All 14 locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library entered Phase 1 of its Re-opening Plan in mid-May with many resources available to patrons. Phase 2 began Monday, June 1. Please check the website for Phase 3 announcements.

Phase 1, as of May 20:

- Libraries extend hours for telephone and eRef assistance as well as resume Call Ahead/ Drive Through, Curb-side, or Lobby Pickup

  ✔ Expanded hours for telephone service at all 14 library locations from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.
  - Telephone assistance includes reference and information, reader’s advisory, assistance with reservations or new requests, and help with patron accounts
  - Library locations and phone numbers may be found at https://www.ebrpl.com/LocationsandHours/LocationsandHours.html
  - Wi-Fi available outside from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at all 14 locations

- Patrons may check out new materials via Call Ahead/ Drive Through Pick Up Windows at the Main Library on Goodwood or the Fairwood Branch, or Call Ahead Lobby Pickup Service at other locations
  - These books and AV materials include reserved items that had previously been trapped for patrons as well as new requests

- Due dates for all currently checked out library materials have been extended until Monday, June 30, however we have begun accepting the return of library materials at all locations through each location’s exterior return
  - Once returned, materials will be quarantined and/or disinfected according to established guidelines before being placed back in circulation

- During Phase 1, library staff worked inside to process and re-shelve returned books, pull new items to fill requests, as well as re-arrange public spaces and relocate chairs, tables, and PCs to increase distance between them

Phase 2, Monday, June 1:

- Libraries open doors to the public to provide limited use of PCs, Wi-Fi, and fresh checkouts of material

  ✔ Library locations will open to the public from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 2 p.m. through 6 p.m. on Sunday
    - Telephone assistance as usual at all 14 locations during these hours

  ✔ All patrons entering Library buildings must wear a face mask or other personal protective equipment (PPE)

  ✔ Because of the need to increase distance between workstations, a reduced number of Public PCs will be available on a “reservations” basis:
    - Please call the Reference Desk at your desired location to make a reservation
    - Reservations for slots during the first hour the Library is opened may be placed the day before
    - Headphones will not be available; please bring your own
    - Keyboard and mice will be cleaned after each use
    - Public PCs will be available until 15 minutes before closing
    - Printing, copying and faxing will be available

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Wi-Fi will be available inside and outside from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at all 14 locations
- Seating will be limited; physical distance will be maintained between seating, tables, and computers

Acrylic sneeze guards will be placed at service desks and visual reminders related to social distancing will be in use at each location
Hand sanitizer should be available at each location
PPE will be in use by staff at each location

The Library collection will be considered “Closed Stacks” during this time period
- Patrons may call ahead to locate materials, or reserve items as usual.
- Patrons who come in person will request books directly from a staff member. The staff member will then search the shelves for desired books or AV materials and bring them directly to patrons to minimize contact
- Patrons will be able to check out their materials via Self Check Kiosks at all locations or receive assistance at Circulation Services

Call Ahead/ Drive Through/ Pick Up Service will continue at all locations
Library materials may be returned to any location; items that are trapped to fulfill Reservations will be quarantined for 72 hours before becoming available to the patron who is “on Hold”

We encourage reserving the first hour of service for seniors and those with compromised immune systems; please consider arriving at or after 10 a.m. if you are not in that category
Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or care-taker

We will monitor occupancy of the library and as necessary, limit the number of patrons who may be inside at any given time; occupancy limits will need to be strictly enforced
We will not accept money other than through the usual online credit card service

Phase 3: Libraries resume use of meeting rooms and conference rooms and allow small programs

During later phases, libraries will return to pre-COVID-19 status for tables, casual seating and PC use, and public programs and meeting rooms will return to previous occupancy limits.
Continue hours, PC use, Wi-Fi use, and return of materials as in Phase 2
Meeting rooms and conference rooms will be available for small meetings and library programs
- The number of rooms available to be scheduled in advance or used on a drop-in basis will decrease, since even smaller groups will be placed in larger rooms than normal
Based on the size of the space, recommended guidelines and directives for gatherings will determine allowable occupancy for each room
Book Stacks and AV Collections will be open for “Browsing”

GET CONNECTED
If you would like to receive promotional email correspondence from the Library, send a request to Assistant Library Director Mary Stein at mstein@ebrpl.com

Mask Couture: #GearUpAndGeaux
The CDC recommends that we all wear face masks for the time being to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. Why not have some fun with our new normal? There are a lot of colorful and unique masks out there and we want to see yours! Post your mask couture on social media and tag it with #gearupandgeaux.

