The wait is over! Though it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order, the Third Annual Mid City Micro-Con will still go on ... only virtually! Connect with us on the web from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, August 29, to enjoy this year’s theme “Creating the Future, Expanding Our Universe”, with an all-day virtual event that will celebrate diversity in comic book characters, fantastical worlds, creators, and their fans! We’ll highlight traditionally underrepresented voices in comics, art, and fandoms through discussion panels, cosplay, workshops, a virtual scavenger hunt, and prizes! Our special guests include Javier Hernandez, Greg Burnham, Henry Barajas, Marcus Williams, Ninja Yoyo Cosplay, Cheness Lewis, Antoine GHOST Mitchell, Gamma Rae Cosplay, and many more professionals and experts from the comics and cosplay communities.

Join our guests for discussions of their work, as well as special panel discussions on world building, online content creation, diversity, and comics in Louisiana. There also will be a virtual cosplay competition for teens and adults. For links to a full schedule of sessions, information on participating guests, cosplay competition rules and registration, and more information on diversity in comics, please visit the Mid City Micro-Con InfoGuide at ebrpl.com/MCMC, or send an email to midcitymicrocon@gmail.com.

Virtual Trivia: Mid City Micro-Con Edition

Test your superhero wits, sci-fi skills, and pop culture knowledge by joining us for a Mid City Micro-Con virtual trivia event! This event will be livestreamed on Twitch at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 22, just one week ahead of the Third Annual Mid City Micro-Con. Adults and teens can register by emailing midcitymicrocon@gmail.com. After you've registered, you'll receive a link to the stream as well as instructions on how to submit your answers. The top scorers will win an awesome prize and have their names listed on the Mid City Micro-Con InfoGuide at ebrpl.com/MCMC!
Re-Opening Step 1:
May 20 through May 31:
Libraries extend hours for telephone and eRef assistance as well as resume Call Ahead/ Drive Through, Curb-side, or Lobby Pickup

- Patrons placed holds on 22,574 new items
- By May 31, patrons had used the Call Ahead Pick Up service to checkout 17,329 new items
- Patrons had returned 28,432 items
- Patrons downloaded more than 270,410 books between March and May 31
- Patrons called in over 28,800 reference questions

Re-Opening Step 2:
June 1 through current
Libraries open doors to the public to provide limited use of PCs, Wi-Fi, and fresh checkouts of materials!

- By mid-July, more than 66,100 patrons had already visited their libraries
- Thousands of patrons had signed up for the new Beanstack Summer Reading Program
- Patrons had logged on to Library computers more than 18,500 times
- Patrons had logged in on Library Wi-Fi more than 62,500 times
- More than 102,500 items had been checked out
- More than 93,450 items had been returned
- Temporarily modified hours of operation at all locations:
  9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday
  9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday & Saturday
  2 – 6 p.m. Sunday

Step 3:
To Be Announced
Libraries resume use of meeting rooms and conference rooms and allow small programs, book stacks open for browsing. For more information, visit the COVID-19 InfoGuide at https://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus
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.

Young patrons had safe summer fun learning how to juggle with Wink Danenberg, the Juggler at the River Center Branch last month!

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.

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! This event was postponed from its original schedule. Beginning Monday, August 3, through Monday, August 17, 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/.

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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 remaining focus group schedule:

- **Women Only**
  - August 1 & 8

**The Third Annual Virtual Mid City Micro-Con Lineup!**

We’ve got a fun day planned for you, jammed-packed with the art and expertise of awesome creators! Be sure to visit the Mid City Micro-Con InfoGuide at ebpl.com/MCMC for updates on digital content that will be released throughout August. Check out the lineup:

**Live streamed panels and presentations via YouTube Live featuring:**

- Javier Hernandez, creator of *El Muerto*
- Henry Barajas, creator of *LA VOZ DE M.A.Y.O: TATA RAMBO*
- Chenese Lewis, Multimedia Personality & Entrepreneur
- INDAFILM, creators of Trapped in Anime video series
- Gamma Rae Cosplay, Cosplayer & co-host of the podcast Geeked Up
- Ninja Yoyo Cosplay, Cosplay Media Personality
- Lady Luna Loveless, Cosplayer & owner at Cajun Moon Creations
- Greg Burnham & Marcus Williams, creators of *Tuskegee Heirs & The Search for Sadiqah*
- Dr. Stephen Andes of LSU’s Department of History
- **AND MORE!**

**Live, virtual, small group workshops including:**

- An Interactive All-Ages Comics Drawing Workshop with Javier Hernandez
- **AND MORE!**

**Virtual Cosplay Competition**

- Winners announced at the end of the day in a live streamed session

**Virtual Scavenger Hunt**

- For a chance to win prizes, follow clues and explore the web pages of local creators

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**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.

