Whether you’re traveling or gathering safely with friends and family at home, your Library’s got something FREE and fun for you! Enjoy a wealth of e-books & e-audiobooks for reading on the go, flip through popular digital magazines, plus download music from popular artists, and stream videos & concerts.

Get your creative juices flowing when you whip something up from our collection of recipes, or get hands-on with a fun craft tutorial. Just go to the Digital Library at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary. All you need is your Library card to get started! Check out these top titles in all age groups, that are must-reads this holiday season:

**Teens**
- *Grown* by Tiffany D. Jackson
- *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas
- *Shuri* by Nic Stone
- *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson

**Adults**
- *How to Fail at Flirting* by Denise Williams
- *Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder* by T.A. Willberg
- *Pretty Little Wife* by Darby Kane
- *This Time Next Year* by Sophie Cousens
- *The Wrong Family* by Tarryn Fisher

**Nonfiction**
- *Happiness Becomes You* by Tina Turner
- *The Last Days of John Lennon* by James Patterson, with Casey Sherman & Dave Wedge

**Kids**
**Picture Books:**
- *I’m Sticking with You* by Smriti Prasadam-Halls
- *Pete the Cat: Crayons Rock!* by Kim Dean

**Reader:**
- *Built for Speed* by Vicky Fang

**Chapter Books:**
- *The Magic in Changing Your Stars* by Leah Henderson
- *Pony on the Twelfth Floor* by Polly Faber
- *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd

Inside: Beanstack Reading Challenge • Food for Fines • Grab & Geaux Crafts • and more!
**East Baton Rouge Parish Library Re-opening Plan**

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### Stay at Home: March 17 through May 19
- Libraries are closed to the public
- Telephone and electronic service provided Monday through Friday
- 10,860 questions answered
- 174,736 e-book downloads
- More than 64,000 Wi-Fi logins

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### Re-Opening Step 1: May 20 through May 31
Libraries extend hours for telephone and e-reference 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

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### 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! Masks or face coverings are required.

- By mid-November, more than 318,000 patrons had already visited their libraries
- 6,474 patrons signed up for the virtual Summer Reading Program, logging 1,195,479 minutes of reading. A total of 35,929 books were read and reported in the Beanstack app
- Patrons had logged on to Library computers more than 77,500 times since June
- Patrons had logged on to Library Wi-Fi more than 288,500 times since June
- More than 430,000 items had been picked up and checked out since June
- More than 493,000 e-books and other items had been downloaded since June
- 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

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#### Step 2.1
- October 1: Library programs, including indoor and outdoor programs, resumed in October with limited attendance to allow for social distancing. Masks or face coverings are required at all indoor programs, and encouraged at all outdoor programs.

#### Step 2.2
- October 1: Book Stacks opened for browsing at all 14 Library locations.

#### Step 2.3
- October 1: Specific branch libraries resumed use of one or more meeting rooms/conference rooms on a limited basis, with schedule times, frequency and room capacity determined to allow for social distancing and special cleaning. Many meeting rooms are still in use for Quarantine Books, to house furniture which has been removed from the public service floor to allow for social distancing, or to store special cleaning or other supplies; we will open up rooms as we are able.

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### Step 3: To Be Announced
For more information, visit the COVID-19 InfoGuide at [https://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus](https://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus)
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

**Missed the Virtual Mid City Micro-Con livestream?**
No problem! Go to ebrpl.com/MCMC to view all the session recordings, explore the works of this year’s creators and presenters, and much more!

**Garden Discoveries**
If you missed the Garden Discoveries Butterfly Gardening livestream, or the Container Gardening program in October, you can experience them any time, when you watch the recording at Facebook.com/EBRPL.

**Stir the Pot with Chef Jay**

**Baton Rouge Mini Maker Faire**
Get the link to see this year’s Baton Rouge Mini Maker Faire livestream recording at batonrouge.makerfaire.com! While you’re there, look for links to view these cool segments from the event:
- DIY PPE: Making Us Safe Together
- Building Communities: Library Makerspaces
- Viral Business: Business During COVID
- Full STEAM Ahead: Teaching for Tomorrow, Today
- Art & Activism
- More videos submitted by local makers can be found in the Baton Rouge Mini Maker Faire video playlist

**Author Talks**
Find archived videos of virtual author talks including those with Libby Copeland, Stephen Andes, Gail Carriger and more, by visiting the Library’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/EBRPLibraryTV.