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Protective Measures Implemented During Phase 1:

- masks & face shields worn by staff
- gloves used when handling materials
- hand sanitizer & sanitizing stations at all locations
- disinfecting & deep cleaning
- social distancing floor markers to help patrons remain 6 feet apart
- new hygiene routines
- new health protocols including daily screening
- Call Ahead Pickup service offers low or no-contact using bagged materials
- quarantining returned materials
- virtual programs
- telephone and electronic reference assistance

Phase 2 includes all of the above, PLUS:

- public must wear masks to enter Library buildings
- sneeze guards at service desks
- repositioning furniture
- reducing the number of occupants in the building
- computers are spaced out & available on reservation basis
- special cleaning for computers after each use
- social distancing markers
- closed stacks
- Senior hour (first hour of Library opening)
- virtual programs
- no live programs or meetings
- no book donations accepted
- no coins or currency accepted

Be a Hero, Give Blood!

Would you like to be a hero? You can when you give life-saving blood for those in need! Come to the Main Library at Goodwood any time between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 19, to donate blood through Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services). Blood is the one thing that has no good substitute, and every pint of blood that is given can save up to three lives! If you would like to schedule a specific time to donate that day, visit vitalant.org to set up an appointment.
Participate in the Virtual Footlocker Project

The Virtual Footlocker Project (VFP) is working to develop a system to assist veterans and active duty military to capture and preserve their records of their time in service such as photographs, videos, emails, and blogs. This project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and we are recruiting participants for online focus groups. We are looking for enlisted officer active duty or veterans who served at least one year between 2005 and 2020. Focus groups will start at 6:30 p.m. CST on weeknights, at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Each participant will be compensated $150 following completion of the focus group. Learn more about the project and register for participation at https://www.virtualfootlocker.com/focus-groups. If you have any questions, send an email to ebenoit@lsu.edu or vfp@lsu.edu.

Here’s the focus group schedule:

- **Army**
  June 9-10 & 13-14
- **Marine Corps**
  June 23-24 & 27-28
- **Navy**
  July 7-8 & 11-12
- **Coast Guard**
  July 14-15 & 18-19
- **Air Force**
  July 21-22 & 25-26
- **Women Only**
  August 1 & 8

LPB’s Girls Virtual Road Trip to the Museum!

If you signed up for LPB’s Girls Virtual Road Trip to the Museum, you’ll want to watch your mail box! Participants should receive their hands-on science kit in the mail soon. Don’t forget to join us online from 10:30 a.m. until noon Saturday, June 13, for a sneak peek at the upcoming PBS three-part series Prehistoric Road Trip, a chance to talk with women scientists working in all kinds of interesting fields at LSU, and learn how to use your science kit! Explore even more with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s reading and resources lists included with your kit. Access to the internet along with a laptop, computer, or other device to participate is required. For more information, send an email to Colleen Spillane at cspillane@lpb.org, or contact her by phone at (225) 767-4453.

BR Summer Experience 2020

Gear up for summer fun, Baton Rouge! The BR Summer Experience is a coalition of youth-serving organizations offering a new online platform designed for children and teens. Log on to www.BRsummer.org to get connected to services, resources, support and programs that are needed during this difficult time through virtual options including:

- Arts & Music
- Math, Literacy & Storytelling
- STEM Activities
- Fitness/Wellness & Recreation
- Character Building & Bullying Prevention
- Workforce Readiness & Financial Literacy
- AND MORE!

Contribute to the Red Stick @ Home Online Exhibit

Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library (EBRPL) is interested in learning about and archiving your personal experiences throughout the unprecedented COVID-19 coronavirus global pandemic, and to achieve this, we need your help. The EBRPL Special Collections Department will host a patron-curated online exhibit about life in the time of COVID-19 in East Baton Rouge Parish. The community can contribute by keeping a journal either digitally or with paper and pen; taking photos, videos or recording audio that depict personal experience during the Stay at Home Order period; creating art, music, or writing that reflects on the pandemic and its effect on daily life, and any other way they wish to document this time. Special Collections will be accepting submissions digitally at https://create.passitdown.com/present/5ea6f3c0d136f97806917925/ugc, and in-person at the Main Library at Goodwood. The online exhibit can be accessed freely at https://create.passitdown.com/present/5ea6f3c0d136f97806917925/squares. To learn more about the project, check out The Baton Rouge Room Infoguide at www.ebrpl.com, or contact Special Collections staff at batonrougedigitallibrary@ebrpl.com.

REMINDER
Want to do some genealogical research from home? The Library’s Ancestry resource is still available remotely!
East Baton Rouge Parish Driving Tour

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is excited to share with you a driving tour of the Downtown area highlighting some of the most historic buildings in the city. The tour sheds light on the history of the structures as well as the unique events that have made these buildings memorable. Complete the tour in a car, on a bike, or on foot but be sure to practice social distancing! You can access the tour through the Digital Library and from the Baton Rouge Room Infoguide under the Online Exhibits tab.

