The sixteenth annual One Book One Community continues in April! The series highlights Gwen Roland’s *Atchafalaya Houseboat: My Years in the Louisiana Swamp*, as well as other topics such as nature conservation, Louisiana wildlife, birding, and nature photography.

The Library is pleased to host author Gwen Roland for two events in April, as well as a tribute to the music of the Atchafalaya and various other OBOC events at all library locations.

The goal of One Book One Community is to encourage the reading of good books and to inspire meaningful conversation among friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. This year’s selected title will also draw Louisiana natives closer to our heritage and to an appreciation for the natural beauty right here in our state.

Please join us in reading *Atchafalaya Houseboat* and participating in the discussions and varied programs relating to Ms. Roland’s experiences of a simpler life surrounded by the wonders of our bayou paradise.

For more information about this year’s OBOC selection and a full schedule of events and programs, visit www.ReadOneBook.org

Look for this image throughout the Source for more OBOC events!

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**Atchafalaya Houseboat Author Talk and Q&A with Gwen Roland**

Meet the author of this year’s One Book One Community selection! Join us on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood where Author Gwen Roland will discuss her memoir, *Atchafalaya Houseboat*, followed by an audience Q&A session. Register for this FREE event at ebrpl.co/author-talk or in the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com.

**Pass It On: Skills & Stories with Author Gwen Roland**

Join us on Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood as *Atchafalaya Houseboat* author Gwen Roland shares the importance of passing on skills and stories to your loved ones, followed by an audience Q&A session. Register for this FREE event at ebrpl.co/stories or in the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com.
‘Des Cris de Joie’: Roots of Music on the Atchafalaya

The music of the Atchafalaya is a veritable gumbo of sounds, instruments, and cultures. Although centered around a single region, the music demonstrates tremendous geographic scope. Join Nicholls State University history professor Dr. Stuart Tully for an examination of the international roots of Cajun, Zydeco, and other genres from the Bayou Region on Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood.

Kouri-Vini & We: Community, Language, & Poetry

Jwènn nouzòt lindi swa, 4 avril a 6 œr pou dèkouri kouri-vini, langaj kréyol en danjé a Lalwizyân, e fè parti latîñyé a poëzi avèk Poët Loréya a Baton-Rouj, Jonathan Mayers. Moun ki parl kouri-vini/kréyol lalwizyân çé enkourajé pou jwènn nouzòt.

Join us on Monday, April 4 at 6 p.m. to discover Kouri-Vini, the endangered Creole language of Louisiana, and take part in a poetry workshop with Baton Rouge Poet Laureate, Jonathan Mayers. Speakers of Kouri-Vini/Louisiana Creole are encouraged to attend. Registration is required and available in the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com or email programs@ebrpl.com for assistance.

Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Concert

The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society will perform a musical concert featuring the mountain dulcimer on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. The concert will highlight the wide variety of music which can be played on the dulcimer including gospel, fiddle, folk and children’s songs. Members of the Lagniappe association will tell about the history of the dulcimer and demonstrate how to play this American folk instrument. The concert provides a taste of the music which will be offered at our “Learn to Play the Dulcimer” series of adult classes in May at the library. Fun for the whole family!

Atchafalaya Houseboat Documentary Screenings

Join the following library locations to watch and discuss the documentary, Atchafalaya Houseboat, based on our One Book One Community selection this year by author Gwen Roland. The critically acclaimed story shared the experiences of Roland and her companion, Calvin Voisin, who left civilization in the turmoil of the early 1970s to return to the simple, quiet lifestyle of their great-grandparents in the vast, unspoiled beauty of the nation’s largest river swamp, Louisiana’s Atchafalaya Basin. The 2007 film, based on the book by Gwen Roland, was produced by Christina Melton, who has been recognized with several of the television documentary world’s top awards, including an Emmy Award, the Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Edward R. Murrow Award, and the International CINE Golden Eagle among others.

Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m. – Scotlandville Branch
Saturday, April 16 at 4 p.m. – River Center Branch
Monday, April 25 at 6:15 p.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Bird Watching 101 with the BR Audubon Society

Ever wonder which birds make such soothing songs? Learn how to bird watch at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Friday, April 1 at 4 p.m. Appreciate the diverse ecological relation birds have with the state’s swamps—and even your own backyard! The Baton Rouge Audubon Society’s President, Jane Patterson, will provide you with all the tips needed to get started. Some posters will be given out. Registration is required. To register, call 354-7050 or visit us online at ebpl.com/calendar.

LSU Wildlife Hospital: Birds of Prey

All ages are invited to the Children’s Room at the Main Library at Goodwood for a special presentation from the LSU Wildlife Hospital. Join us on Saturday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. as students from the Vet School present some wildlife from Louisiana’s own backyard and discuss their wildlife conservation efforts.

Nature Around Us

Observing nature causes us to see a whole other world happening right before our eyes. Patrons of all ages can join the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. for a presentation by Lori Radunzel-Davis from the Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge as they discuss “Nature Around Us”. What is nature? How have attitudes changed toward nature over time? What are some benefits we get from nature? These questions will be answered, along with ideas and resources for nature observation and citizen science opportunities.
Explore Louisiana State Parks

Enjoy an affordable mini-vacation all while staying in-state! The Louisiana State Parks have much to offer, and program manager Raymond Berthelot is here to walk you through it. Visit the Delmont Gardens Branch on Friday, April 22 at 4 p.m. to hear about birdwatching, fishing, canoeing, and hiking to historical sites. There’s something for everyone! The one-hour event will have you prepared for a visit, with tips for trekking through swamp and forest. Registration is required. To register, call 354-7050 or go online at ebrpl.com/calendar.

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National Library Week: Connect with Your Library!

Show your appreciation and support for libraries by visiting your East Baton Rouge Parish Library during National Library Week, April 3-9! This year’s theme is “Connect with Your Library!” Libraries are places to get connected with technology by using broadband, computers and the digital library. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with your community through special events, programs, and classes, in addition to books.

National Library Week is a time to highlight the essential role that libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. Check out the testimonials from EBRPL patrons included in each section of this month’s Source! In addition to visiting your local branch, you can shout out your love for libraries on social media by following EBRPL on Facebook and Twitter, using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

Family Fun Day for the 1950 Census

Bring the family for a day of fun. Join us for a vintage car show, music and food as we celebrate the release of the full 1950 census data! The Genealogy department is hosting this outdoor party to celebrate families and family history on Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the plaza at the Main Library at Goodwood. The 1950 census data contains details on the lives of over 150 million people who were living in the United States. Come and find out what your parents or grandparents were doing, where they lived and much more as you enjoy games and retro fun under the warm April sun. No registration required. All are welcome. For more information, call 231-3751.

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“The building is full of light and life, quality information is at your fingertips, and everything is FREE!”

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“I can read all the books I want without having to buy them! I can find information, learn a language or new skills using the library’s databases! And the staff is wonderful!”

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Shut the Front Door

Local photographer Jenn Ocken spearheaded #TheFrontPorchProjectBR during the pandemic to support Baton Rouge area businesses and families. She has turned this project into a book of hundreds of family photographs and stories about dealing with the lockdowns, social distancing, and uncertainties of 2020. Her book is called Shut the Front Door: Photos and Stories from the 2020 Covid19 Pandemic. Come hear Jenn at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. talk about the book, her experiences while taking the photographs, and why she called the book “Shut the Front Door.”

Community Connections with the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance

Join us for a FREE Community Connections session at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 30 at 12 p.m. to meet speaker Symphony Malveaux of the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance. This session is part of the Building a Better America Today with AMOA DEI Program, which introduces EBR community members to a diverse array of curated online courses specializing in Empathy, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity, all available for FREE through your East Baton Rouge Parish Library (EBRPL). This interactive program, coordinated by the America, My Oyster Association (AMOA) & EBRPL, is designed for middle & high school students, college students, and lifelong learners who want to enrich their understanding of the fundamentals of diversity, cultural competency, and empathy. Learn about how you can participate this spring & summer through monthly Community Connections sessions with community leaders and through taking self-guided courses at your own pace through LinkedIn Learning & Gale Presents: Udemy. Participants of all completion levels will be honored by AMOA & EBRPL at a Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, July 10 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Learn more and register at www.theamoa.org or email americamyoysterassociation@gmail.com.