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://ebplr.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 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.

#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.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Three FREE Virtual Seminars with Louisiana Relay

• Relay-Friendly Business
  2 p.m. Friday, August 14
  Making a telephone call to schedule an appointment, order take-out food or check an account balance is a part of everyday life. These daily contacts can sometimes cause frustration for individuals who have difficulty hearing or speaking over the phone and use Relay services to make calls, especially if a business or organization is not familiar with Relay and how it works. Businesses can learn how to recognize a Relay call and the benefits of staying on the line with this FREE Louisiana Relay training program to businesses and their employees. To register for this FREE online seminar, go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2652328118393917959.

• Speech-to-Speech Relay
  2 p.m. Friday, August 21
  Speech-to-Speech Relay is a service offered at no charge which is especially useful for individuals who have difficulty speaking or being understood over the phone. Specially-trained Communication Assistants (CAs) who are familiar with a wide variety of speech patterns of callers with cerebral palsy, stroke complications, voice disorders, or other speaking difficulties are available to help make phone calls possible for you, your loved ones, your patients, or your clients. To register for this FREE online seminar, go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7438487940452375822.

• Captioned Telephone (CapTel)
  2 p.m. Friday, August 28
  If you, a loved one, a patient, or client has difficulty hearing and understanding others over the phone, Captioned Telephone (CapTel) can provide a much-needed source of independence and connection. CapTel is a FREE service that allows users to read word-for-word captions of what’s said to them during telephone conversations! To register for this FREE online seminar, go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5371113610140595214.

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.ebrplcomDigitalLibrary.

Participate in the PBS American Portrait Project

It’s your story. Have you joined in the conversation? Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) invites people across our state to take part in the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) storytelling project AMERICAN PORTRAIT. It’s a collection of stories contributed by people all over the country – a portrait designed to show and explain what it really means to be an American today. And that story may have drastically changed over the past few weeks or months. With a health pandemic and country-wide protests, this national storytelling project is more important than ever – it’s a recorded history. So even if you took part in the project earlier, we encourage you to go back and look at some of the new prompts. If you are just getting started, it’s easy! Go to https://www.lpb.org/americanportrait to see the simple instructions on how to upload your entry.
Gale Courses

Gale Courses gives East Baton Rouge Parish Library patrons easy access to lifelong learning opportunities including professional development, technology, and personal enrichment courses. Available 24/7, Gale Courses provides more than 360 six-week long, online programs taught by college instructors. New courses begin each month, and lessons are assigned twice a week, enhanced with images, videos, and games to support varied learning styles. Users will enjoy a self-paced learning environment and engagement with fellow students and instructor through weekly discussion boards.

Lynda.com

Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. It contains thousands of on-demand video courses taught by experts.

CQ Researcher

In a world of unreliable news, CQ Researcher offers original, comprehensive reporting and analysis on the most vital issues shaping our world. Each weekly report offers in-depth, unbiased coverage of a single topic. Written by CQ Press’s staff of experienced reporters, these reports provide up-to-date information on a wide range of social, economic, political, environmental, and international issues. The consistent, reader-friendly organization provides an introductory overview; background and chronology on the topic; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions; and bibliographies of key sources.

Credo Reference

Credo Reference is a great place to start your research. It features authoritative titles across a wide range of subjects, including art, history, technology, careers, psychology, business, and health. Appropriate for users of all types and ages, Credo Reference includes 3.5 million entries from notable encyclopedias, guides, and handbooks, as well as more than 2,000 instructional videos and 600,000+ contextual visual aids, images, maps, and photographs. It’s user-friendly containing subject topic pages and an interactive visualization tool called the Mind Map to help discover related topics.

