The Library Board of Control received the Preliminary Annual Report Summary during their regular meeting in January.

Numbers were up in every major indicator: collection, circulation, gate count, programming, meeting room use, computer and Wi-Fi use, outreach visits, patron registrations, and reference and information. Highlights of the year included implementation of several new programs: Badging for Makerspaces, circulation of Family Museum Passes, and the monthly Business Forum series. The Library also earned local and national awards, including recognition as a Design Showcase Library and as a Star Library system.

Director Spencer Watts had this to say about the Annual Report. “These 2021 numbers underscore what the Library is all about: even through the uncertainties caused by COVID, the Library creates an environment of discovery, where our patrons can learn more... do more... and achieve more. These statistics reflect that we have a population that makes good use of the Library and the opportunities it presents. We will keep working hard to improve, by offering better collections and better services in better designed spaces.”

The complete report is available at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/2021

BY THE NUMBERS:
• 14 Locations Open 947 Hours Weekly
• 1,221,140 Visits to the Library
• 323,625 Registered Card Holders
• 881,721 Reference Questions Answered
• 974,717 In-house Computer Uses/Log-ins
• 754,482 Wi-Fi Log-ins

BY THE BOOKS:
• Collection totals 2 Million, not counting e-media or archives
• Circulation = 2,404,134 items
• Top 5 Titles for 2021:
  ✓ Sooley: A Novel by John Grisham
  ✓ A Time For Mercy by John Grisham
  ✓ The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
  ✓ A Gambling Man by David Baldacci
  ✓ Win by Harlen Coben
• Our One Book/One Community featured The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom
• 16,704 patrons participated in the Summer Reading Program, including over 14,000 children
• Reserved 225,581 items for patrons
• Bookmobile made 1,702 stops, serving 196,440 patrons at 299 different locations

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The East Baton Rouge Parish Library System has again been presented with the Library Journal’s America’s Star Libraries Award! This is the ninth time that the Library has achieved Star ranking.

Library Director Spencer Watts commented, “East Baton Rouge Parish Library is gratified to have once again received a Star rating from Library Journal. This independent, authoritative assessment is based on the accomplishments of the Library in terms of delivering services, programs and materials to our community. In an information age, our patrons are making good use of all of the Library’s robust services and resources to position themselves at the forefront of progress, change and innovation. Our citizens have invested in our libraries and we feel this rating demonstrates that we have been highly effective in putting those resources to good use.”

The Library Journal Index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output measures. The 2021 Index derives from data recently released by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for Fiscal Year 2019. This year, 5,608 U.S. public libraries qualified to be rated in the Index. For more information on this award, visit www.libraryjournal.com.
African American History Month

African American Read-In

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 26 at 10 a.m. as we participate in the African American Read-In. This national event encourages communities to join together to celebrate African American authors. Participants of all ages will read or recite kid-friendly poems, books, and songs by famous African-Americans. Special guests will include Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome and representatives from 100 Black Men. Please call (225) 231-3760 for more information and to register.

Oral History Workshop

In conjunction with MetroMorphosis’ 10th-anniversary celebration which focuses on legacy building and stewardship of the Black past, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Special Collections Department is hosting an Oral History Workshop at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, February 21 at 1 p.m. Archivist Melissa Eastin will present a comprehensive overview for collecting and preserving oral histories. To register, please call (225) 231-3752 or visit ebrpl.co/calendar.

Black History Month Trivia

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of February to test your knowledge of Black history by matching pictures of historical Black figures to a quote or achievement from the person.

Senegalese Ataya Tea Ceremony

Enjoy green tea while learning about the Senegalese Ataya Tea Ceremony on Saturday, February 12 at 4 p.m. at the Delmont Gardens Branch. Registration is required. Call (225) 354-7050 to register or register online at ebrpl.co/calendar.
February Deep Dive: Black History Month

On EBRPL.com you'll find The Baton Rouge Digital Archive and our Civil Rights InfoGuide which feature a wealth of local history, pictures, and stories from our region.