EBR Master Gardeners Series

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners Association (EBRMGA) will present talks on “Soil Basics” and “Hydroponics” on Thursday, April 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fairwood Branch.

The talks are free and open to the public. Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) Kerry Hawkins will lead the evening with “Soil Basics.” Kerry will discuss native soils and how they come to be, what plants need to optimize growing conditions, and “manufactured” soils available at nursery centers and the various kinds that are available. The “Hydroponics” presentation will be given by LMG Kathy Conerly. She will unravel the mystery of hydroponic gardening by answering questions such as: Can you really grow plants in just water? Is it expensive? Do you need special equipment or a lot of space? Seating and parking are extremely limited. Please register at ebrpl.com/calendar. For more information, call the Fairwood Branch at 924-9380. Masks are required.

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.

Red Stick Farmers Market Returns

The Red Stick Farmers Market returns with FRESH new market hours and an expanded group of farmers and food artisans. Beginning Tuesday, April 19, the Red Stick Farmers Market will set up in the parking lot of the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. For more information, visit breada.org or follow BREADA at facebook.com/breada.

Beaucoup Vitabu

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women Metropolitan Baton Rouge, along with the Volunteers in Public Schools and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, invite you to join us in a day of literacy on Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Main Library on Goodwood. To increase literacy in the Black female community, Local Black female authors will read aloud and provide activities for ages 5-13, along with their parents or caregivers. Attendees can also sign up their child for a library card, as well as join in the volunteer efforts of or partner with Volunteers in Public Schools.

Library Closures

All locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed on Friday, April 15 and Sunday, April 17 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.
Wellness for New Moms

Join Vital Resource Solutions in celebrating women’s health on Sunday, April 3, 2-5 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. This event is designed to inspire women to connect and learn about women’s health services available in our community during pregnancy and after childbirth. Come relax, learn, and get fit.

Be Inspired! BRCC Presents: Hiking for Heath

Outdoor activities can be an effective tool in dealing with stress and other chronic health conditions in women. At this presentation, BRCC’s Erica Burrell and Elizabeth Jeffery-Arceneaux will go over common chronic health conditions, causes, and issues facing women. They’ll discuss cost effective, and often free, ways to manage or reduce these issues and will review the Self-Care with the Social Sciences Initiative that they have started with their students. This series is presented by BRCC faculty and will explore a variety of topics to inspire you from wellness to performing arts to history. Join us on Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood and Be Inspired!

Fitness in the Stacks

Bluebonnet Regional Branch invites you to Fitness in the Stacks, a fun fitness group enthusiastic about staying healthy. Join them every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10-11 a.m. to participate in a beginner aerobics video. No traffic, no heat, no excuses! All fitness levels are welcome.

Aerobics Workout

Join us as we exercise to a video-guided 30-minute aerobic session on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, 9:30-10 a.m. throughout the month of April at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Floor space is limited.

Video-guided Yoga

All adults are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch for a video-guided yoga session on Mondays, April 4, 11, & 18 at 10 a.m. Please bring your own yoga mat, if you would like to use one. Floor space is limited.

A Bit of a Stretch

The Fairwood Branch invites you to join them every Wednesday morning in April at 11 a.m. for a video-led beginners-level yoga stretch. No yoga experience required. Some mats will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own.

Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga is an introductory course for adults intended to relieve stress and loosen up tense, sore muscles. A certified yoga instructor will guide participants through several exercises all from the support of a chair. Join the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursdays, April 7 and 21 at 4 p.m. No supplies are needed to attend this program. Registration is required. To register call 354-7050 or online at ebrpl.com/calendar.

