof Standard and how it can help resolve issues involving conflicting evidence. With the Genealogical Proof Standard, you can build a case for the veracity of your research even though you may lack clear evidence of a person’s identity or parentage.

*Introduction to the FamilySearch Database

Adults can join us at the Main Library at Goodwood at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, for a class that will explore FamilySearch, an Internet website. This resource is a free genealogy website brought to you by FamilySearch International, a nonprofit organization. In this class, you will learn how to use this database to search or browse United States and international records, view user submitted genealogies, read free genealogy eBooks, use FamilySearch’s wiki pages, add and attach records to your family tree, and even order microfilm from the Salt Lake City Library!

*Introduction to Genealogy Software & Organization

Come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, to learn about genealogy software that can help you become a more efficient researcher by conveniently displaying information and aiding with organization of sources. In this class, adults will find out how to add people to the family tree, add facts, cite sources and attach pictures or other digital documents. Participants also will learn how to keep paper sources organized in binders and digitally on a computer. Space is limited, registration is required.

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It’s Game Time!

Star Wars Celebration!

Get ready for the opening of the new movie by celebrating all things Star Wars at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12! Bring your friends to the Library to hang out with other teens and play a Star Wars-themed trivia game to win prizes. Afterwards, we’ll make a TIE Fighter craft from paper towel rolls and watch Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Retro Games

Come enjoy a blast from the past at the Main Library at Goodwood! Join other adults at the Library at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, to play a variety of board games including Scrabble, Jenga and dominos. Jigsaw puzzles of various sizes will be available for puzzle enthusiasts. Enjoy refreshments while you play.

Nintendo Tourney at Bluebonnet

Join other teens at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, for a gaming tournament on the Nintendo! Delicious snacks will be served.

Harry Potter: Scene It? Game & Craft

Test your knowledge on the world of Harry Potter as we play the Harry Potter: Scene It? board game at the River Center Branch at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 3. Later, teens can reminisce about the Boy Who Lived while making a cool wand craft. Refreshments will be served.

*Bridge Training Classes

Learn how to play bridge at the Library this month! Charley Handy of the East Baton Rouge Duplicate Bridge Club will be at the Scotlandville Branch at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 14 and Thursday, December 17, to conduct training for adult beginner bridge players.

Rocket’s Hideout Game Night for Adults

If you’re looking for a way to put some happy into your hump day, join other adults at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2 and 16, for a fun night of board games from Rocket’s Hideout Cards and Games!

Xbox 360 Video Game Day

Do you love to play video games? Come play at the Fairwood Branch! Bring your friends to the Library at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, to hang out with other teens and get your game on with the Xbox 360. Snack on cookies and lemonade while you play.

*Tabletop War Games for Adults

Michael Badeaux, a life-long gamesman of tabletop miniature war games, will lead the way for two tabletop battles this month. Adults can come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 12, to enjoy the game as a player or an observer.

New Scrabble Club for Adults

If you enjoy Scrabble and want to play without the pressure of a tournament, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, for the first meeting of a brand new Scrabble Club! Adult Scrabble masters and beginners are welcome to play for the joy of the game! Refreshments will be served.

Eden Park Teen Gaming Club

Come satisfy your thirst for adventure and sports! Grab your buddies and bring them to the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, to hang out with other teens while playing Kinect Adventures and Sports on the Xbox 360.

Brain Games for Everyone

Everyone is invited to use their problem-solving skills to complete a variety of jigsaw puzzles at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch this month! Stop by the Library at anytime, every day in December!

Teen Game Day at Jones Creek

It’s game time! Bring your friends to the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to show off your wrestling skills when you play WWE on the Xbox 360. Join other teens to play and enjoy refreshments!

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.
It’s Game Time!

*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. Prizes will be awarded.

**Adult Arcade at the Library**

Get ready for round one! Choose a character and control their destiny when you play Mortal Kombat X. Come to Room 102 at the Main Library at Goodwood at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 10, to put your combat mantle to the test against other adult gamers.

Anime All the Way

**Anime Lovers Unite!**

If you’re an ‘anime-niac’, you’ll want to join others at the Library to enjoy your favorite movies! Teens are invited to watch anime on the Library’s Crunchyroll account. Is there a rumble in your tummy? We’ve got you covered with delicious Ramen noodles to snack on while you watch! Dates, times and locations are listed below.

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, Eden Park Branch
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, December 26, River Center Branch

Participate in the Sock it to Me! Drive for the Holidays!