In the Digital Library, you can research your roots with genealogy resources like African American Heritage and visit our expert Genealogy staff at the Main Library to dig deeper.

Black Studies Center offers historical black newspapers, journals, videos and images. Black Life in America is a newspaper archive of thousands of titles that cover the experience and impact of African Americans as recorded by the media. Ethnic Diversity Source covers the culture, traditions, social treatment and lived experiences of different ethnic groups in America.

Read about prominent African Americans, their lives and achievements in Gale in Context: Biography and Biography Reference Center.

Try these Kanopy documentaries, available to stream.

- Black Boys
- Black Roots
- I Am Not Your Negro
- Quest: An Intimate Portrait of an African-American Family
- Legacy: The Powerful Voices of Three Generations of African-American Women

Black Futures Quilt and Archive Project

In honor of its 10 year anniversary, MetroMorphosis invites you to capture the history of Black Baton Rouge through the Black Futures Quilt and Archive Project. This city-wide celebration focuses on collecting histories of Black Baton Rouge and will feature a quilt developed from materials donated by participants. We hope to capture as many voices as possible to create a resource that can be referenced and enjoyed for generations to come. A series of three conversations and fabric collection days will take place throughout the month of February. The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is hosting the third conversation in this series!

How to get participate: Join us Saturday, February 26 from 2-4 pm at the Main Library at Goodwood.

What to bring:
- Fabric (scraps, clothing, etc. that is at least 6 x 6 inches; cotton fabric without stretch is preferred)
- Stories and memories that capture people, places and experiences related to Black life in Baton Rouge

More information about the full schedule of events, virtual submissions and the Black Futures campaign can be found at metromorphosis.net

Questions about participation and fabric donation can be send to Project Facilitator Sharbreon Plummer at sharbreon@ayathought.studio.
Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood this month for two sessions of the Be Inspired! Series presented by Baton Rouge Community College.

**What Is This Thing Called Art?**

On Wednesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. local artist Christopher Scott Brumfield will talk about the many meanings of Art. His own art has given expression to memories and more recently explored dislocation and the changing notions of permanence. He has inspired many local students to experiment with new colors and forms as they create their own meaning of Art.

**A History of Jazz**

Have you ever wondered how the blues and jazz came to be? Learn about these two iconic genres, how they evolved through the years, and how both influenced contemporary music of today on Wednesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. BRCC Professor of Music Eric Baskin will explore through lecture and live demonstrations some iconic figures of jazz and this signature piece of Louisiana’s creative history and heritage.

**Garden Discoveries**

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event led by Art Scarbrough on Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Join us for a lighthearted look at a synergistic relationship with nature through sustainable gardening! Learn the secrets of the ages as we explore forward-thinking ways to work with nature instead of against it, make as little negative impact on the natural world as possible, and value the ecosystem over aesthetics. In this program, you will learn about soil stewardship, plant selection, sustainable garden practices, pollinator awareness, and much more! Garden today for a greener tomorrow! Registration is required to attend. Click on the event at ebrpl.co/calendar to register or call 225-231-3750 for registration assistance.

**Baton Rouge Rose Society Spring Pruning**

The Baton Rouge Rose Society will hold their annual spring pruning on Saturday, February 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the rose garden at Independence Park. Everyone is invited to join us to prune the roses and/or to learn proper rose pruning techniques. All that is required is to bring your clippers and dress appropriately in gardening wear.

**Master Gardeners**

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association is back with their annual Library series! This series is an avenue for Louisiana Master Gardeners to help extend the LSU AgCenter’s mission to share research-based educational information with the people of Louisiana and promote a love of gardening. These presentations are free and open to the public.

- **Roses & Super Plants** - Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood
- **Gardening for Beginners from Planting to Harvesting and Pruning** - Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- **Raised Bed Gardening and Native Flowering Shrubs** – Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Zachary Branch

**Introduction to American Sign Language**

Learn about American Sign Language (ASL) on Saturday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Delmont Gardens Branch. Common phrases and sentences will be demonstrated and resources for the deaf and hard of hearing will be available.
Save the Date

We are kicking off our One Book One Community program on Saturday, March 5 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood! RJ & Kreole Smoove will perform!