Family Yoga

Bring the whole family to a yoga session with registered instructor Erica Winkler on Tuesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Erica specializes in family and children’s yoga. Her desire is to see children and their grown-ups bond and find joy in moving and laughing together in her laid-back classes that focus on gratitude, easy breathing techniques, fun yoga flows, games, and stories. No yoga experience is necessary, but please bring your own mat or towel. Please no more than three children, ages 2-10, per caregiver. Registration is required. To register, call 756-1160.

Instructor-led Yoga

Join certified yoga instructors, Addie Laughery and Michelle Orillion from the Sanctuary Yoga Studio, for a free yoga session at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, April 25, 10-11 a.m. The class is open to all adults over 18. Mats will be supplied or you may bring your own. Socks and shoes are permitted.

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Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge

The Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge returns to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 2 at 3 p.m. The orchestra will delight the audience with a concert full of marches, dances, and waltzes. Iconic works by Brahms, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, and others will be performed at what promises to be a beautiful afternoon full of great music and awesome musicians.

Baton Rouge Concert Band

Join us for our Spring 2022 concert, “Legends and Heroes”, as we acknowledge some of those close to the Baton Rouge Concert Band. We pay tribute to our founder, to a long-time LSU band director, great Americans, and our mothers. We will also play musical nods to folk legends and Hobbits. The concert will be Sunday, April 3 at 5 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood.

SAVE THE DATE

Poet Catharine Savage Brosman will present her 14th collection of poems, Arm in Arm, on Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood.

Join Louisiana’s only Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Trosclair, Monday, May 9 at 1 p.m. to learn ways to approach and accomplish the mental and physical challenges associated with Organizing a Lifetime of Belongings as you approach a new stage of life.

The EBR Master Gardeners will present “Night Blooming Plants” and “Orchids” on Thursday, May 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch.

The Talented Music String Orchestra concert will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. The program will include works by Brahms, Bach, Tschaikowsky and more!

Be Inspired! BRCC Presents: Art & Photography

Explore the ART of photography with Christopher Brumfield, MFA! This series is presented by BRCC faculty and will explore a variety of topics to inspire you from photography to performing arts to history. Join us on Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood and Be Inspired!

New Mind, New Mood, New Attitude

Happiness depends on your mindset, your mood and your attitude. Change your mind and you can change your life! Join Author Shirley Weber as she discusses topics from her new motivational self-help book New Mind, New Mood, New Attitude on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood.
**Ask-a-Lawyer**

Get FREE Legal Counsel with the Ask-A-Lawyer Program. Adults can come to the Library to take advantage of individual counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for one-on-one, 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis for advice on non-criminal matters involving Family, Consumer, Housing, Social Security, Employment, Education, and Succession law. There will be an opportunity to attend this program each month during 2022. See dates and branches below. Times are always 9:30-11:30 a.m.

April 30 - Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
May 7 - Zachary Branch
June 11 - Central Branch
July 9 - Baker Branch
August 13 - Bluebonnet Regional Branch
September 24 - Scotlandville Branch
October 29 - Delmont Gardens Branch
November 19 - Eden Park Branch
December 3 - River Center Branch

Can’t make it in-person? The Baton Rouge Bar Association also provides assistance at a distance anytime through their Online Intake Application. Just visit ebrpl.co/brbaonlineapp, complete the application, and a dedicated attorney will contact you shortly afterwards.

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**Adult Programs**

**Poem-a-Day**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Jones Creek Regional Branch by coming in to grab a different poem each day in April!

**Birds Among Books**

All month long, visit the Delmont Gardens Branch for a chance to spot birds among the books. Hidden in various spots, find posters of birds native to Louisiana’s Atchafalaya Basin. Find the name of all ten and collect a small prize from the information desk! All ages are welcome to participate in this fun, educational hunt. For more information, please call 354-7050.

**The Vinyl Underground**

On Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m., adults interested in vinyl record collecting can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for The Vinyl Underground, where collectors and vinyl enthusiasts can connect, listen to records, and discuss their favorite albums.

