Happy New Year! In 2020, Americans turned to hobbies and leisure arts more than ever as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library has been there for you every step of the way, meeting your need for fun and entertainment, broadening job and career skills, great books and magazines and more, through its robust collection of digital resources, online tools, virtual events, and in-person services. Here are the top 10 activities that are helping folks get through this challenging time:

1. **Art & Crafts**
   - Creativebug
   - Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center
   - Magazines in print & online
   - Gale Presents: Udemy
   - The Great Courses

2. **Exercising**
   - Get your heart pumpin’ and dance to the music when you enjoy the world’s largest collection of on-demand full-length performances, concert films, and music documentaries with Qello Concerts!

3. **Cooking**
   - AtoZ Food America
   - AtoZ World Food
   - Magazines like Bon Appétit in print & online
   - Vast collection of cookbooks

4. **Self-Development**
   - Career Center Virtual seminars & video shorts
   - Lynda.com
   - Gale Courses
   - Gale Presents: Udemy

5. **Reading**

6. **Games**
   - Online Trivia
   - Bingo Nights
   - Scrabble for Adults
   - Miss Humblebee’s Academy
   - PebbleGo
   - Early World of Learning

7. **Gardening**
   - Monthly Garden Discoveries programs in-person & virtually
   - Gardening magazines

8. **DIY/Making**
   - Grab & Geaux Kits for all ages
   - Creativebug
   - Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center
   - Library Maker Spaces

9. **Writing**
   - Self-e
   - Biblioboard
   - Fiction Writers’ Group
   - Writers’ Rendezvous Group

10. **Watching TV**
    - OK, you’re on your own here—except for catching up on your favorite shows and movies from our DVD & BluRay collection!
Stay at Home: March 17 through May 19

• Libraries are closed to the public
• Telephone and electronic service provided Monday through Friday

Re-Opening Step 2: June 1 through current
Libraries open doors daily to the public to provide limited use of PCs, Wi-Fi, and fresh checkouts of materials! Masks or face coverings are required.

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.

Step 3: To Be Announced
For more information, visit the COVID-19 InfoGuide at https://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus
Get Organized with Certified Professional Organizer Alyssa Trosclair!

Join Louisiana’s only Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Trosclair, as she discusses how the EMEND organizing method can help you tackle your clutter and your calendar to help you Get Organized in 2021! In compliance with social distancing protocol, in-person seating is limited and registration is required to attend. Masks or face coverings must be worn for the duration of the program. Registration will be available on each event’s entry in the Events Calendar at ebrpl.com, or by calling (225) 231-3750 for registration assistance. Each program begins at 3 p.m. This month’s topics include:

• Organizing for Your Weight Loss Goals
  Sunday, January 10
  Do you find yourself wanting to maintain a healthier weight and get organized? Explore the connection between those that struggle with maintaining their goal weight and disorganization. You can discover simple organizational strategies that can help make achieving your weight loss goals easier.

• Gaining Control of Paper Clutter
  Sunday, January 17
  Learn how to use the EMEND organizing method to organize paperwork. You will learn ways to reduce and maintain paper to prevent paper clutter from taking over the surfaces in your home.

• Organizing Your Photos & Memorabilia
  Sunday, January 24
  Learn how to use the EMEND organizing method to organize your photos and memorabilia. This will address organizing physical photos, digital photos, and physical memorabilia.

• Organizing Your Time
  Sunday, January 31
  Can’t seem to find the time to do all of the things you need to do? Not enough hours in the day? Tired of wasting time and not accomplishing your “to-do” list? Learn about the roadblocks people face when managing their time and how the five step EMEND organizing method can help you organize time and streamline your life.
**Button Bowl Craft for Adults**

Adults are welcome at the Eden Park Branch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, to create a bowl out of buttons. Display your customized bowl as a candy dish, trinket tray or whatever you can think up!

**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, January 9 and 23! 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.

**Baker Movie Matinee**

Adults can come to the Baker Branch at noon Wednesday, January 13, to watch *Jumanji: The Next Level*, starring Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, Jack Black, Awkwafina. In the film, teens return to the game they thought they had defeated to discover that everything has changed. The group must enact a mission rescue when one of their ranks finds themselves in trouble. Enjoy the presentation with free popcorn, or bring your own snacks!