Other OBOC Programs Include:

**A Summer of Birds** with Danny Heitman
Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m.

Louisiana Brown Pelicans: Past, Present & Future
Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

**Atchafalaya Houseboat** LPB
Documentary Screening
Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m.

**Adventures of a Louisiana Birder**
with Author Marybeth Lima
Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m.

**Atchafalaya Houseboat** Book Discussion
Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

**Atchafalaya Houseboat** Author Talk and Q&A with Gwen Roland
Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m.

Pass It On: Skills & Stories with Gwen Roland
Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m.

Whooping Crane Exhibit
March & April

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**WAIT WUT**

The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch is starting a WAIT WUT (Weekly Anonymous Internet Talk about Weird and Unusual Things) series! WAIT WUT provides a space for people to discuss their lived experiences and observations regarding weird and unusual things. Topics can include aliens, ESP, mystic experiences and more! For more information on how to participate call (225) 274-4480.

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**GAMES**

**Masquerade:**

**The Traditions of New Orleans Mardi Gras**

Learn all about Mardi Gras at this month’s Special Collections presentation on Wednesday, February 16 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Louisiana State Archivist, Catherine Newsome, will discuss a brief history of Mardi Gras in Louisiana, as well as the new Mardi Gras exhibit at the Louisiana State Archives. The title of the exhibit is “Masquerade: The Traditions of New Orleans Mardi Gras.” This exhibit showcases the rich historic elements of Mardi Gras records and artifacts that the Archives house, as well as its evolution over time. The exhibit, located at the State Archives on Essen Lane, will run through April 14th and admission is free. This talk is presented by the Special Collections Department of East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

**Greenwell Springs Chess Club**

All skill levels are invited to join the Greenwell Springs Chess Club on Saturday, February 5 and 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. We will provide the boards and if you don’t know how to play, we’ll teach you!

**BINGO at the Library**

Adults can join us for BINGO fun and prizes at the following libraries:

- Wednesday, February 2 at 11 a.m. - Delmont Gardens Branch
- Tuesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. - Main Library at Goodwood
- Monday, February 28 at 11 a.m. - Carver Branch

**Library Scavenger Hunt**

Adults can participate in a scavenger hunt at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Search your way through the stacks using library-related clues to earn prizes and learn about your library in the process! Call (225) 763-2250 to register.

**Scrabble**

Make it a triple word score day! Join us for a round of Scrabble at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 17 at 11 a.m.

**Chess Club**

All skill levels are welcome to play chess at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, February 22 at 4 p.m. Registration is required. Call (225) 354-7050 to register.

**Grown-Up Gaming League**

Calling all adult gamers! Join us for the Grown-Up Gaming League (GUGL) at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

- Wednesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. Theme Night: Introduction to Catan
- Wednesday, February 16, at 6 p.m. Theme Night: Virtual Reality Headsets
- Wednesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. Open Board Game Night

**Mardi Gras Beads Guessing Game**

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of February and guess how many Mardi Beads they have in a jar. The patron who guesses correctly will win a prize!
CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Mardi Gras Wreath
Get in the Mardi Gras spirit by crafting your very own wreath made out of beads at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Friday, February 25 at 3 p.m. All supplies will be provided and all ages are invited to attend. Registration is required. Call (225) 354-7050 to register or register online at ebrpl.co/calendar.

Mardi Gras Bead Dog
Adults can paint a 3D printed Mardi Gras bead dog on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Call (225) 756-1150 to register.

Fiction Writers Workshop
Local writers can join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on their fiction stories. Email Jordan Courtney at jcourtney@ebrpl.com to get started. We are holding an in-person meeting on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to meet other local authors and discuss story ideas.

Writers Rendezvous
Do you love to write? Join our monthly writing group at the Fairwood Branch at one of two sessions on Tuesday, February 8 at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. This is an informal group where people can meet, share ideas, and get feedback on current projects.