Here’s what our patrons are saying about Gale Courses & Udemy:

Start Your Own Small Business
(Gale Courses)

“...I really enjoyed this class... was very informative and gave me confidence that I can began my business. It gave me new perspective and inspiration. I am grateful! I have shared with others about this program and class!”

– S.D.

Intro to Storytelling:
Wow Your Crowd (Udemy)

“The course content progresses masterfully with meaningful assignments that reinforce storytelling skills. I am thoroughly enjoying every lecture and the energy that is projected from the instructor!”

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.
Watch for Video Seminars from the Career Center

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Career Center has brought you four video seminars! Check the Library’s website at ebrpl.com, and the Career Center’s YouTube channel at CareerCenterBR.com/YouTube to watch videos 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.

FREE Virtual Garden Discoveries Seminar

Dr. Sheldon Johnson of the Baton Rouge Rose Society will lead a Zoom Meeting seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 8, all about roses! Learn basic rose care including how to identify and manage diseases in the flowers. Plus, Dr. Johnson will help you determine which types of roses you might want to grow! Go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89870296148?pwd=d0srSXZDVjZRSM0KzA1aWQuZ1kxQT09, and use Zoom Meeting ID 898 7029 6148, and Password 956313, to view the seminar.

SAVE THE DATE
Garden Discoveries Virtual Seminar on Butterflies
10 a.m. Saturday, September 12

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.
Virtual Volunteering for Teens

Are you a teen in need of volunteer/service hours? We’ve got an online solution for you! Participate in our expanded book recommendation guide to earn volunteer hours. For every fully-filled out recommendation form you complete, you’ll receive 30 minutes of volunteer time. For more information, send an email to ebrplibraryteens@gmail.com, or call (225) 231-3770.

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 now 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’re posting short videos every week on the Teen Facebook page, YouTube, and the new Teen Instagram account at ebrpteens. “QuickTalks” which are short book talks are posted every Wednesday at 11 a.m., and “Virtual Trivia” drops at 2 p.m. every Thursday; TechTalks and other virtual offerings are also posted on a regular basis. Check the Online Calendar of Events or Teen Social Media for updates. There’s so much to explore, so visit https://www.ebrpl.com/Teens/index.html to find something cool today!

Homework Louisiana connects students in kindergarten through college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Log on from 2 p.m. until midnight daily to get help with your assignments!

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.

QuaranTEEN Grab & Geaux Projects

Each week, we invite teens to come into their local Library branch to pick up a Grab & Geaux bag filled with the project of the week. Check the Online Calendar to see what crafts are available a branches throughout the month. For more information, call (225) 231-3770. Here’s the schedule for the Main Library:

- Monday, August 3, Newton’s Cradle Grab & Geaux
- Wednesday, August 5, Personalized Mason Jar Grab & Geaux
- Saturday, August 8, No-Sew Face Mask Grab & Geaux
- Saturday, August 15, Color-Blocked Candles Grab & Geaux
- Saturday, August 22, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Charms Grab & Geaux
- Saturday, August 29, Bouncing Off the Wall Grab & Geaux

*Virtual Escape Room for Teens!

Calling all teens! We need you to create an antidote that could stop a zombie infection and save humanity. Work quickly if you want to survive the zombie apocalypse before getting eaten! Teens will use clues to answer a series of puzzles and riddles in a zombie-themed virtual escape room. Incentive will be given to the teen who can escape first! This virtual program will be hosted in Google Meet. To register, call the Main Library Teen Room at (225) 231-3770.
VIPS Virtual Tutor Program

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) is offering FREE online tutoring this summer! Sign up today for weekly Zoom tutoring with our caring, dedicated volunteers, now through Tuesday, August 5. To get started, visit https://vipsbr.org/vips-virtual-tutoring-sign-up/ to complete the registration form.

FREE Library Resources!

Your Library’s got something FUN for you:
- eBooks for Reading on the Go
- Popular Digital Magazines
- Music Downloads of Popular Artists
- Streaming Videos & Concerts
- Recipes & Craft Tutorials
  AND MORE!
  All you need is your Library card!
  www.ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary

Summer Reading Programs & Performances Go Digital!