**Zen Coloring**

Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch at 3 p.m. Monday, January 4, to de-stress with other adults as we color inside and outside of the lines. Coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided.

**Light Painting**

Teens are invited to the Central Branch at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, to make a simple LED light and use it to “paint” light into photographs! The fun will happen outside, so be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required to attend. Masks or other face coverings also are required. The program will adhere to social distancing protocol. To register, call (225) 262-2670.

**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.

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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*A jolly Grinch and holiday helper toured the parish in December!*

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**Fiction Writers Workshop**

Come hang out with other adults at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 6:15 p.m. Mondays, January 4 & 18, and join a fun group of local authors! We will do writing exercises to spark your creativity and discuss a selected group member’s writing. To get started, send an email to Jordan Courtney at jcourtney@ebrpl.com.

**Writers’ Rendezvous**

Calling all writers! If you’re geared up to get some words on the page, join other adults at the Fairwood Branch at 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, for the Writers’ Rendezvous meeting. This informal group is designed for writers to meet, share ideas and get feedback on current projects.
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.

Grab & Geaux Crafts for Adults

Adults can head over to their local Library branch to pick up a Grab & Geaux craft kit! 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:

- **Paper Basket Craft**
  All month long, Delmont Gardens Branch

- **DIY Abstract Art Canvas**
  All month long, Pride-Chaneyville Branch

- **Money Origami Kit**
  3 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, River Center Branch

Scrabble for Adults

It’s time for some FUN! Adult seniors are invited to the Baker Branch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, and Thursday, January 21, to join us for a round of Scrabble Crossword. Be sure to bring a friend because this game never goes out of style!

Crafting for a Cause

This January, we will give the gift of comfort and solace through the uplifting embrace of prayer shawls. Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. every Thursday for a chance to create something beautiful and enjoy the company of fellow crafters. All Skill levels are welcome. Donations of yarn, supplies or finished items are welcome.

Computer Classes

**Zachary Branch**

*Introduction to Microsoft Word*
10 a.m. Monday, January 11

*How to Use Facebook*
2 p.m. Thursday, January 21

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.
To register for the Business Forum, go to BusinessForumUSA.com. If you’re a current or aspiring entrepreneur, we know you’ll benefit from the Library’s FREE resources for businesses including Gale Entrepreneurship articles, Newsbank, EBSCO, Sage Researcher and more! Visit the Digital Library at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary to explore. Check out these titles from Steve Forbes:

- Money: How the Destruction of the Dollar Threatens the Global Economy—and What We Can Do About It
- Power Ambition Glory
- Freedom Manifesto
Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library will host the Virtual Inauguration of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome at the River Center Branch at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 2. The ceremony will be livestreamed via facebook.com/cityofbatonrouge, and will be archived for later viewing.
SAVE THE DATE!

ONE BOOK
ONE COMMUNITY
AUTHOR EVENT

WITH SARAH M. BROOM &
MARGARET WILKERSON SEXTON

Learn about
The Yellow House
by Sarah M. Broom,
and The Revisioners
by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton, from the authors themselves!

The FREE panel-style program for adults will include a robust discussion of each author’s book, as well as the experiences and inspirations that have shaped their work.

NOON
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 20

MAIN LIBRARY AT GOODWOOD
7711 GOODWOOD BLVD.

Registration is required. To register, visit the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com or call (225) 231-3750.
LASM Releases LASM 360, A Fully Immersive Virtual Experience

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) has released LASM 360, a fully immersive virtual experience accessible by computer, smartphone, tablet, and Virtual Reality headset. Hosted at virtual-lasm.org/lasm-360, this free-access digital museum and planetarium experience is the first of its kind and provides educational, entertaining opportunities for all, regardless of health, geographic location, or socioeconomic status. Virtual LASM visitors can explore LASM’s 75,000 square foot building, tour the galleries and view objects in stunning high-resolution detail, read or listen to narrated exhibition text, meet the authentic ancient Egyptian mummy in the Ancient Egypt Gallery, watch a full-dome show in the state-of-the-art Irene W. Pennington Planetarium, engage in programming in the Adalé Brent Auditorium, and more! LASM 360 is also being used as a component of live, presenter-led Virtual Voyage field trips for K-12 students. For more information, send an email to Frances Lee at flee@lasm.org.