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SOCIAL MEDIA ROUNDUP

Engage with your Library on social media every day of the week with fun posts and activities you’re sure to enjoy! Check out the weekly schedule:

**MONDAY**
We’ll highlight a poem from a book in the Library’s collection. #poemoftheweek

**TUESDAY**
Check Facebook video to find out a Library staff member’s favorite book, and why they enjoyed it. #BookIt

**WEDNESDAY**
Each Wednesday we highlight a cookbook in our collection. Staff members have been cooking and baking recipes and sharing a picture of the final product with the cookbook. We hope they inspire you to try something new! #WhatchaCookinWednesday

**THURSDAY**
On Thursdays, we share a photo from the Baton Rouge Room’s digital archive. It’s always interesting to take a look back at the history of Baton Rouge! #ThrowbackThursday

**FRIDAY**
The New York Public Library started #BookfaceFriday in 2014. Since then libraries around the world have started sharing their bookfaces on Friday with that hashtag - including ours! It’s a fun challenge that we enjoy sharing every week! #BookfaceFriday

**SATURDAY**
We teamed up with Cat Haven in 2017 to spotlight the cats they have for adoption with a book from our collection. Who doesn’t love a cute cat picture? #Caturday

**SUNDAY**
On Sundays we highlight a new book in our collection that our staff recommends. This is a great way to discover a new book that you might enjoy! #SundaySelection
What’s Happening at the LSU Museum of Art

The LSU Museum of Art (LSU MOA) is Baton Rouge’s only dedicated art museum that features local, regional, and international exhibitions alongside its permanent collection. The LSU MOA is working to integrate some safe museum programming that will occur in the galleries soon, but visitors are encouraged tour the museum during updated hours, and tune into virtual programming. Here’s what’s new at the LSU MOA:

• LSU MOA has Returned to Regular Hours
  Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.; and will be closed on Mondays and major holidays.
  **LSU Museum Store hours:** Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

• Letitia Huckaby: This Same Dusty Road
  Exhibition open now, through March 14, 2021

• Southbound: Photographs of and About the New South
  Exhibition open now, through February 14, 2021

  Keep the creative learning going, even while distanced at home! The LSU Museum of Art now offers live half-hour, educator-led tours via video that allow groups and students access to art in the museum, plus lots of fun, critical thinking activities! For scheduling and rates, send an email to Grant Benoit at gbenoit1@lsu.edu, or call (225) 389-7209.

Theatre of Baton Rouge Diamond Jubilee Exhibit

Join Theatre Baton Rouge (TBR) in conjunction with your East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Baton Rouge Room, for a visual retrospective to celebrate the theatre’s Diamond Jubilee, and the last 75 years of theatre created “for the community, by the community.” The exhibit runs now, through January 2021, in the Main Library at Goodwood’s second floor gallery. Come take a stroll through TBR’s rich history of comedy, drama, music, family, friends, and fun, as told through a display of photographs, posters and programs. There are even outfits and props included! Displays will feature costumes and memories from different shows in rotation, including three different productions of Rogers and Hammerstein’s The King and I (1963, 1994, and 2009), The Wizard of Oz (2003), and the theatre’s recent productions of A Christmas Carol.

Database Update

ReferenceUSA is now Data Axle Reference Solutions. All of its features are still the same, and still accessible FREE in the Digital Library at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary.

Can’t make it to the Library? Get a Computer Use Only Card!
Just call the Main Library Circulation Desk at (225) 231-3740 for assistance.

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 2:30 and 6 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 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, call 877-258-4825, or visit vitalant.org to set up an appointment.

For another chance to give, go to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, December 5, to donate with LifeShare Blood Center.