Join the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Children’s Room in collecting socks for the Baton Rouge Parents Magazine’s annual Sock it to Me! Drive. The initiative’s purpose is to provide the warmth of new socks to anyone from infants to adults who are in need in the Baton Rouge area. Since learning from local shelters over ten years ago that the simple warmth of socks is the number one requested item from women and men for themselves and their children, they have been able with the help of the community to collect over 10,000 pairs of socks each year, including 2014. This year’s goal is 15,000 pairs! Now through December 15, everyone can drop off new socks, for boys or girls in the Children’s Room of any East Baton Rouge Parish Library location. Let’s work together to warm some soles this holiday season!

**Mrs. Claus is Back for a Visit to the Library!**

Christmas isn’t far away and Santa is busy with his elves at the North Pole. To help him out, Mrs. Claus and the Holiday Clown will be visiting each of our Library locations throughout December. Children ages 2-9 can enjoy twenty minutes of fun and antics with the Holiday Clown, and then Mrs. Claus (and maybe an elf friend, too) will sit with the children to hear what they want from Santa this Christmas. Registration is required for all. All visits begin at 10 a.m. Dates and locations are listed below. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly.

- Tuesday, December 1, Jones Creek Regional Branch
- Wednesday, December 2, Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- Thursday, December 3, Central Branch & Carver Branch
- Monday, December 7, Scotlandville Branch
- Tuesday, December 8, Delmont Gardens Branch & Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- Wednesday, December 9, Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- Thursday, December 10, River Center Branch
- Monday, December 14, Eden Park Branch
- Tuesday, December 15, Main Library at Goodwood
- Wednesday, December 16, Zachary Branch
- Thursday, December 17, Fairwood Branch
- Monday, December 21, Baker Branch
**The Yo-Yo Man at the Library**

Jim Johnson also known as The Yo-Yo Man will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, to astound children ages 6 and up with his amazing yo-yo tricks! He also will give the children help on improving their own yo-yoing techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yo-yo toy.

**Special Presentations & Performances for Kids**

*LASM Discovery Dome Presents Let it Snow!*

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) is back with its wonderful Discovery Dome, and *children of all ages* can enjoy the fun at all of our Library locations this holiday season! Let It Snow features a variety of festive classics from Frank Sinatra and Chuck Berry to Burl Ives and Brenda Lee. The presentation also includes a stunning multi-media finale by the Trans Siberian Orchestra. This family friendly soundtrack is visually enhanced with full-dome animation, laser imagery and special effects in the audiovisual setting of LASM’s Pennington Planetarium Discovery Dome. Each presentation consists of four 30-minute shows. Registration is required for all. Dates, times and locations are listed below. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly.

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- 9 a.m. – Noon Thursday, December 3, River Center Branch
- 3-6 p.m. Thursday, December 3, Fairwood Branch
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday, December 7, Eden Park Branch
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, Central Branch
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, Zachary Branch
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thursday, December 10, Carver Branch
- 3-6 p.m. Thursday, December 10, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, Delmont Gardens Branch
- 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, Scotlandville Branch
- 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- 3-6 p.m. Thursday, December 17, Jones Creek Regional Branch
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, December 18, Main Library at Goodwood
- 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, Baker Branch

**Games & Crafts for Kids**

**Holiday Crafts for Kids**

*Children of all ages* can come to the Library to enjoy making unique holiday-themed ornaments this month. Check out the schedule below.

- 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. December 1-19, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- All day December 1-22, Scotlandville Branch
- 2:30-5 p.m. December 1, 2 & 3, Bluebonnet Regional Branch

**Fall Chess Lessons**

*Children ages 9-13* are invited to show their chess skills in a novice tournament at the Main Library at Goodwood at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 12.

**Movies for Kids**

If you love movies just as much as we do, you’ll want to join other *children* at the Library this month to watch fun films! *Registration is required for some. Bring your favorite finger foods to enjoy while you watch (with the exception of the Main Library at Goodwood Children’s Room). Check out the schedule below for show times.

*The Polar Express, ages 6-11*

- 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, Scotlandville Branch
- 2 p.m. Monday, December 21, Delmont Gardens Branch
- 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 21, Jones Creek Regional Branch

*Pixar Animated Shorts, ages 4-11*

- 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12, Fairwood Branch

**Frozen, ages 5 and up**

- 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, Eden Park Branch
- *4:30 p.m. Monday, December 28, Carver Branch

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.
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.

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Kids bored over the holidays?
Open these to keep your little elves busy!

Just visit www.ebrpl.com/kids to get started!

Do we have your latest information?
Update your Library card.
Send us your email address to sgordon@ebrpl.com.

The best of your Library System in 30 minutes on television.

Cox 21 - Check your TV Guide
YouTube / EBRPLibraryTV
~ STORYTIME & CRAFT ~

Storytimes are age- and developmental-specific opportunities for bringing children and books together in a happy, meaningful way by combining stories, rhymes and songs. Story/Crafts provide a literacy-based social setting to get creative! Hear a book read while making something interesting. Check out the schedule below for Story/Crafts taking place this month. Registration is required for some. To register, call the Library location directly.