All Creatures Great and Small Comes to LPB

The timeless classic All Creatures Great and Small returns to PBS at 8 p.m. Sunday, January 10, just in time for the 50th anniversary of MASTERPIECE. This new television adaptation will preserve the rich spirit, tone and values of James Herriot’s iconic characters and settings, introducing a new generation to his life-affirming stories. Other characters you’re sure to fall in love with – the locations and adorable animals! If you have LPB Passport, you can binge all seven episodes on the night of the premiere. Go to www.lpb.org/passport to learn more about this fantastic extended member benefit.

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.
Garden Discoveries: Valentine Gnomes, Fairy and Critter Children’s Container Garden Workshop
10 a.m. Saturday, February 13

The Garden Cafe Has Reopened!
The wait is over! The next time you visit the Main Library at Goodwood, be sure to stop by the newly reopened Garden Cafe located just across the Library Plaza. Enjoy delicious menu choices available for purchase including breakfast sandwiches, pastries and sweets, salads and soups of the day, hot and cold beverages, deli sandwiches and more! Temporary hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, through Thursday, and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday.

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, led by Buck Abbey, a retired professor from the LSU School of Landscape Architecture. Patrons can register for limited in-person seating, or attend virtually on Facebook Live! Abbey, who has been involved in the gardens since the 1980s, 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.

To attend in-person: In compliance with social distancing protocol, in-person seating is limited and registration is required to attend. Masks or face coverings are required. Registration is now available on this event’s entry in the Events Calendar at ebrpl.com, or by calling (225) 231-3750 for registration assistance.

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

*Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe in January!

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.

Remindertime

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!

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.

Library Closures

All locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day. Libraries also will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
AARP Tax Aide at the Library

The AARP Tax Aide program is the nation’s largest, FREE, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. Tax aides will be at the Main Library at Goodwood, Bluebonnet Regional Branch and Central Branch, by appointment only to E-file tax returns and help with most of the tax issues that are faced by low-and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to adults ages 60 and older. These appointment slots would be filled on a first-come-first-served basis by taxpayers wanting the service. Once the slots are filled, no further appointments can be accepted for that day. Tax services will adhere to social distancing protocol, and masks or other face coverings must be worn throughout the appointment. For more information, call John Ferraro at (225) 766-4845.

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:

Job Application Tutorial Playlist

Online job applications can be tricky to fill out, because each program operates slightly differently. If you’re struggling with completing job applications on the computer, or if you’d just like a clearer idea of what to expect, check out this playlist. We provide detailed, step-by-step walk-throughs of the job application process for common businesses, including:

- Albertson’s
- Circle K
- City-Parish Civil Service
- Coca-Cola
- Dollar General
- Dollar Tree
- Domino’s Pizza
- Home Depot
- Lowe’s
- Popeye’s
- Rouse’s
- Sonic
- Target
- U.S. Post Office
- Walmart
- Whole Foods Market
- Winn-Dixie

MOOCs Playlist

Many jobseekers feel stuck when it comes to education – they’d like to get training that will help them advance or change careers, but they don’t have the time or money to become full-time students. The good news is, it’s not always necessary to go back to college in order to learn new job skills. MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses–are a wonderful resource for free or low-cost online learning. This playlist explains how MOOCs work, how they can help you in your career, and the pros and cons of the four most popular MOOCs:

- Advance Your Career with MOOCs (General Overview)
- Coursera
- EdX
- Udacity
- Udemy

Plus, 2 New Job Search Letters Videos:

- Cover Letters 2.0:
  In this video, we take an advanced look at cover letters, discussing the techniques which will bring your cover letters from good to great.

- Thank-You Letters:
  A breakdown of the content and formatting of a post-interview thank-you letter.
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.

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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!