Go to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Kids’ Facebook Page at facebook.com/EBRPLKids to access these awesome online performances throughout August. For more information, visit the online calendar at ebrpl.com, or call the Main Library Children’s Room at (225) 231-3760. Here’s the lineup:

- Playmakers of Baton Rouge’s Story Time with Ms. Neena | NOW through August 31
- Harvey Rabbit and Friends | NOW through August 31
- Mad Science | August 3-31
- Bedtime stories & Story Starters | NOW through August 31
- Children’s Craft Video with Eden Park Branch children’s librarian Chandler Taylor | Available August 5

Saturday Shenanigans Crafts for Kids

Looking for some crafting fun?! Each Saturday, kids ages 2-5, and 6-11 can come to the Library to grab a cool craft pack to take home. Supplies are available on a first come, first served basis while they last. For more information, call the Main Library Children’s Room at (225) 231-3760.

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.
It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Summer Reading!

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

www.ebrpl.com - www.facebook.com/ebrpl

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

Now 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!

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

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!

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!
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.

COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Hotline

If you need to talk to someone, you can get connected by texting REACHOUT to 741741 to reach a trained crisis counselor who will help deescalate, identify coping strategies and use active listening techniques to support you.

AtoZ World Food

Get ready to take a trip around the world with your fork! AtoZ World Food is a robust resource which contains thousands of traditional food recipes, photos, quotes and more from 174 countries, plus meal course categories including appetizers, soups, salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, snacks, and beverages. Check it out FREE in the Digital Library at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary. All you need is your Library card to start your taste tour!

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Red Stick Farmers Market

Check the Library’s social media accounts for updates on the Red Stick Farmers Market schedule.

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Zoom Back to School with Your Library!

It’s time for back-to-school, and your East Baton Rouge Parish Library wants to be there for you and your family, to help make sure this school year is a success. We offer a variety of scholastic resources, programs and services. Let us partner with you and your student this school year, and together we’ll pass with flying colors!

We’ve Got Online Databases for Students

Statewide and East Baton Rouge Parish Library databases available through the Library’s website offer great resources for students of any age and any curriculum. Just visit www.ebrpl.com and click on the Online Databases link. From outside the Library, you just need your Library Card number to log in. Check it out! Don’t forget our recommended sites for students, featured on the Children’s and Teen web pages and in the Research Guides section of our website.

Homework Help:
• Homework Louisiana offers Tutor.com + Skills Builder:
  Live homework help Sunday-Thursday 2 p.m.-midnight
• Learning Express: Offers test prep, including the ACT®, and video instruction for math.

General Resources for Students:
• Student Research Center
• Explora
• Artemis
• Literati
• World Book Online Encyclopedia

Literature:
• Gale Literature for Students
• Literary Reference Center
• Gale Group Databases
• NoveList
• Tumblebook Cloud

Special Resources:
• Statista
• Access Science
• Career Cruising
• Careers Internet
• Gale Virtual Reference Library
• Newsbank
• Opposing Viewpoints in Context
• Louisiana Digital Library
• National Geographic Magazine Archive
• Access Video On Demand
• Baton Rouge Digital Archive
• Mango Languages

TEACHERS: Please call any of our Library locations to alert them to special school assignments for which students might need research materials or schedule class tours or research talks. We are your one-stop education support team!

We’ve Got the Tools You Need to Succeed!

Got Homework? Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library can help you with the tools and resources available FREE in the Digital Library!

Homework Louisiana with FREE online tutoring
Learning Express
Gale Digital Resources
EBSCO Databases
Opposing Viewpoints
Scholastic Flix, TumbleBooks, TumbleMath and more!

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, through Friday, August 7! 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 remaining schedule:

Week #10 Imagine Your Pirate Story
(Pre-Recorded Videos Available August 3)

Ahoy! This week we set sail with Captain Book and the Bookaneers! Kids at home will help the captain find his treasure with a spyglass craft and balloon-powered pirate ship. Older kids will make pirate maps, embossed seashell rubbings, and nautical-themed candles from glass jars. Our guest authors are the swashbuckling Melinda Long, author of How I Became a Pirate and Pirates Don’t Change Diapers, and Tom Lichtenheld, who is perhaps best known for his illustrations of Good Night, Good Night Construction Site, but has also written Everything I Know About Pirates. If you really want to join our crew, you’ll have to brush up on your pirate lingo with our guest performer, Pirate Billy Bones aka David Engel from David Engel’s Pirate School.