**River Center Recording Studio**

Come learn about the recording studio at the River Center Branch on either Saturday, April 9 or 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.! The class will go over the sound board, microphones, sound editing software, and the recording studio itself, so that you can earn a badge which allows you to use the space. Limit of 5 people. All materials will be provided during the program.

**Introduction to the Baton Rouge Digital Archive**

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Regional Branch on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. to learn about the Baton Rouge Room, the Baton Rouge Room Digital Archive website, and the various collections you can access online. Learn how to search for subjects in the Digital Archive and navigate the catalog to see what physical media is housed in the Baton Rouge Room. **Registration is required.** To register, call 274-4450.

**Fiction Writers Workshop**

Are you an aspiring author? Join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on your fiction stories. Email Jordan Courtney at jcourtney@ebrpl.com to get started. We email new stories out once a month. Once you have given feedback on at least 2 other members’ stories, you are qualified to sign up for a critique of your own writing. Join us at the in-person meeting on Monday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Bluebonnet Regional Branch to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.

**Cricut Workshop**

Learn how to use the Cricut and heat press at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 23 at 3 p.m. We will be making tote-bags with Louisiana-inspired patterns that celebrate local culture, and you can earn your badge to use the Cricut for future projects. **Registration is required.** To register, call 274-4450.
LSU Hurricane Experience and Pandemic Behavior Study

Interested in contributing to ongoing research on hurricane impact and pandemic health precautions? Researchers from the LSU Honors College and Psychology Department are seeking adult participants to complete a 20-minute online survey. See if you qualify by taking the screener at https://bit.ly/3HJrEuX or by scanning the QR code provided. Compensation for completing the screener and follow-up survey is $20. Email cgirar2@lsu.edu or pskatie@lsu.edu with any questions.

Open Data Day

Each year, International Open Data Day serves as way for governments around the world to highlight the benefits of open data and engage communities in the development of data-driven solutions to common civic challenges. The City of Baton Rouge hosted a virtual event on Tuesday, March 8, featuring “lightning talks” with City-Parish leaders who use data daily to improve programs and services and make better decisions in areas like public safety, drainage, stormwater management, blight and code enforcement, health and human services, and more. You can view the recording at brla.gov/opendataday.

The EBR Stormwater Master Plan Project

Join the East Baton Rouge Parish Stormwater Master Plan Project Team on Wednesday, April 27 at 5 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. During the meeting, the project team will provide an update on what is taking place in the various watersheds throughout the parish, changes to codes and ordinances, and discuss potential projects to reduce flood risks. You can find more information by visiting www.stormwater.brla.gov.

Celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted’s 200th Birthday

Celebrate the Founder of Landscape Architecture with us! Join us on Tuesday, April 26 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood to celebrate Fredrick Law Olmsted’s 200th birthday with a presentation and discussion of his life, work, and impact on Louisiana and the nation, led by Buck Abbey, Landscape Architect. For more information on the nationwide celebration of his birthday, visit olmsted200.org.

Baton Rouge Blues Festival

The Baton Rouge Blues Festival will take place on April 23 and 24 in Downtown Baton Rouge. Since 1981, the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation has been bringing our community an impressive lineup of outstanding musicians for this annual, highly-anticipated event. The festival’s mission is to encourage promotion, preservation and advancement of the swamp blues music native to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
City Nature Challenge 2022

City Nature Challenge

Join the Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge in “The City Nature Challenge,” a friendly four-day international nature competition to see which locale can show the most wildlife in their area. From April 29 - May 2, go on a walk, visit a park, or explore the wild organisms in your own backyard. Take photos of wildlife with your phone or camera, and post them as observations in the iNaturalist app or the website at www.inaturalist.org. Anything wild counts! Plants, animals, insects, mushrooms, fish, birds, turtles – anything that was not planted by or brought here by a person. It’s a contest! The Baton Rouge contest area includes the 12 parish region. Let’s beat our neighbors in Texas! iNaturalist is also a great tool for identifying wildlife you see, and the observations you share become scientific data available to researchers anywhere in the world.