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<td><em>Gifts of the Heart</em> by Patricia Polacco</td>
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<td><em>Gingerbread Baby</em> by Jan Brett</td>
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<td><em>Santa Claus and the Three Little Bears</em> by</td>
<td>Make bear and Santa puppets, ages 3-8</td>
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<td>*11 a.m. Saturday, December 19,</td>
<td><em>A New Improved Santa</em> by Patricia Rae Wolfe</td>
<td>Make a yarn clothes hanger craft, ages 7-11</td>
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<td><em>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</em> by Thea</td>
<td>Use your handprint to create a reindeer craft, ages 8-11</td>
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<td><em>Ouch!</em> by Ragnhild Scame</td>
<td>Use leaves to make a hedgehog craft, ages 6-8</td>
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<td>*11 a.m. Tuesday, December 22,</td>
<td><em>The Littlest Christmas Tree</em> by R.A. Herman</td>
<td>Make a holiday tree ornament using cardboard, yarn and felt, ages 6-9</td>
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<td>*2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 22,</td>
<td><em>Deck the Walls: A Wacky Holiday Carol</em> by</td>
<td>Make a holiday pickle ornament, ages 6-11</td>
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<td>Erin Dealy</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 22,</td>
<td>Various holiday stories</td>
<td>Join the holiday sing-along, ages 2 and up</td>
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<td><em>The House that Santa Built</em> by Dianne de</td>
<td>Use LEGO® pieces to build a village, ages 4-7</td>
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<td>Las Casas</td>
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<td>*10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 23,</td>
<td><em>Stop that Pickle!</em> by Peter Armour</td>
<td>Create a sandy pickle ornament craft, ages 6-11</td>
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<td>*10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 29,</td>
<td><em>Tacky the Penguin</em> by Helen Lester</td>
<td>Make a perky penguin craft, ages 3 and up</td>
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<td>Various other stories about penguins</td>
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Food for Fines
December 1 - 30

Donate non-perishable food items at any Library location.
- canned vegetables (beans, peas, carrots, etc.)
- canned soups • dried beans • canned meats
- flour • rice • peanut butter • pasta
- corn meal • breakfast cereal and bars
- any canned, bagged or boxed non-perishable food

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will waive $1 of late fines for each item donated.

All items will benefit the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

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Adult Book Clubs @ Your Library
– Book of the Month –

Baker Branch
• Baker Evening Book Club
  6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1
  A Christmas Prayer
  by Kimberla Lawson Roby
• 20-Somethings Book Club
  4 p.m. Friday, December 4
  Can’t Stand the Heat
  by Shelly Ellis
• Morning Book Club
  10:30 a.m. Monday, December 14
  1225 Christmas Tree Lane
  by Debbie MacComber

Carver Branch
• 20-Somethings Book Club
  5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17
  Dawn
  by Octavia Butler
• Gumbo Book Club
  1 p.m. Saturday, December 18
  No title chosen.

Central Branch
• Central Book Club
  11 a.m. Thursday, December 17
  We will review favorite books of the year.

Eden Park Branch
• Eden Park Adult Book Club
  5 p.m. Tuesday, December 15
  Silent Night
  by Mary Higgins Clark

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
• Non-fiction Book Club
  6:30 p.m. Monday, December 21
  The Monopolists: Obsession, Fury, and the Scandal behind the World’s Favorite Board Game
  by Mary Pilson

Jones Creek Regional Branch
• Historical Society Book Club
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 8
  Empire of Deception: The Incredible Story of a Master Swindler Who Seduced a City and Captivated a Nation
  by Dean Jobb
• Book Friends Club
  7 p.m. Thursday, December 10
  Any; open discussion of what everyone is currently reading.
• JCR Book Club
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15
  A New York Christmas
  by Anne Perry

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
• Crafting for a Cause
  1 p.m. Thursday, December 10
  Miss Julia books
  by Ann B. Ross
• Like it or Not
  10 a.m. Saturday, December 12
  Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances
  by Rachel Anne Ridge

Zachary Branch
11 a.m. Tuesday, December 15
Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter
by Tom Franklin

Main Library at Goodwood
• Mystery Lovers Book Club
  Noon Tuesday, December 8
  Cozy mysteries for the holidays.
• French Culture Club
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 8
  Le Sabotage Amoureux
  by Amélie Nothomb
• RENEW Book Club
  7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15
  The Kindness Diaries: One Man’s Quest to Ignite Goodwill and Transform Lives Around the World
  by Leon Logothetis
• True Crime Book Club
  7 p.m. Wednesday, December 16
  Murder of the Century: The Gilded Age Crime That Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars
  by Paul Collins
• Comic Book Club
  7 p.m. Wednesday, December 16
  Best comic books of 2015.
• Historical Novel Book Club
  1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10
  Boleyn Girl
  by Philippa Gregory

Book Clubs for Kids

*Central’s Book Worms Book Club
  Kids ages 8-11 are invited to the Central Branch at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10, to join our newest book club! We’ll listen to excerpts from The 12 Screams of Christmas by R.L. Stine. Later, we’ll decorate a person like a Christmas tree and play Minecraft on the Xbox 360!