The Vinyl Underground
Adults interested in vinyl record collecting can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. for The Vinyl Underground! Join other vinyl enthusiasts to listen to records and discuss albums.

Crochet Basics
Do you want to learn how to crochet? Learn the basics on Monday, February 7 at 4 p.m. at the Delmont Gardens Branch. To register, call (225) 354-7050 or visit ebrpl.co/calendar.

Crafting for a Cause
Learn a new crafting skill each month with our Crafting for a Cause group at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. The group meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. All skill levels are welcome!

Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause
Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting and want to give back to the community? Join us on Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood to work on projects that benefit those in need. Patterns and some supplies will be provided, though participants are encouraged to bring their own knitting needles and crochet hooks.

Yarn Heart
Valentine’s Day is coming soon! Adults can make a heart out of yarn and buttons at the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, February 9 at 10 a.m.

Valentine Origami
Create a special Valentine at the River Center Branch on Saturday, February 5 at 2:30 p.m. Adults can learn origami patterns all themed around the love and romance of Valentine’s Day!

Football Mug
Adults can paint their favorite football team’s colors on a football-shaped mug on Saturday, February 5 at 2 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Call (225) 756-1140 to register.

Adult Coloring
Color your stress away at the River Center Branch on Monday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m. or at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 16 at 2 p.m. We will provide coloring sheets and colored pencils.

Innovation Space
The Innovation Space at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch has various tools you can use to create something awesome! The Space features audio equipment including professional microphones and a soundboard for recording songs and podcasts. The Space also has a 3D printer that patrons can use to print things like figurines, smartphone cases, earrings, toys, and more! Adults, teens, and kids, ages 10 and up, can attend a training course in February to use items in the Space. Once you have completed the class, you will be able to reserve the room and equipment for personal use. Reserve your spot by registering online in the events calendar at ebrpl.co/calendar.

Innovation Space Badging Class
Saturday, February 12 at 2 p.m. - Start Your Own Podcast
Saturday, February 26 at 2 p.m. - Button Making
Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. - 3D Printer Class

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
MOVIES

Horror Film Series
Adults, come to the Main Library at Goodwood for the never-ending horror show—featuring thrilling themes of horror for each month of the year! This February will be a celebration of Black History Month and Valentine’s Day. Warning: Viewer Discretion Advised. Registration is required. Click on the event at ebrpl.co/calendar to register or call 225-231-3750 for registration assistance.

Get Out (2017, Rated R) — Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m.

My Bloody Valentine (1981, Rated R) — Monday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

Baton Rouge Film Club
Film buffs can join the Baton Rouge Film Club at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! This month the club will begin a new series on movies starring legendary actor James Cagney. They will watch and discuss the gangster film The Public Enemy on Monday, February 14 at 6:15 p.m.

Groundhog Day
Spend Groundhog Day watching Groundhog Day! We will show the movie at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2 at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Evolution of CGI in Film
Join us at the Carver Branch on Monday, February 7 at 3 p.m. for the second installment of our series that examines the evolution of computer-generated graphics in cinema. This month we will watch The Polar Express.

Movie Time at Eden Park
Adults can come to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m. to watch Mr. Church.

Black History Month Film
Come to the Carver Branch on Saturday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. for a free showing of Just Mercy.

ADULT GRAB & GEAUX

Monday, February 7 - Main Library at Goodwood
Valentine Monoprint

Monday, February 7 - Sunday, February 28 - Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Rose Scented Bath Bomb

GENEALOGY

Census Non-population Schedules
If you’ve ever wondered what your great-great grandfather’s farm looked like or if you might be able to find out what happened to that ancestor who died in 1859, this is the class for you! Genealogists are all familiar with the US Population Census conducted every ten years. The census counts far more than just people, and these figures are compiled on non-population schedules. In this class on Thursday, February 10 at 3 p.m., we will cover state censuses, territory censuses, mortality schedules, and agricultural and farm schedules, among others. The class will be available in person at the Main Library at Goodwood and virtually. To register, call (225) 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.co/genclass.