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

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

Baker Branch
• Baker Morning Book Club
10:30 a.m. Monday, January 11
This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
• The QUIRKY Ladies’ Book Club
6:35 p.m, Thursday, January 21
Perennials
by Julie Cantrell

Udemy
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.
GRAB & GEAUX 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:

- Friday, January 1, Pride-Chaneyville Branch, Macrame Feather Wreath DIY: Grab & Geaux
- Monday, January 4, Baker Branch, Macrame Plant Hangers
- Monday, January 4, Eden Park Branch, Fill in the Blank New Years Resolutions
- Thursday, January 7, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, Infinity Photo Cube Grab & Geaux
- Monday, January 11, River Center Branch, Mindful Crafting: Pebble Meditation
- Tuesday, January 12, Delmont Gardens Branch, New Year Yarn Love Birds
- Tuesday, January 12, Main Library at Goodwood, Acrylic Pour
- Wednesday, January 13, Scotlandville Branch, DIY Tassel Earrings
- Thursday, January 14, Central Branch, CD Mosaic
- Wednesday, January 20, Bluebonnet Regional Branch, CD Pixel Art
- Monday, January 25, Carver Branch, DIY Hexagon Shelves
- Tuesday, January 26, Fairwood Branch, DIY Mask Necklace
- Tuesday, January 26, Main Library at Goodwood, Tabletop Trebuchet

20-Somethings Virtual Event

- 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, Zachary Branch, 20-Something Virtual Book Discussion

Generous patrons donated a grand total of 2,990 pairs of socks for Baton Rouge Parents Magazine’s 16th Annual Sock It to Me Sock Drive. Thanks, East Baton Rouge Parish!
TEEN GRAB & GEAX 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:

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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!

Teen Virtual Events

- 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 11, Virtual Teen Advisory Board
- 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 21, Trivia Thursday
- 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Book Talks

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.; 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.ebrp.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 Advisory Board

Teens, the Library wants to hear from you! Come to a virtual meeting of the Central Teen Advisory Board at 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 11, to give your input on the types of programs you want, as well as other things you’d like to see in your Library. Attendees will also get information on some fun ways to earn service hours.
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!

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.

Get an ACT Practice Exam Packet!

Teens can come to the Baker Branch at any time Monday, January 4, or the Fairwood Branch at any time Tuesday, January 5, to pick up a FREE take-home ACT practice test packet. The kit includes one practice test, instructions on how to take it, and directions on how to access other practice tests for free from home. Students who pick their practice exam packet up from the Fairwood Branch can either submit your exam answers online or return it to the Library for an emailed digital copy of their score. Can’t make it? Check out Learning Express and Homework Louisiana FREE in the Digital Library at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary, for help with test prep!
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.
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.

LSU Museum of Art
AT THE SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS

► 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!
lsumo.org/online-resources

Have you read to a child today?

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Get family activity prompts & ideas sent right to your mobile phone every Thursday evening!

Looking for more music? Visit reddstickmusic.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 Freegal Music in the Digital Library ... download seven tunes per week!

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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

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.
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

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

  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.

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**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*.

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**My Heart Studio holding Winter Student Art Show at the Firehouse Gallery**

The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge will host My Heart Studio’s exhibition *Winter Student Art Show* at the Firehouse Gallery. This exhibition will showcase work by My Heart Studio’s students between the ages of 6-15. The show will be on exhibition from January 11-22, 2021 at the Firehouse Gallery, located next to the Arts Council’s offices on the second floor of 427 Laurel Street. This exhibition is free and open to the public. All visitors to the Firehouse Gallery must wear a mask, and no more than 30 visitors are allowed inside the gallery at one time. For more information about the Firehouse Gallery or the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, please visit [www.artsbr.org](http://www.artsbr.org).

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**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.

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**BREW 10 HIGH STAKES PITCH**

$25,000 PRIZE

APPLY @ [CELEBRATEBREW.COM](http://CELEBRATEBREW.COM)
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?

FREE Citizen Data Academy Series

The City-Parish Department of Information Services held 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.

Archived videos of the series are available. To view previous courses, please visit https://brla.gov/dataacademy.

Get FREE basic computer tutorials with Digital Learn.

All you need is your Library card!

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:

- Consumer Rights & Bankruptcy
  Noon Tuesday, January 19, 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://ebrrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus, and click the Red Stick Ready tab.

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.
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. – 9 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

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Library Gift Book Sale
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