Summer Fun at the Library for Kids

Harvey Rabbit & Friends Goes Virtual!

Mr. Tim, Mrs. Laura and Harvey Rabbit … well, the summer wouldn’t be the same without them! Tune in to their show which will be available for viewing through August 31. Watch it over and over to enjoy all the music, magic, comedy and entertainment! Access the videos through Beanstack’s Children’s Virtual Programming or through our EBRP Library Kids Programming Facebook Group.
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!

The LSU Museum of Art presents the Traveling Trunk Show!

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum’s The Traveling Trunk Show is a delightful, theatrical exploration of the art and science of the seasons led by LASM Educator Miss Marion and her trusty puppet pal Sheldon the Sheepdog. Accessible at virtual-lasm.org/preschool-pre-k-k and designed for little ones ages 2-7, The Traveling Trunk Show will inspire and ignite your children’s creativity! Miss Marion also reads popular children’s books during story time. Virtual-lasm.org is the Louisiana Art & Science Museum’s at-home portal for educational and entertaining art and science experiences. Including hands-on activities, videos, blogs and more, there’s something for people of all ages to enjoy!
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 .

Abdo Zoom is great for online research for beginning readers.

Get cultural information from around the world with CultureGrams. Learn about the language, holiday celebrations and recipes from people groups across the globe!

Preschoolers & early elementary students can use Early World of Learning for fun learning with videos, stories and games.

Homework Louisiana connects students in kindergarten through college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Log on from 2 p.m. until midnight daily to get help with your assignments!

Miss Humblebee’s Academy offers online kindergarten prep with lessons on numbers, letters and more!

Children can learn a new language with Muzzy Online! Parlez-vous français?

Choose PebbleGo and PebbleGoNext for beginning readers & learners, and have fun with games, videos and activities on a variety of topics!

World Book Kids is a fun exploration through the World Book Encyclopedia – Kid’s Style! Explore wonderful pictures and videos, activities, maps, games, science projects, or simply click on “Explore” to “Dig in!” by broad topics. Grades K-5. Educator tools included.

The World Book Activity Corner is a database for craft and activity ideas for all ages! Search by age group, type of activity, culture, holiday, time to complete, or cost of materials. You can create a login to keep track of your favorite crafts and current projects. Educator tools included.

World Book Classroom for Dramatic Learning is a one stop shop for theatrical development from an early age or in the classroom. Find plays by age group, subject, or title. Explore the Actor’s Corner for activities, skits, and more. Grades 1-12. You can also create a login to keep track of your interests. Educator tools included.

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 & interactives

• **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.

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.

- **LEGO Games** – explore all the newest LEGO sets, videos, characters, and have hours of fun playing LEGO games online!

- **The Toymaker** – enjoy printable paper toys you can make yourself – some even have moveable parts!

- **ABCya** – Choose your grade level for some fun educational games to keep you busy for hours! You can also watch a ton of great videos and print coloring pages too.

- **Fun4theBrain** – You can play math games, science games, preschool games, or just for fun games – you can even test your skills with their built in quizzes.

- **Up to 10** – Games, cartoons, and coloring pages for kids ages 0 to 10. You can also explore their photo and video gallery and even upload your very own drawings in their special drawing gallery!

- **Turtle Diary** – Have fun with the exciting games, videos, experiments, puzzles, coloring sheets and more as you explore all Turtle Diary has to offer!

- **Scholastic Kids** – Read sneak peeks of fantastic books, create and share your own comics, and stay to play Scholastic’s online game Home Base! With Home Base, you can access multiple games, create and meet characters, read stories, and more.
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.

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. Read through Koala Lou by Mem Fox in August!

Welcome back!

The Library has re-opened, and giraffe & dog show us how to practice safe social distancing at floor markers in the Main Library Children’s Room.

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?
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. – 6 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. – 8 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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