Intro to Ancestry Library Edition
Ancestry.com is arguably the biggest genealogy site around and can be overwhelming (and expensive) to use. With Ancestry Library Edition, you can do almost everything that you can on Ancestry.com. Join us for a FREE class on Monday, February 14 at 3 p.m. Learn tips and techniques for searching effectively and navigating their major historical collections like vital record, census lists, immigration, military and directories. The class will be available in person at the Main Library at Goodwood and virtually. To register, call (225) 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.co/genclass.

Genealogy Fold3 Military Records
Fold3 is a genealogy database that specializes in military records. In this class on Thursday, February 24 at 6 p.m., you will learn how to track your ancestors and find proof of their military service by searching service records, draft cards, pension lists, casualty lists, and other sources. The class will be available in person at the Main Library at Goodwood and virtually. To register, call (225) 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.co/genclass.

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.
Job Search Letters

You know how to write a resume, but what about all of the other letters involved in a job search? Learn about cover letters, thank you letters and more in this free seminar on Saturday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Call (225) 231-3733 to register.

Salary Negotiation 101

Do you feel you deserve a raise or a promotion but don’t know how to ask? Are you applying for a new job and don’t know how to negotiate your salary? Attend the free Salary Negotiation 101 workshop on Tuesday, February 22 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Call (225) 231-3733 to register.

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 weekly, with new offerings becoming available regularly. Check out these videos:

How Teens Can Answer, “Why do you want to work for us?” Hint: The right answer isn’t “Because I need a job.” You need an answer that makes this employer feel that this job matters to you and that you will give it your best. Of course, that can be tough to do if this is your first interview. In this video, we discuss how you can answer this interview question in a way that demonstrates your passion and commitment.

How to Apply for a Job at Jack-in-the-Box. Before you apply for a job, it’s always helpful to know what to expect from the application. In this video, we walk step-by-step through the process of completing an online job application for fast food chain Jack in the Box.

Ending the Interview. Once you’ve answered all of the interviewer’s questions, you may be tempted to get out of that stressful situation as quickly as possible. But don’t just bolt - the interview isn’t quite finished yet. In this video, we demonstrate how to close out an interview properly and make a graceful exit.

FEBRUARY DEEP DIVE-TAKING STOCK

The library rounds out its portfolio of financial resources with Value Line, one of the most trusted names in investment information, and Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage with its premium financial research.

LinkedIn Learning offers these related courses:

• Budgeting in Real Life
• How to Start Investing
• Learning Bitcoin and other Cryptocurrencies
• Managing Your Personal Finances
• Teaching Your Kids about Finance

Gale Presents: Udemy courses:

• Investing in Stocks
• Stock, Trading & Investment for Beginners
• The Complete Personal Finance Course
• Master Your Money: 6 Steps to Financial Wellness
• Intro to Rental Income Properties

Locally, Bank On Baton Rouge provides financial education, and partners with banks and credit unions to help people get checking and savings accounts, even if you’ve had trouble with one in the past. To find out more visit bankonbatonrouge.net or call 2-1-1.
AARP Tax Aide 2021

Due to the current pandemic, we will be handling all Tax-Aide activities by appointment only. First you must pick up a pre-appointment packet from the library circulation desk and make a drop off appointment. This packet will contain the process information and instructions, a list of needed documentation from you and the intake booklet for you to fill out, before your appointment time. Due to limited personnel, we will NOT be preparing returns that require a Schedule A or a Schedule C. If your return requires either of these schedules, please visit the AARP Tax-Aide site at the Bluebonnet Library or the Broadmoor United Methodist Church. Drop off appointments are limited to 15 minutes. Once we receive and review your information, a second appointment will be made for you to pick up the completed return and sign the necessary form permitting us to efile your return.

• **Main Library (Goodwood)**
  Tuesday and Wednesday
  9:00am – 1:00pm

• **Bluebonnet Branch**
  Monday and Wednesday
  10:00am -1:00pm

• **Central Branch**
  Tuesday and Wednesday
  9:30am – 12:30pm

NEW TO THE DIGITAL LIBRARY!