$25,000 PRIZE
APPLY @ CELEBRATEBREW.COM

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FREE Online Legal Advice with the Pro Bono Hour

Join the Louisiana Bar Foundation online at https://www.facebook.com/probono.no.org/ at 11 a.m. every Wednesday, for FREE legal counsel in the comfort of your own home! During one-hour sessions, law professionals will answer your questions and discuss the work of The Pro Bono Project. Featured programming will cover a variety of topics including how to represent yourself in court, where to find free legal services, and how to find an attorney. This program is funded by the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

FREE Legal Help with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) are pleased to announce the launch of a new partnership for Library patrons. The SLLS is offering a FREE virtual legal clinic to eligible patrons for civil cases, and a series of monthly Know Your Rights sessions open to anyone. The legal clinic is focused on assisting low-income families and individuals with civil legal issues involving areas such as Evictions, Landlord-tenant disputes, Federal Tax issues, Employment, Public Benefits including SNAP Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, plus Foreclosures, Bankruptcies, Consumer issues, Divorces and more. The clinic does not handle personal injury, criminal, or malpractice cases. There is no pre-registration requirement for the Know Your Rights sessions, though capacity is limited to the first 100 attendees. To get the session link, call (225) 231-3750. Here’s the schedule of upcoming sessions:

- The Eviction Moratorium Ends 12/31/2020 - What Happens Now If I Can’t Pay My Rent?
  Noon Tuesday, December 15, with Skyler Williams, SLLS Attorney

- Consumer Rights & Bankruptcy
  Noon Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with Jason Stinnett, SLLS Attorney

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.

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.
The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will waive $1 of late fines for each non-perishable food item donated. All items will benefit the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. For more information, call 225-231-3740.  www.ebrpl.com
REMINDER – Children and seniors do not incur fines!

Pregnancy 101
Expectant mothers are invited to attend a FREE virtual class to learn how to provide their baby with the best possible environment for growth and development. This class highlights nutrition, exercise and normal physical discomforts throughout pregnancy. You will get an overview of the services offered at Woman’s Hospital as well as a short exercise session presented by one of our very own Woman’s Wellness Center trainers. Register as soon as you learn you are pregnant. Monday classes are held from 6:30 until 8 p.m., and Zoom virtual meeting information will be emailed to registrants. To register, go to http://www.womans.org/classes-and-events/childbirth-preparation-classes/pregnancy-101.

FREE Women’s Suffrage in Stitches Virtual Event
Louisiana’s Old State Capitol will host Suffrage in Stitches: Celebrating Women’s Fight for Political Voice through Crochet, a FREE virtual program via Zoom at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 6. This program suggests that needle arts including crochet, knitting, and sewing are ideal for marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Speaker and scholar Katherine Durack artfully combines storytelling with original crochet designs inspired by the history and heroes of the women’s suffrage movement. Durack reveals the unexpected connection between crochet and women’s rights, and encourages audience members to participate in creative remembering and storytelling themselves by making their own crocheted, knitted, and home-sewn projects. Registration is required and can be accessed by visiting https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suffrage-in-stitches-tickets-129713311005, and registered guests will be sent an email containing the Zoom meeting link.

Theatre Baton Rouge presents
Show Tunes! Greatest Hits
For ALL AGES!
Join our EBRP Library Kids Programming Group @ https://www.facebook.com/EBRPLKids
In Stitches Craft Group  
**Postponed**  
Knitting, crochet and tatting (lace-making) all are relaxing hobbies that you can take anywhere and do anytime. If you’d like to get started learning the basics, come to the Main Library at Goodwood at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, to join the In Stitches craft group and get a FREE tutorial. Absolute beginners and experienced crafters alike are encouraged attend.

**Movie Matinee at Baker**  
Adults are invited to the Baker Branch at noon Wednesday, December 9, to watch The Holiday, the 2006 romantic comedy film starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, and Jack Black. Watch what happens when an American and a Brit vacation in each other’s homes, and an unexpected twist occurs. Enjoy free popcorn while you watch, or bring your own snacks.

**Bingo for Everyone!**  
Bring your friends with you to the Scotlandville Branch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, to have a great time playing Bingo. Winners will win prizes! This program is for all ages.

**Scrabble for Adults**  
It’s time for some FUN! Adult seniors are invited to the Baker Branch at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 10, and Tuesday, December 15, to join us for a round of Scrabble Crossword. Be sure to bring a friend because this game never goes out of style!

**Foam Cup Wreath**  
All adults are welcome at the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, to create a holiday wreath made out of foam cups. All supplies will be provided.

**Puzzles & Games at the Library!**  
Are you an avid dissectologist who thrives on a good jigsaw puzzle? Do you enjoy playing card games? If you said yes, you’ll want to join other adults at the Main Library at Goodwood from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday, December 16, to enjoy puzzles and card games galore!