#ExploreBatonRouge Adventure Ideas

Your parish has so much to see and explore! Here are just a few of the things’ we’ve highlighted in the Red Stick @ Home Challenge on ebrpl.beanstack.org

• Art Flow 2020 Badge: Visit Art Flow 2020 on the Ebb and Flow BR website. You can view upcoming exhibits. These programs are sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge. Take a virtual tour or two.

• Artists in Residence Badge: Visit the Baton Rouge Gallery to view works from our artists in residence.

• Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra Badge: Watch a Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra @ Home Concert Series video.

• BREC Refresh Badge: Explore virtual versions of many of BREC’s activities on the BREC Refresh website. Take a hike on one of the many BREC park trails. Watch a video of one of their many activities.

• Chalk the Walk Badge: Visit the Baton Rouge Family Fun website for some great suggestions of positive messages you and your family can write in chalk on the sidewalk or driveway to support our essential workers. Write uplifting messages on your sidewalk or driveway. Create a stained glass artwork in a window or on a fence or sidewalk.

• Flat Curve Gallery Badge: Visit the Flat Curve Gallery from the Baton Rouge Gallery. Submit a drawing, photograph, or any other artwork to contribute to the collection.

• Gardens Badge: Take a walk through one of our local botanical gardens, the BREC Botanical Gardens or the LSU AgCenter Botanical Gardens.

• Heart Trail Badge: Visit downtown and take a walk through the heart trail.

• LSU’s Mike the Tiger Badge: Visit Mike the Tiger at LSU. Take a self-guided tour through the lovely LSU grounds with stops at the Indian Mounds, Tiger Stadium, the Greek Amphitheater, the Quad, the Memorial Clock Tower, and the Parade Grounds.

• Red Stick Farmers Market Badge: Visit the Red Stick Farmers Market at one of their community locations. Find locations and times on their website.

• The Walls Project Badge: Check out the Walls Project of Baton Rouge consisting of many murals throughout our community. Take a drive through our community and be on the lookout for murals on walls, buildings, parking lots, and signs.

• Walk the Levee Badge: Take a walk on the levee downtown. There’s so much to see and do! On your walk, find the new “Sing the River” sculpture and enjoy the musical sounds created by the combination of sensors and the rise and fall of the river currents.

Text for Information & Updates on COVID-19

Louisiana’s statewide 211 network is now answering calls about COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus. This network is best designed and staffed to handle the large volume of calls from Louisiana residents who are concerned and who have questions about the rapidly-spreading virus. Anyone looking for information and instant updates about the COVID-19 outbreak can simply dial 211 or text the keyword LACOVID to 898-211 for the most current information about the outbreak as it becomes available. For more information, visit the InfoGuide at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus, and click the Red Stick Ready tab.

LASM Now Presenting Educational & Entertaining Online Content

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum has released an online portal for at home art and science experiences at virtual-lasm.org. The portal, which is organized by grade level and includes a section for all ages, includes videos, hands-on activities, and blogs produced by the Museum and Irene W. Pennington Planetarium. This library of art and science content is designed to not only prevent learning regress in children due to state-mandated school closures but also educate and entertain multigenerational audiences who are currently isolated. Included are virtual versions of favorites such as Stargazing in the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium and The Traveling Trunk Show, along with newly-produced content such as Choose Your Own Venture interactive astronomy videos and We Need Our Space: LIVE. For more information, send an email to Frances Lee at flee@lasm.org.
Branching Out

Take a look at what’s happening at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional and Jones Creek Regional Branches!

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch will soon have a new Teen Zone, an area just for toddlers with cubbies, plus a children’s program room!

Construction is underway at the Jones Creek Regional Branch for the addition of the Children’s Room and new Circulation Desk area.

Book Cover Photo Challenge

Gather your family for a fun photo challenge! Recreate a book cover with items at your house, and message us your picture, or tag us @ebpl. Thank you to the Sideris family for recreating Off We Go! by Will Hillenbrand!

Library Academy

Click TUTORIALS For access to Database Hints and How-tos

Find hints and brief how-to videos related to dozens of digital resources in the Library Academy

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Gale Courses

_Gale Courses_ provides more than 360 six-week long, online programs taught by college instructors. New courses begin each month, enhanced with images, videos, and games to support varied learning styles. Users enjoy a self-paced learning environment and engagement with fellow students and instructor through weekly discussion boards. The wide variety of courses include everything from job skills, to health and wellness, to hobbies. Some of the most popular courses include Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera, and Speed Spanish.