Legal GPS

Legal GPS is an interactive platform that gives business owners step-by-step, customized directions to complete 50+ legal essentials. It saves owners $4500 in legal fees and 60+ hours. Simply answer a few questions, complete step-by-step legal directions personalized for your business, then receive a personalized Legal GPS Status Report containing a legal scorecard, a quick guide sheet to help you legally in the future, and a completion certificate.
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, February 1 - Baker Branch
Mardi Gras Bead Mosaics

Monday, February 7 - Sunday, February 28 - Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Fleur-de-lis String Art

Monday, February 7
Main Library at Goodwood
Origami

Monday, February 7
Scotlandville Branch
Kindness Rocks

Wednesday, February 9
Central Branch
Chocolate Kiss Rose

Monday, February 14
Eden Park Branch
Iris Fold Heart Decor

Wednesday, February 16
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Polymer Clay Pens

Monday, February 21
Carver Branch
Ribbon Bracelets

Monday, February 21
Main Library at Goodwood
Mini Zen Garden

Tuesday, February 22 - Monday, February 28 - Zachary Branch
Fleur-de-lis Bead Mosaic

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East Baton Rouge Parish Library
**20-SOMETHINGS**

**Movie Night at Scotlandville**

Join us at the Scotlandville Branch on February 2 at 5:30 p.m. to watch *Groundhog Day* on Groundhog Day!

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**Game Night at Main**

Join us for an evening of fun and relaxation as we play board games! We’ll have plenty of games to play, but feel free to bring one of your own, too. The fun starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 at the Main Library at Goodwood.

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**Laser Workshop**

20-somethings can learn how to use the laser cutter/engraver at the River Center Branch makerspace on Monday, February 7 at 5 p.m. After completing this class, participants will be able to use the laser cutter for their next project. Registration is required. Call (225) 389-4960 to register.

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Louisiana’s Old State Capitol**

Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin invites the public to attend Free First Sunday at Louisiana’s Old State Capitol on Sunday, February 6 from 2-4 p.m. This month’s event will feature a presentation and book signing by author Rannah Gray with Madelyn and Katherine Tom.

Gray is the author of *Mystery of the Heart-Shaped Locket*, a magical story about twin sisters who discover a heart-shaped locket that holds the secrets of an important figure in Louisiana history. The story follows the sisters as they use clues to find its rightful owners while learning about the legend and history of the Red Stick. Gray will share her thoughts on the writing process from developing the story to publication. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Admission is free and the museum is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about the Louisiana’s Old State Capitol, visit www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org or call 225.342.0500.

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**LSU Museum of Art**

Join the LSU Museum of Art in The Boneyard: The Ceramics Teaching Collection studio space to watch a series of demos by ceramic artist Jessica Brandl. The studio space is located on the 5th floor of the Shaw Center for the Arts. Masks are required at the museum during the recent COVID-19 surge. (Image above: Jessica Brandl, Can Container, red clay and colored underglaze, 2018)

Tuesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 9
The Boneyard Studio Space from 9–11:30 a.m. & 1–4 p.m.
5th floor Shaw Center for the Arts Baton Rouge, LA / Masks required

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**Louisiana State Archives**

Visit the Louisiana State Archives to view the exhibition, *Masquerade: The Traditions of New Orleans Mardi Gras*. Admission is free, and the exhibit will be on display Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. through April 14. Saturday exhibition days will be February 5, March 5, and April 2 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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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.
Saturday Science:
The Shortest Movie in the World

Hummingbirds flap their wings too fast for us to see, and capturing this on film requires the ability to “freeze” the wings at many different times, using flash photography. Likewise, electrons zip around inside molecules at incredible speeds - orbiting a billion times every microsecond. Capturing how electrons move just before chemical bonds are broken and a molecule begins to fall apart requires the ability to freeze the electrons in motion using a really short light pulse. Learn about how scientists are now able to make such extremely fast movies at this month’s Saturday Science on February 12 at 1 p.m.