**Outdoor Greenwell Springs Chess Club**  
The Greenwell Springs Chess Club welcomes players of all skill levels and ages to the Library at 3 p.m. Saturdays, December 12 & 26! We’ll provide the boards and an instructor; all you need to bring is an interest in chess. Prior knowledge of the game is not required. Gloves and a mask will be required for all players and provided by the Library for those who do not bring their own. The program will had adhere to social distancing protocol, and fans will be provided to keep players ventilated.

**Crafting for a Cause**  
This December, we’ll give the gift of comfort to those in need by donating hand-made hats, blankets, scarves, and shawls to St. Vincent de Paul. Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. Every Thursday in December, to enjoy the company of fellow crafters. All skill levels are welcome. Donations of yarn, supplies or finished items also are welcome.
SAVE THE DATE! Garden Discoveries:
Botanic Gardens at Independence Park

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries Series at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 9, 2021, led by Buck Abbey, a retired professor from the LSU School of Landscape Architecture. Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or attend virtually on Facebook Live! Abbey, who has been involved in the gardens since the 1980’s, will offer a landscape architects’ insider view of how the Botanical Gardens at Independence Park developed over the years from the first plantings in 1976 and give a hint of what’s planned for the future. He will provide a guided chronology from the time the land was a successful plantation through its use as the Baton Rouge Airport until it became the ten wonderful gardens within a garden you enjoy today. The most recent addition, The Southern Classic Walkway featuring Southern Living Plants, opened in 2018. This garden collection connects the gardens to the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library. Future gardens are planned as are opportunities for community involvement by children, teens, college students, adults and families.

To attend in-person: To comply with social distancing guidelines, in-person seating is limited and registration is required to attend. Starting Saturday, December 26, registration will be available on this event’s entry in the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com or call 225-231-3750 for registration assistance.

To attend virtually: View this event virtually on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/EBRPL at Saturday, January 9, 2021. A recording will be available at Facebook.com/EBRPL and YouTube.com/EBRPLibraryTV after the event.

Missed the Garden Discoveries Butterfly Gardening livestream earlier, or the Container Gardening program in October? Experience it any time, when you watch the recording at Facebook.com/EBRPL.

REMINDER
Want to do some genealogical research from home?

The Library’s Ancestry resource is still available remotely. Plus, don’t forget HeritageQuest and other genealogical databases, FREE in the Digital Library!

LIBRARY CLOSURES
All locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed Thursday, December 24, in observance of Christmas Eve, and Friday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day. Libraries also will close early at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 31, and all day Friday, January 1, 2021, in observance of New Year’s Day.
Your Library is pleased to have served as a polling place for early voting at the Central Branch, and on Election Day at the Bluebonnet Regional, Fairwood, and Zachary Branches.

A sign directs voters where to go to cast their ballots at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, November 3.

Voters waiting to enter the polling place, line up outside the Central Branch on Election Day.

Get FREE, Certified Professional Career & Job Search Help Virtually!

Did you know that your East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Career Center has a YouTube channel? All the career and job search help you need is at your fingertips when you visit www.CareerCenterBR.com/YouTube to see FREE video seminars on cover letter and résumé writing, job interview tips, computer skills and more. The collection is updated twice weekly, with new offerings becoming available regularly. Check out these videos:

• The Job Search Basics Series

Has it been a long time since you’ve needed to search for a job? The methods for finding and applying for jobs have changed so much recently, you may want a refresher. Our newest playlist aims to help you with the ABC’s of the modern job search. Topics include computer tutorials such as How to Get an Email Address and How to Create Good Passwords. The playlist will also cover common basic job search issues such as “Good References” and “Professionalism.”

• Escape the Black Hole: Make Your Résumé ATS-Friendly

When you submit a résumé online, it will likely be evaluated by Applicant Tracking Software (ATS) before it’s ever seen by human eyes. This video discusses how ATS programs work, which formatting choices work well with the software (and which don’t), and how to create a resume that passes through the ATS screening.

• Special Résumé Rules for Ex-Offenders

If you have a criminal record, creating your résumé may be especially challenging. This video will talk you through the best approaches, including choosing a template, handling an unstable work history, and disguising your incarceration.

• Reference Ready: Choosing and Presenting Your References

This video tackles the basic questions surrounding providing your references, including: What kind of person makes a good reference? What information needs to go on my reference list? How should I prepare my references?

• Email Etiquette for the Job Search

Email is one of the primary ways you’ll be contacted by hiring managers. If you don’t follow proper email etiquette, you could be giving a bad first impression to employers. This video will give you tips for presenting a professional image and avoiding common mistakes.