Small Engine Repair Reference Center

This resource offers user-friendly repair and maintenance guides for motorcycles, boats, ATVs, lawn mowers, generators and more. You can search by product type, brand, model/engine type, specific area of model/engine type and model numbers. You can easily print out instructions and diagrams, or download them as PDF files.

Prices4Antiques

This is your best source for pricing and learning about antiques, fine and decorative arts. Is that painting in the attic trash or treasure? Now you can find out! This antiques and collectibles research database includes auction prices from 1999 to present, color images, historical background information, and curated data from large and small auctions nationwide. You can find pricing for items in hundreds of categories including toys, stamps, jewelry and watches.

Indie Author Project

Are you a self-published author? Do you have a finished novel languishing away all alone in a file on your hard drive? With the Indie Author Project and Biblioboard, you can introduce your precious brainchild to the world. The Library has three major tools to help local authors, including:

- **Pressbooks** is where writers can create, edit and format their book or short story.
- **Indie Author Project** provides a way to upload your book.
- **Biblioboard** is where your book can appear if it’s approved. Once there, it’s then accessible to EBRPL patrons and other library patrons around Louisiana.

Women’s Wear Daily Archive

From the first issue in 1910 to the present year, _Women’s Wear Daily Archive_ preserves one of the industry’s most influential reads, tracing day-to-day news, opinion, and socio-economic trends, from runway reports to beauty product reviews. _WWD_ is a unique record of the twentieth century US and international fashion and beauty business. Key moments in the history of the industry, as well as major designers, brands, retailers and advertisers are all covered. Issues are reproduced from cover to cover in high-resolution color.

Gale Presents: Udemy

A collection of more than 4,000 online video courses from Udemy consumer marketplace taught by world-class instructors. The top-rated courses offer upskilling in the areas of business, tech, and personal development across 75+ different categories. To keep the content fresh, courses are replaced monthly with new material addressing emerging topics. With an app for iOS and Android, users can download courses to watch offline, listen to courses with podcast-style audio, and watch courses using Chromecast or Apple TV. Please note that a Microsoft or Gmail account are required to use Udemy, and it does not function well with the Microsoft Edge browser.

Get FREE basic computer tutorials in English or Spanish with DigitalLearn. All you need is your Library card! Go online to the Digital Library at www.ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary.
Watch for Video Seminars from the Career Center

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Career Center will bring you four video seminars in June! Check the Library’s website at ebrpl.com, and the Career Center’s website at www.careercenterbr.com for information on when video seminars will be available on these subjects:

• **Write the Résumé That Will Get the Job!**
  
  A certified professional résumé writer will lead a video seminar on writing a great résumé! Find out how to structure your résumé so that it showcases your most valuable skills. Learn formatting techniques that will make your résumé look clean and professional. You’ll learn about the most common red flags employers look for on résumés and how to avoid them.

• **Mastering the Job Interview**
  
  Are you searching for a new job? Your performance during an interview can determine whether or not you get your dream job. Learn how to perfect your job interview skills and get tips for a great interview, common traps and pitfalls to avoid and interactive demonstrations for answering the most common interview questions.

• **Job Search Scams: How to Recognize and Avoid Them**
  
  As more and more people are looking for jobs online, scams are multiplying fast. Join Certified Career Coach and head of the Library’s Career Center Anne Nowak as she discusses common job search scams and how to recognize and avoid them. Learn which clues to look out for, how to safeguard your own information and how to job search safely.

• **How to Recession-Proof Your Job and Career**
  
  As we are heading into rocky economic waters and job outlooks are shaky, learn how to more likely survive lay-offs and make your job and career recession-proof.

Investigate Conspiracies with Big Library Read’s *The Darwin Affair*

Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library invites you to join millions around the globe in reading a historical fiction thriller ebook during Big Library Read, the world’s largest digital book club! From Monday, June 22, through Monday, July 13, patrons with a Library card can borrow and read Tim Mason’s “intellectually stimulating and viscerally exciting” ebook *The Darwin Affair,* available FREE with OverDrive/Libby app in the Digital Library. Connect online with other literature lovers to discuss the book at https://discuss.biglibraryread.com/.

Learn How to Become a U.S. Citizen

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites you to join the conversation! Learn about the naturalization process and what you need to become a U.S. citizen via a FREE one-hour online event at 2 p.m. Friday, June 19. USCIS Community Relations Officer Anne Hackett will be available to answer your questions. To view the seminar, go to the Library’s online calendar at www.ebrpl.com. Once there, follow the Webex “join meeting” directions using the meeting access code and password. For more information on the seminar, send an email to anne.m.hackett@uscis.dhs.gov.
Baton Rouge Green’s MyTreeLouisiana.org

The Baton Rouge Green invites you to visit the MyTreeLouisiana.com platform! Kids and parents can identify and map the trees in their own yards and learn about geographic information systems (GIS), eco benefits of trees and more Edu-fun, absolutely FREE! The BR Green has recently created an awesome series of how-to videos to guide families through using the platform. Just visit mytreelouisiana.org, and click the “Show Me How” icon in the middle of your screen.