*High Five Book Club
  The High Five Book Club will meet at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, to reflect on the bravery of Annemarie from Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. Children ages 9-11 also will create a magnetic picture frame craft.

*The Artsy Smartsy Book Club
  Gather with other children ages 6-11 at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 12, to hear a reading of The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomi DePaola and The Miracle of the First Poinsettia: A Mexican Christmas Story by Joanne Oppenheim. Afterwards, we’ll create mixed-media poinsettia collage holiday cards.

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.

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## COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

In addition to free online classes in Gale Courses (formerly Learn4Life), Learning Express and our newest resources, Atomic Training, Treehouse and Lynda, the following computer classes will be held throughout the month of December. 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.

### Baker Branch
- **Introduction to the Internet**
  - 3 p.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Introduction to Word**
  - 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 15

### Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2010**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 8
- **Introduction to Facebook**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 15

### Carver Branch
- **Computers without Fear**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 2
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 8
- **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2010**
  - 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 9
- **Introduction to Publisher 2010**
  - 10 a.m. Monday, December 14
- **How to Download Ebook From Your**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 15
- **Creating a Resume in Microsoft Word**
  - 10 a.m. Monday, December 21

### Central Branch
- **Introduction to E-Mail**
  - 11 a.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Introduction to Word**
  - 11 a.m. Thursday, December 10

### Delmont Gardens Branch
- **Computers without Fear**
  - 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 1
  - 2 p.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Introduction to E-Mail**
  - 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 8
- **Tech Toy Box: Introduction to Using Tablets**
  - 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 9
- **Making Christmas Cards with MS Publisher**
  - 2 p.m. Thursday, December 10

### Eden Park Branch
- **Introduction to HTML**
  - 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 4
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
  - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 19

### Fairwood Branch
- **Introduction to Facebook**
  - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 8
- **Introduction to PowerPoint**
  - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 29

### Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Free Ebooks with Overdrive**
  - 3 p.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Using the ’s Online Catalog**
  - 3 p.m. Thursday, December 10
- **Facebook Basics**
  - 3 p.m. Thursday, December 17

### Jones Creek Regional Branch
- **Introduction to Computers**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Introduction to the ’s Online Catalog & Databases**
  - 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 5
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 9
- **Introduction to PowerPoint**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, December 10
- **Introduction to the Internet**
  - 10 a.m. Saturday, December 12
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
  - 10 a.m. Saturday, December 19

### Main Library at Goodwood
- **Computers without Fear**
  - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, December 2 & 16
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2010**
  - 9 a.m. Thursday, December 3
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010**
  - 9 a.m. Saturday, December 5
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010**
  - 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 9
- **Introduction to the Internet**
  - 9 a.m. Thursday, December 10

### Facebook
- 9 a.m. Monday, December 14

### Jones Creek Regional Branch
- **Introduction to E-Mailing**
  - 9 a.m. Thursday, December 17

### Pride–Chaneyville Branch
- **Computer Tutoring**
  - 11 a.m. Saturday, December 5

### River Center Branch
- **Introduction to Twitter**
  - 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 1
- **Introduction to Pinterest**
  - 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 9
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
  - 2 p.m. Thursday, December 17

### Scotlandville Branch
- **Computer Tutoring**
  - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 1
- **eBook Workshop for Digital Devices**
  - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 8
- **Computer Tutoring**
  - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 15

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Visit the online calendar for a listing of dates and times.
On View at the Library

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
**Photography Display**
Local photographer Amy Fort specializes in color and black & white photography.

**Eden Park Branch**
**Winter Wonderland Christmas Village**
Be joyful at Eden Park with our winter wonderland Christmas village.

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
**Adult Fashion Doll Collectors**
Christmas- and Harry Potter-themed fashion dolls, furniture and clothing.

**Darlene Moore Display**
Paintings and photographs from Darlene Moore’s collection.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
**Angels from the Realms of Glory**
Retired educator Donnie Faye Hull will share her collection of angels.

**Enspiyrd Art**
Baton Rouge visual artist Antoinette Johnson displays her acrylic art.

**Yo-Yo Memorabilia**
Jim Johnson, also known as The Yo-Yo Man, displays his collection of vintage yo-yo toys and memorabilia.

**Scotlandville Branch**
**Handmade Christmas Jewelry**
Talented crafter Jeanné Brown displays her winter collection of handmade jewelry.