• Workplace Survival Guide

Whether you’re starting a new job or looking for tips on how to impress the boss, our Workplace Survival Guide has something for everyone. We discuss the best ways to get along with co-workers and make good impressions on employers, focusing on communication skills, the unspoken rules of the workplace, and common scenarios.

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**GRAB & GEAX KITS FOR 20-SOMETHINGS**

Adults ages 18-30ish are invited to come into their local Library branch to pick up a Grab & Geaux bag filled with a fun project! Check the Online Calendar to see what crafts are available at branches throughout the month, while supplies last. For more information, call the Library branch directly. Here’s the schedule:

- **Tuesday, December 1, Baker Branch,**  
  Santa Mason Jars
- **Monday, December 7, Eden Park Branch,**  
  Make a Naughty or Nice List
- **Monday, December 7, Main Library at Goodwood,**  
  DIY Mini Woven Bags
- **Monday, December 7, Scotlandville Branch,**  
  Deer Ornament
- **Wednesday, December 9, Bluebonnet Regional Branch,**  
  Marbled Holiday Ornaments
- **Wednesday, December 16, Delmont Gardens Branch,**  
  Paperback Book Tree
- **Monday, December 21, Carver Branch,**  
  Macramé Flower Pot Hangers
- **Monday, December 21, Eden Park Branch,**  
  Holiday Tree Shelf
- **Monday, December 21, Main Library at Goodwood,**  
  Stellar Woven Decorations
- **Tuesday, December 22, Fairwood Branch,**  
  3D Snowflakes

**HANDMADE HOLIDAYS SERIES FOR 20-SOMETHINGS**

Adults ages 18-30ish are invited to enjoy both social distanced, and in-person crafting fun! River Center Branch staff have planned a four-part series for creating holiday crafts that can be kept for yourself, or given away as a heartfelt gift. An asterisk indicates which projects will be available for in-person assembly at the River Center Branch, and registration is required to attend. Here’s the schedule:

- **Upcycled Coasters**  
  12-1 p.m. Tuesday, December 1

- **Beaded Wrap Bracelet Grab & Geaux**  
  Friday, December 4

- **Upcycled Softcover Sketchbook**  
  12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, December 8-9

- **Faux Leather Key Fob Grab & Geaux**  
  Friday, December 11

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All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com. *Registration required.
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TEEN 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 at branches throughout the month, while supplies last.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770. Here’s the schedule:
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.

Thursday Trivia Time!
Teens, be sure to check the Library’s Teen Facebook, Instagram and the online calendar at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 19, for fun trivia questions!

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 ebrplteens. “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 e-books, graphic novels, enhanced novels, audiobooks, and videos for middle and high school students.

Virtual Teen Book Club
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Join Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Teen staff on Google Meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, for a discussion on a new book challenge each month. Do you have books on your shelf that have been waiting on you for years? Maybe you have sequels that you never got to. Beat the backlog, and share your success during our virtual discussion. Check the online calendar at ebrpl.com to find out how to join the meeting.

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!
Check Out What’s in Your Digital Library!

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.

O’Reilly for Public Libraries
For more than 40 years, O’Reilly has educated generations of technologists and entrepreneurs who have shaped the future of the industry. O’Reilly experts filter through the noise to help people focus on what’s most important in today’s rapidly changing landscape. O’Reilly for Public Libraries is a resource designed to support our patrons with the most trusted online learning content and tools available. So it’s easier to understand the latest technologies and prepare for what’s next. It offers unlimited access to more than 50,000 e-book titles (including O’Reilly books in early release), more than 30,000 hours of video, case studies from top companies, learning paths, expert playlists, and more—with nearly 1,000 topics to explore in technology and business. And with a range of content formats tailored to all levels, you can learn in the way that works best for you. This resource is an upgraded replacement for Safari Books Online.

New York Times Online
Access the New York Times online for free with your library card. You can enjoy exceptional journalism, breaking news, multimedia, reviews & opinions, business, sports, movies, travel, books, education and more. If you’re using the computers or Wi-Fi at one of our fourteen branches, all you have to do is create a free NY Times account or log in with an existing account, and you’ll be on your way. You can also get a 24-hour pass to access it from the comfort of your own home. Remember, you can also access The Advocate through NewsBank in the Digital Library. Stay informed with EBRPL!