A Hip-Hop Workshop with the Kabuki Dancers

Join the virtual dance party! If you’ve fallen in love with hip-hop and would like to learn where it all began, you’ll want to check out The Breakdown: A Lesson On Hip-Hop History, an online video led by the electrifying dance duo the Kabuki Dancers. Go to the Library’s Teen Facebook page or YouTube channel beginning Monday, June 15, through Saturday, August 15, to check it out!

Online Resources for Tweens & Teens

We haven’t forgotten about our tween and teen patrons! The Digital Library is jammed-packed with a wealth of fun and educational tools designed just for you, and we’ve listed some here. We’ve also posted short booktalks and Tech Talks on the Teen’s Facebook page. There’s so much to explore, so visit https://www.ebrpl.com/Teens/index.html to find something cool today!

- This three-piece Gale group covers biographical information about people from history and those currently in the public eye, and offers Opposing Viewpoints on today’s hottest social issues. Literary Sources searches and provides credible literary reference materials for students.

- Mango Languages is for language-learning, and is designed to help users learn more than 70 languages online and through the app. Pronunciator is another cool resource the Library offers for language learning!

- Learning Express offers online tutorials, e-books and practice tests designed to help students learn basic skills, improve their knowledge of common subjects and prepare for entrance exams.

- TeenBookCloud provides access to ebooks, graphic novels, enhanced novels, audiobooks, and videos for middle and high school students.
Creative Writing Workshops for Teens with Poet Donney Rose

Is there a poet within you? Join local poet Donney Rose at 2:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, June 10, through Wednesday, July 15, for six independent virtual writing workshops for teens. A writer, performer, teaching artist and founder of Black Out Loud Conference, Rose was selected as one of the Kennedy Center’s 2018-2019 Citizen Teaching Artist. If you are interested in participating, contact Teen Services at the Main Library at (225) 231-3770.

The Summer Reading Program Goes Digital!

This year’s Summer Reading Program, Imagine Your Story!, begins on June 1 and runs through August 15. But it’s Summer Reading, Re-Imagined as we transition to a new online program. Our traditional summer reading program, which relied on paper logs, regular visits to the library, and attendance at library programs, was impacted by the ongoing disruption due to COVID-19, and we needed to offer something that could work from a distance. Powered by Beanstack, our new program hosting software, there are seven Summer Reading Challenges for all ages. It’s easy! Just read and complete activities to earn badges. Each challenge (except Red Stick @Home) has both a reading/logging component and an activity component. The rules, requirements, badges, and incentives vary based on the age group.

✔ There are three fun-filled programs for children based on their ages and reading levels: Dragon Cubs, for ages 0-5; Heroes in Training, for ages 5-8; and Storybook Adventurers, for ages 8-11. For Dragon Cubs, children can log up to 30 books to earn reading badges and complete up to 24 activity badges. Both Heroes in Training and Storybook Adventurers can earn up to 75 reading badges by completing timed reading sessions and collect up to 60 activity badges! All three Children’s Challenges can earn up to five entries into our weekly drawings. Completion packets will include a choice of two free book bags, a free book, and coupons from area vendors, while supplies last.

✔ Our Teen Challenge, designed for ages 11-18, allows readers to earn up to 105 reading badges by completing timed reading sessions and complete seven quests (combined activities) to earn activity badges! Challenge yourself to collect all 112 badges this summer! Earn up to 22 entries into the weekly drawings for each of the milestone badges! Teen completion packets will include a free backpack with a surprise inside.

✔ Adults, we would never leave you out! Our Adult Challenge, for ages 18 and up, still requires reading a minimum of three books to earn completion, but you can also keep reading and logging as in the past “paper” years. There are 24 activity badges designed to have you explore our website, databases, and your own personal account online. Adults will receive a canvas tote for their completion incentive.

✔ If you’re looking for something more simplistic, you’ll enjoy our All Abilities Challenge for all ages and all skill levels. These can be completed as an individual or with a helper. Each participant can read and log up to 20 books at whichever level of reading they desire and earn up to 16 activity badges, with assistance or without. Once you’ve read all your books, stop by the Children’s Room at your local branch for a completion certificate!

✔ And last but not least … our Red Stick at Home Challenge, for ages 5 and up, includes 33 activity badges designed to have patrons explore our community and support local organizations.