New this year: If you are a birder, you can post your bird observations in eBird.org or the eBird app, and they will also be counted toward our regional total with the iNaturalist observations.

For more information, visit www.brnaturechallenge.org.

GAMES

Easter Guessing Game

All ages are welcome to stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch, April 1-30, to take a guess at how many Easter eggs are in the container. Whoever’s guess is closest will win a prize!

Greenwell Springs Chess Club

The Greenwell Springs Chess Club welcomes players of all skill levels and ages to join them on Saturdays, April 2, 16, & 30, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. We’ll provide the boards, and if you don’t know how to play, we’ll teach you!

GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League

Calling all adult gamers! Join us for the return of GUGL, the Grown-Up Gaming League, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. GUGL is a monthly game program open to Adult players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older. Sessions may feature games such Catan, Gloom, Coup, Ticket to Ride, King of Tokyo and Munchkin, just to name a few, along with some tried and true classic games like Monopoly, Othello, Risk, Go, etc. Additional formats include Virtual Reality Headsets, Magic the Gathering (TGC), Dungeons & Dragons and more! BYOG – Bring your own games to share or play using the Library’s sets.

Upcoming dates for April:

- Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m: Introduction to Catan
- Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m: GUGL returns to Magic the Gathering, TGC
- Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m: Open Board Game Night – Choose from any of our games. Featured Board Games: “Five Minute” series of games: Dungeon, Marvel, and Mystery.

GUGL Presents “Dungeon Master Tips and Tricks”

Join GUGL on Saturday, April 23, 12-2 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a workshop designed to help new and journeymen Table-Top Roleplaying Game Dungeon Masters & Storytellers with subjects the rule books gloss over. Learn how to manage your table, how to create a catchy story, and what resources are out there to use to make your game run smoothly. System & setting agnostic.

B-I-N-G-O

Adults of all ages are invited to play bingo at any one of the following library locations! Come for the fun! All winners will be awarded a small prize.

- Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Monday, April 25 at 11 a.m. – Carver Branch

Sudoku

Try your luck with some Sudoku number puzzles on Thursday, April 21 at 6-8:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Present your completed Sudoku puzzle to receive a prize. Easy, intermediate and challenging levels will be available.

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.
Zen Coloring
Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Monday, April 4, 3 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and de-stress with other adults as we color inside and outside of the lines. Nature-themed coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided.

Crochet Basics
Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, April 4, 4-5 p.m. to learn the basics of crochet. All skill levels are welcome, and supplies are provided! Learn how to construct your first chain stitch or crochet a basic granny square. Registration is required. To register, call 354-7050, or visit the Events Calendar at www.ebrpl.com.

Mother’s Day Coaster
You are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, April 6 at 11 a.m. to make a Mother’s Day coaster. Please bring a printable photo with you for the project.

Louisiana-themed Keychain
Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. to sew your own Louisiana-themed felt keychain. Registration is required. To register, call 756-1150.

Origami Bookmark
Create your own bookmark using pages from an old book! Visit the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, April 11 at either 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. to create a beautiful flower bookmark from the recycled pages of an old book. To register, call 354-7050 or visit us online at ebrpl.com/calendar.

Crafting for a Cause
Come learn a new skill and join other adults at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch every Thursday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 1 p.m. 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.

‘Fraid Knot Crochet Club
Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet? Join the ‘Fraid Knot Crochet Club on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. All experience levels are welcome. Beginners will learn the basics while the more experienced will learn new, more complicated stitches. Supplies will be provided for the first 15 people, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies and/or projects. Registration is strongly encouraged. In honor of OBOC, the advanced group will make an amigurumi of our state fruit, the strawberry.

Crochet Compassion
Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m. for Crochet Compassion. We will make plarn and crochet it into plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. We will also be participating in Knitted Knockers to make handmade, soft, and adjustable breast prostheses for people who have undergone mastectomies. More information about Knitted Knockers can be found at www.knittedknockers.org. Crochet experience is not necessary. For more information, call 756-1150.