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.

FREE Citizen Data Academy Series
The City-Parish Department of Information Services will hold a FREE three-part virtual training series for citizens to learn how to access the information, and utilize the tools available in the Open Data BR portal at https://data.brla.gov, and the EBRGIS portal at https://gis.brla.gov.
Continue the series with the Advanced level course happening Tuesday, December 15. For more information on this course offering, or to view previous courses, please visit https://brla.gov/dataacademy.
What’s New in Miss Humblebee’s Academy

We’re pleased to announce more enhancements to Miss Humblebee’s Academy! New content, interface improvements, and a better user experience build upon other recent updates to further empower children ages three to six in their preparation for kindergarten—and a lifetime of learning.

These exciting new features include:

• **My Learning**
  Customized learning path allows parents to select specific skills they want their child to focus on. Exists alongside Guided Learning and Choose a Lesson.

• **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Content**
  Collection of nearly 100 online classroom lessons and offline extension activities help children learn how to regulate their emotions, develop self-confidence, and more.

• **Teacher-led Video Tutorials**
  Video lessons delivered by teachers address key kindergarten readiness skills and concepts in all subject areas including SEL.

• **Improved Primary Navigation**
  Optimized classroom navigation supports new learning paths, content, and subject-specific navigation.

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?

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 Cajun Night Before Christmas by James Rice in December!
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.

Generous patrons donated socks for Baton Rouge Parents Magazine’s 16th Annual Sock It to Me Sock Drive throughout November.
**The Gift of the Magi**  
**FREE Virtual Performance**

The Theatre of Baton Rouge’s Young Actors Program will offer a virtual performance of *The Gift of the Magi* all December long! This heartwarming romantic comedy, narrated by a group of Christmas carolers, tells the story of Della and Jim, who are desperately in love with each other, but are also very poor. In their attempts to buy each other proper gifts, a strange twist of fate leads the couple to find the perfect gifts for one another, but at an unexpected cost. Though they may not have the perfect holiday, the couple learns about the importance of the gift of love in this beautiful adaptation of the story by O. Henry. To enjoy the performance, go to the Library’s Kids Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/EBRPLKids.

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**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.

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**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.

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**LSU Museum of Art**  
AT THE SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*look / make / think create and learn at home*

- Check out the LSU Museum of Art’s online resources for fun educational blog posts with art activity instructions you can do at home.
- Create an adventure journal, mold a clay pot, make junk drawer drawings, taste color and bake art-inspired treats, write stories, & more!

lsumoa.org/online-resources

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**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
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. OverDrive’s digital collection now includes all e-books & audiobooks formerly on the RBdigital platform for one-stop shopping.

**Kanopy** offers streaming films, perfect to watch some of your favorites! For even more screen time, check out **IndieFlix**!

For digital magazines, browse **Flipster** & **RBdigital** online magazines.
Red Stick Farmers Market is Back!

Red Stick Farmers Market will host a seasonal mobile market at the Main Library at Goodwood from 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday in December. Red Stick Farmers Market is an open air, producer only market, which ensures that all produce sold at the Market is grown locally by each farmer. With more than 50 member farmers, it offers a variety of locally grown products, including fresh fruits, local plants, herbs and vegetables, plus meats, seafood, artisan breads, homemade pies, honey, milk and cheese and specialty food items. Cash, credit, debit and Louisiana Purchase EBT/SNAP benefits cards all are accepted for payment at every location of the Red Stick Farmers Market.

YOUR LIBRARY PRESENTS


SIGN UP THROUGH YOUR LIBRARY’S WEBSITE.

Looking for more music? Visit redstickmusic.com, Baton Rouge’s Live Music Calendar! It offers hundreds of shows, concerts and events listed each month with links to artists, musicians and venues, all updated daily. And don’t forget Freesgal Music in the Digital Library ... download seven tunes per week!

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!
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.

Library Information
(225) 231-3750
www.ebrpl.com
Visit us at:

On View at the Library

Main Library at Goodwood

Theatre of Baton Rouge Diamond Jubilee
Enjoy a display of photographs, posters & programs, plus costumes & props to celebrate the Theatre’s Diamond Jubilee 75th anniversary.

Library Gift Book Sale

Recycled Reads – Closed until further notice.
3434 North Blvd.

Text a Librarian (225) 361-8476