At the end of the summer, grand prize winners will receive prizes donated by area merchants and the Patrons of the Public Library. Start by registering yourself or a member(s) of your family. You’ll be able to sign up either through the link on our website, the FREE mobile app, or by speaking with a staff member. Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare to go digital this summer!
Sign up at your local branch or online at ebrpl.beanstack.org

Programs are available for all ages!
- Dragon Cubs: for ages 0 to 5
- Heroes in Training: for ages 5 to 8
- Storybook Adventurers: for ages 8 to 11
- Teens: for ages 11 to 18
- Adults: for ages 18 and up
- All Abilities: for all ages

June 1 through August 15

Join us through Beanstack online for our Red Stick @Home Program

Complete fun activities while exploring and supporting our local community!
Digital Resources for Everyone!

The Digital Library is open 24/7, and its robust collection of resources are all freely available patrons of all ages with a current East Baton Rouge Parish Library card. Just visit https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html to get started!

Crank up the tunes and rock out with Freegal, the free and legal downloadable & streaming music resource. Enjoy unlimited streaming, and download up to seven songs per week!

Browse and borrow e-books & audiobooks with OverDrive via the Libby app.

Kanopy offers streaming films, perfect to watch some of your favorites!

RBdigital gives you access to e-books & audiobooks, plus popular digital magazine. For more magazines, check out Flipster!
Louisiana Myths, Tales, and Tunes with Johnette Downing

Keep your eyes out in June for our very own local celebrity, the multi-award winning musician and author, Johnette Downing! She will present a virtual show called Louisiana Myths, Tales, and Tunes! This virtual performance will be viewable and available for five days through a special link from the Children’s Facebook Page. For more information, visit the online calendar at www.ebrpl.com.

How Do I Help My Child Stay on Track from Home?

Exceptional Lives offers a FREE Kitchen Conversations webinar series for parents and caregivers on how providers can support your child (and you) even through a computer screen. Hear from professionals about their approach and expectations and get your questions answered. All webinars will be held weekly at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, June 3-17. CDT, and each session will be 15-20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes for Q&A. To register, visit ExceptionalLives.org. Here’s the topic schedule:

- June 3, Applied Behavioral Analysis at Home
- June 10, Mental Health Counseling at Home
- June 17, Speech Therapy at Home

LITERACY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Are you interested in developing your child’s reading skills? Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library Special Literacy Projects offers quick & easy ideas for encouraging literacy at home through a new text message service.

Simply text LITERACY to (225) 400-1336.

Unsubscribe at any time by texting OPT OUT.

Standard message & data rates may apply.

Have you read to a child today? Get family activity prompts & ideas sent right to your mobile phone every Thursday evening!

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Virtual Programs @ EBRPL

Traditionally, each year’s Summer Reading Program is filled with outstanding performances of storytellers, musicians, clowns, dancers, and other entertainers as well as educational workshops and STEM or STEAM related programs. We look forward each year to bringing a robust schedule of quality programming to children and teens throughout the parish! However, this year, because live events and performances must be curtailed due to COVID-19, we have Re-imagined our summer programming and are instead planning a whole summer of Virtual Programs. These online programs are either being created and produced by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library or have been selected and curated by staff, to give you a wide range of options during the summer.

Page Turner Adventures for Kids

Adventure awaits you this month! The Library invites you to enjoy fun content from the Emmy Award-winning production company Page Turner Adventures. We’ll post special links to five new virtual programs each week that are created and produced by Page Turner Adventures. Get access to shows, crafts, games, and activities for kids via the Zoom app or YouTube. Check the online calendar at www.ebrpl.com for drop dates for each, and visit the Children’s Facebook group page EBRP Library Kids Programming for special links to each program. Links also will be available from inside your Summer Reading Beanstack account. Here’s the schedule for the first five weeks:

Week #1: Imagine Your Fairytale Story
(Pre-Recorded Videos Available June 1)

It’s our first adventure through the Once Upon a Time Machine as we head into The Mixed-Up Fairytale Show featuring some of your favorite fairytale characters and a real ten-foot-tall giant! This week we’ll also make paper bag gingerbread houses and Little Red Riding Hood’s no-bake cookies. While older kids will play fairytale Madlibs and design magical “golden” eggs. We have two guest authors for our kick-off week, including the man behind Mr. Lemoncello’s Library, Chris Grabenstein, and librarian, storyteller, and President-elect of ALSC, Lucia Gonzalez! Lucia will talk to us about her Pura Belpre Honor Award Winning book, The Storyteller’s Candle. She’ll also perform an amazing bi-lingual folktale inspired by her book The Bossy Gallito. Librarians will recognize our guest performer, Grammy Winning King of Kid-Hop, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo from his many years of producing music for CSLP and being the CSLP Reading Champion.