Save the date for next month’s Saturday Science on March 5th!

Tech Club

Explore the basics of electronics and C++ programming in our monthly Tech Club at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Gaming Clubs

Hang out with other teens and play video games at these libraries!

- Tuesdays, February 8 and 22 at 3:30 p.m. - Scotlandville Branch
- Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 3:30 p.m. - Main Library at Goodwood

TEEN IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

*Registration is required for these programs. To register, call the Library location directly.

- Saturday, February 5 @ 2:30 p.m. - Jones Creek Regional Branch
  Happy Little Clouds Mini Paint

- Saturday, February 5 @ 2:30 p.m. - Main Library at Goodwood
  Anime & Ramen

- Monday, February 7 @ 4 p.m. - Delmont Gardens Branch
  Pop Up Cards

- Tuesday, February 8 @ 4 p.m. - Pride-Chaneyville Branch
  Muffin Tin Bath Fizzies

- Tuesday, February 8 @ 4 p.m. - Zachary Branch
  DIY Stickers

*Thursday, February 10 @ 4:30 p.m. - Central Branch
  Perler Bead Tic Tac Toe

- Thursday, February 10 @ 5 p.m. - Baker Branch
  Teen Game Day

- Saturday, February 12 all afternoon - Baker Branch
  Valentine Craft

- Saturday, February 12 @ 2:30 p.m. - Jones Creek Regional Branch
  Zoetrope

- Monday, February 14 @ 4 p.m. - Carver Branch
  Teen Tech Night

* Monday, February 14 @ 4 p.m.
  River Center Branch
  Sweet Pillow

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## KIDS

### African American Read-In

Kids, ages 9-11, can come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, February 17 at 4 p.m. to read pre-approved poems by African American authors and/or create drawings based on the poems they hear. Registration is required. Call (225) 274-4460 to register.

Kids can join us at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. to learn about famous African Americans. We will begin with a reading about George Washington Carver and then have a scavenger hunt with famous quotes. After the scavenger hunt, kids can share their favorite quote with the group. Registration is required. Call (225) 389-7440 to register.

### Fire Prevention and Safety Program

Learn how to make your home environment a safe place on Saturday, February 12 at 11 a.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Firefighters from St. George Fire Department will present a fire prevention and safety program for ages 2 and up. Please call (225) 763-2260 to register.

### Story Walks

We have installed Story Walks for children at the Main Library at Goodwood, Baker Branch and Carver Branch. Each Story Walk has 16-20 numbered stations and the stories change each month. This month the stories include *Petite Rouge* by Mike Artell at the Main Library at Goodwood, *Chicken in the Kitchen* by Nnedi Okorafor at the Baker Branch and *Grumpy Groundhog* by Maureen Wright at the Carver Branch. Stop by, take a walk and enjoy a good story!

### Movie Afternoon

Kids, ages 4 and up, can watch *The Princess and the Frog* on Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m. at the River Center Branch.

### Kids Book Clubs

Kids, ages 6-11, can join the Artsy Smarty Book Club at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. The club will read and discuss books about the women of NASA and then create structures from our Women of NASA LEGO set. Please call (225) 658-1560 to register.

Kids, ages 9-11, can join the High Five Book Club at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, February 17 at 4:30 p.m. The club will discuss *Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhodes and compete in a fun chopstick challenge. Please call (225) 763-2260 to register.
Press Start! Ready, Set, Read!

It’s never too late to Press Start! on your child’s early literacy skills. Our new Press Start! program may have started in January but you can still sign up today and receive both the January and February booklets. This new library program is geared toward ages 2 to 4. It introduces parents and caregivers to beginning concepts for early literacy skills that can be incorporated into your regular daily routine.

The program is designed for families to do together at home, through everyday activities that highlight day to day opportunities to encourage a child’s learning and growth. Through the Press Start! program, your child can enjoy fun activities while learning the basic concepts that are the foundation for math and reading.