Week #2: Imagine Your Space Story
(Pre-Recorded Videos Available June 8)

We kick off the week with The Book from Outer Space. In this comedy adventure show, the kids at home must help Pixel the Librarian save the Intergalactic Library from destruction! On our first craft-day, we’ll be making paper-plate flying saucers and alien pipe-cleaner finger puppets. Our crafts Space Case bags from duct tape and zip lock baggies, while older kids will conduct a fizzing “space ball” experiment/craft. They’ll also make duct tape “space cases.” Our guest author is Lori Haskins Houran, author of more than 50 books for young readers, including her most recent picture book, Space Mice. We’ll also have another guest visit from Chris Grabenstein to talk about his out-of-this-world book, Shine. Our Guest Performer, EMMY award winner Janet Ivey, will be zooming all the way to us from her science-themed PBS show Janet’s Planet.

Week #3:
Imagine Your Science Story
(Pre-Recorded Videos Available June 15)

It’s full STEAM ahead with Dr. Loboto’s STEAM Lab and Movie Magic Show. We’ll explore the science, technology, engineering, art, and math behind movies and animation while trying to thwart the mad scientist Dr. Loboto and his plan to take over the world. Kids at home will make balloon rockets and early animation devices called Thaumatropes. Older kids will create phenakistoscopes, another type of animation device. And, with some parental supervision, we’ll attempt to make s’mores in our very own solar ovens. Our author is Teresa Robeson, this year’s winner of the Asian Pacific American Award for her picture book Queen of Physics. And our guest performer is magician, singer, recycling guru, and PBS star, the one and only, Steve Trash.
**Bonus: Such a Library!**

**Book Launch and Virtual Party on June 16**

Join us for a celebration and book launch party for the new picture book Such a Library!: A Yiddish Folktale Re-imagined, written by Jill Ross Nadler a.k.a. World Famous Storyologist, Page Turner (and one of the hosts of our Virtual Summer Reading Program). We’ll have crafts, trivia, special guests, and lots of book giveaways. Such a Library! is based on the folktale, It Could Always Be Worse, but this version takes place in a magical library and features an unusual librarian with a book that comes to life! We’re also going to take this time to celebrate libraries and librarians with our Such a Librarian! Award. Kids and parents can nominate their favorite librarian to win a special price package.

**Week #4: Imagine Your Adventure Story**

*(Pre-Recorded Videos Available June 22)*

Kids at home will join Page Turner and Kenny on an Indiana Jones-style adventure as they search for the elusive purple wish lion. On our craft day, they’ll make their own paper-plate wish lions, and toilet tube binoculars. While older kids will travel to Easter Island where they’ll make megaliths from laundry detergent bottles and masking tape, and tanzuku wishes in honor of Japan’s Tanabata Festival. Our guest writer, Donna Gephart is the winner of the Sid Fleishman Humor award and the author of seven middle grade novels, including her latest adventure … *The Paris Project*. We’ll also talk to Kelly Milner Halls, author of dozens of non-fiction books for kids. We’ll find out if the purple wish lion appears in her latest book, Cryptid Creatures: A Field Guide. Instead of a guest performer this week, we’ll go on a virtual field trip to the zoo and visit the workshop of Lion King puppet master, Jim Hammond.

**Week #5: Imagine Your Musical Story**

*(Pre-Recorded Videos Available June 29)*

This week kids will travel back in time via a Time Machine Piano so they can save Ludwig Von Beethoven from the musical machinations of the villain, Dr. Crescendo, and his cacophonous cryptic codes. Then they’ll make Australian clapping sticks and mini African drums. While older kids will create sharpie tie-dye tee-shirts and bat puppets (Hey, they use echolocation! It works with the music theme). Our writer this week is the awesome Sherri Winston, author of *The Sweetest Sound* and *Jada Sly, Artist & Spy*. But our guest performer is still top secret!
Goodnight Stories on Facebook

Library staff have created and posted many Goodnight Storytime videos on their Facebook Page, accessible from the Library Kids Page or via facebook.com/EBRPLKids. Stories are read by Children’s Services staff, and sometimes by a special guest, like this reading of Down by the Station by the book’s author Will Hillenbrand!

The Children’s Services Department Brings You Virtual Fun!

Log on to the Library’s Kids Facebook page at facebook.com/EBRPLKids, the online calendar at ebrpl.com, or Beanstack at ebrpl.beanstack.org, for some awesome online fun! Check out the calendar below to find out what’s coming up:

SUNDAYS

• 6 p.m. Story Starters: Each Sunday, staff will read the first chapter (or two) of books available to check out digitally on either OverDrive or TumbleBooks

MONDAYS

• 7 p.m. Goodnight Stories

TUESDAYS

• 10 a.m. Family Storytime: Join us each week for a special online storytime. We’ll sing, dance, and read stories with our animal friends. You can visit the Video Library on the Children’s Facebook Page @EBRPLKids to see previous storytimes as well!

A Garden of Stories

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Main Library at Goodwood and BREC have partnered to bring you Garden Stories! Families are invited to the BREC Gardens at Independence Park to take a stroll through the beautifully serene area and enjoy reading stations where one-to-two pages of a children’s book can be read. Story titles will change each month.
Educational Resources for Kids

We’ve rounded up just a few of the helpful educational tools available for kids in the Digital Library. Find these and many more at ebrpl.com/kids.

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More Educational Resources

- **TumbleBooks** – A curated database of children's e-books for K-3
- **World Book Online** – For information and research tools on a wide variety of subjects and interests. Includes e-books & interactivities
- **Book Flix** – Features paired fiction and non-fiction books by topic for preschooler & elementary students
- **Science Flix** – Browse through all your favorite science interests from earth science to chemistry, learn a new experiment, or check out careers in science
- **Scholastic Teachables** – Search through hundreds of printables, lessons, activities, and more by grade, subject, or theme for grades Pre-K through 8
- **Scholastic Watch & Learn** – Explore videos and research topics for non-readers to beginning readers then test what you learned through included activities and quizzes
Fun Resources for Kids

Your Library’s not all work and no play! To check out these fun resources and more, visit ebrpl.com/kids/funstuff.html.

Kids who want to explore science, technology, engineering and math-related concepts (STEM) will enjoy Code.org, a tool that’s packed with coding activities and online learning.

This resource is fun at its finest! Disney LOL offers kids a host of games, videos, coloring pages and more.

Hooda Math is a cool resource for math games by grade or subject. You’ll make math your friend in no time!

Sports fanatics will love Sports Illustrated for Kids, because it offers all the fun sports information, all in one place!

More Fun Resources

• Fun Brain – Keep busy with fun educational games, videos and reading for grades Pre-K through 8

• American Girl – Have fun playing games, watching videos, or exploring more about your favorite American Girl characters

• Poptropica – An adventurous game in a safe online environment navigating through quests, puzzles, and stories

• LASM Virtual Museum – Tour the wonderful Louisiana Art and Science Museum through this online virtual tour including many videos of your favorite shows

• Storyplace – Explore many stories, videos, and fun activities designed especially for preschoolers

• DK Findout! – A safe place online to see, learn, and explore almost everything. Located on our Kids’ Page under Homework Help-More Homework Sites.

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Learn Something
New with Cell-Ed

This resource offers micro-learning courses in English and Spanish to upskill low literacy adult learners and ESL learners. Each course module is 3-5 minutes long, so it’s easy to do a quick class on the go. It’s accessible through a smartphone app, and can even be used on older phones without internet using texting. Download the app on the Google Play Store or the App Store or call 818-423-5533 and use PIN 5274.

Get Crafty with Creativebug!

Are you looking for some craft inspiration? If so, you’ll want to check out Creativebug in the online Digital Library! Perfect to help beat summer boredom, this fun and FREE resource offers more than 1,000 online video classes covering a variety art and crafts. This includes on-demand courses on painting, papercraft, sewing, jewelry, canning, holiday-themed decorations, plus a special section for crafting with kids and so much more. To get started, grab your Library card and go online to www.ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary. What will you create?

Summer Camp @ Home

June 1 through July 31
Is your family looking for at home activities for the summer?

Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library has just the thing!

Each week, the Children's Room will have Summer Camp @Home packets filled with fun crafts, activities, and weekly schedules for our virtual programming. Stop by your local branch to pick up the base packet including the instructions, a Monday-Friday schedule, and a content packet. Pick and choose your family's schedule from the content choices and make the schedule that's right for your family's interests. Every weekend, we will have the next week's content pack ready to go!

For more information, call your local branch library Children's Room. All printable activities will be available from our Kids Page on our website at www.ebrpl.com.

Back at the Library

River Center Branch Circulation Tech Annette Yancy assists patron Mitch Fontenot at the Walk-Up Window.

The Library will be open soon! Giraffe and dog show us how to practice safe social distancing at floor markers in the Main Library Children’s Room.

WAFB’s Diane Deaton picks up her next page turner at the Main Library Drive-Through window.
Main Library at Goodwood
Director, Spencer Watts
7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 10 p.m.

Baker Branch Library
3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Fairwood Branch Library
12910 Old Hammond Highway (225) 924-9384
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

River Center Branch Library
250 North Boulevard (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library
1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

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