Over the next three years, we will offer a new booklet each month that focuses on a fresh set of concepts, building on the previous month’s concepts. Each booklet will also include an insert to post on your refrigerator with a schedule of community events as well as our library storytime schedule for the month.

Our Children’s Services department at each branch will also highlight these concepts through decorative displays, book displays, storytimes, and/or programming each month. In fact, each month, the Library will be “brought to you” by a new letter, color, or concept. Stop by your local library branch to sign up today!

Real Talk About Disabilities:

Free webinars for parents in Greater Baton Rouge

This series is for families of color and providers caring for children with disabilities.

Hear from providers and educators on topics like building life skills, addressing mental health, becoming a parent advocate, and the crossed paths of Black history and disability history.

Running January - throughout April 2022

See the schedule and Register today:
www.exceptionallives.org/webinars

BRIGHT by text
free activities, games, and resources for parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 5
Text: LPB to 274448
*Message & data rates apply.

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

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Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the Library, increases their attention spans and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading. You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer seven different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our Library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group. For more information, call your local Library. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

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Family Pass to the USS KIDD

You can now check out a family pass to the USS KIDD Veterans Museum! We have a limited number of passes available at all 14 branches of the library. Passes may be checked out for one week and presented to the staff at the Museum for free admittance for 2 adults and 2 children or for 1 adult and three children. After you use the pass, put it back in its DVD case and return it to any of our libraries. Patrons may check out more than one pass to accommodate a larger family however they are not intended or valid for group tours.
FREE Computer Classes at the Library

Adults are invited to the Library this month for FREE computer classes. Registration is required for all. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly. Check out the schedule:

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

*One-on-One Tech Tutoring*
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 8
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 22

**Carver Branch**

*Introduction to Computers*
10 a.m. Tuesday, February 1

*Introduction to Microsoft Excel*
10 a.m. Tuesday, February 8

*Open Lab*
2 p.m. Thursday, February 17
10 a.m. Tuesday, February 22

**Delmont Gardens Branch**

*Typing Lessons*
10 a.m. Thursday, February 3

*Introduction to Computers*
10 a.m. Tuesday, February 8

*Introduction to Excel*
10 a.m. Tuesday, February 15

*Typing Lessons*
10 a.m. Thursday, February 17

*Introduction to Computers*
4 p.m. Wednesday, February 23

*Introduction to Computers*
11 a.m. Saturday, February 26

**Eden Park Branch**

*Introduction Microsoft Word*
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 2

*Introduction to Excel*
2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 2

*Computers Without Fear*
4 p.m. Monday, February 7

*Introduction to the Internet*
10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 12

*Facebook Basics*
10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 26

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**

*One-on-One Tech Tutoring*
10 a.m. Thursday, February 10
10 a.m. Thursday, February 24

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

*One on One Tech Help*
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 8
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 22

**Main Library at Goodwood**

*Computers without Fear*
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 2

*Introduction to the Internet*
10 a.m. Thursday, February 3

*Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016*
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 9

*Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016*
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 16

*Making a Newsletter with Microsoft Word 2016*
2 p.m. Saturday, February 19

*Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class*
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 23

*Introduction to Excel 2016*
10 a.m. Thursday, February 24

*Indicates Registration Required

Want more options? Check out FREE, on-demand courses in Learning Express, Digital Learn, Udemy, LinkedIn Learning, Cell-ed and Gale Courses!

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East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Main Library at Goodwood
Director, Spencer Watts
7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 9 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) 262-2540
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, 8 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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9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday–Thursday
Main Library at Goodwood
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Zachary Branch
9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday–Thursday, all other branches
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday & Saturday, all locations
2 - 6 p.m. Sunday, all Library branches
2 - 9 p.m. Sunday, Main Library at Goodwood

ON VIEW at the Library
Main Library at Goodwood
Toward a Larger Freedom: Ten Years of Organizing with Together Baton Rouge
Scotlandville Branch
Mardi Gras Collection
Mardi Gras scenes and throws from the collection of Claude Lindsey

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