Faux Stained Glass
Join Delmont Gardens Branch to create your very own faux stained glass from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Attendees will have a number of designs to choose from. All materials will be provided, and the final product makes a great window display! Registration is required. To register, call 354-3050 or visit ebrpl.com/calendar.

Acrylic Art Workshop
Make beautiful, Louisiana-inspired art while learning the basics of acrylic painting on Wednesday, April 27, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Registration is required. To register, call 756-1150.
2022 Oscar Nominated Films
Join the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for showings of four 2022 Oscar nominated films!

- *Encanto* – Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m.
- *King Richard* – Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.
- *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* – Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m.
- *Luca* – Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

Evolution of CGI
Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, April 4 at 3 p.m. to see the fourth installment of our series that examines the evolution of computer generated graphics in cinema. This month’s installment is *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius*.

Movie Time: The Help
All patrons are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, April 6 at 2:30 pm to watch *The Help*, starring Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer.

The Princess and the Frog
Come and bring your family and friends to enjoy Disney’s *The Princess and the Frog* at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.! There will be a take home activity as well.

Horror Film Screenings
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! Spring into Spooks with April’s flicks. Warning: Viewer Discretion Advised.

- *The Conjuring* (Rated R, 2013) – Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m.
- *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978) – Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

Documentary: Against the Tide
In conjunction with our One Book One Community read this year, the Zachary Branch will show the documentary *Against the Tide: A Story of the Acadian People* on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

Classic Movie Night
The Main Library at Goodwood will screen the cult-classic sci-fi monster movie, *The Blob*, in “blood-curdling color,” on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. The film was released in 1958 and stars Steve McQueen in one of his early lead roles.

Introduction to Ancestry LE
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 at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. to learn tips and techniques for searching effectively and navigating their major historical collections like vital records, census lists, immigration, military, and directories. You can also browse Public Member Trees to quickly and effortlessly find others who have been researching your family tree. Seating is limited to 10 in-person, with 15 virtual slots available. **Registration is required.** To register for this class, call 231-3751 or find us in the Events Calendar at [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com).

Tracing Your Sicilian Ancestry
Many Louisianans today are descendants of immigrants who arrived in the United States from Sicily. What occurred to make these families want to leave their homeland for a new start in a brand new country? You are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, April 14 at 3 p.m. to discuss events occurring in Sicily at the time, plus how to locate birth, marriage, and death records of your Sicilian ancestors. Seating is limited to 10 in-person, with 15 virtual slots available. **Registration is required.** To register for this class, call 231-3751 or find us in the Events Calendar at [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com).
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:

The Seven Deadly Sins of the Job Search, Part 7: Not Negotiating Salary

The final Deadly Sin of the Job Search occurs after you’ve received a job offer. You’ll be tempted to accept it immediately – but first, it’s important to negotiate your salary to make sure that you’re fairly compensated. Simply accepting their first offer could potentially cost you millions in lost earnings. In this video, we discuss some good strategies for salary negotiation.

How to Apply for a Job at Starbucks

If you’re a budding barista, check out this application walk-through for coffeehouse chain Starbucks, so that you’ll know what to expect when you apply. We demonstrate the process step by step.

This Month’s Spotlight: The Everything Interview Playlist

If you need to prepare for an interview, please check out this compendium of advice. This playlist is a one-stop shop for all of our job-interview-related videos, including full-length seminars, demonstrations for answering common interview questions, and specialized topics such as video interviewing and interviewing for teens.

State and City/Parish Civil Service Jobs

Come and learn all about State and City/Parish job openings and how to apply for them. A representative from the Louisiana Department of Civil Service will discuss the positions the State will be hiring for, the career paths the different State Agencies offer, and how to apply for them. A representative of The Recruitment and Examination Division, City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR will discuss the different career options City/Parish Government offers, openings they are seeking to fill, and application procedures on Wednesday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Registration is required. To register, visit www.careercenterbr.com/events/. For info call 231-3733.

Job Fair Success

Attention, active jobseekers: April is Job Fair month. In order to make the most of your chances for success, we recommend that you come to our Job Fair Success seminar! Career Center staff will discuss what to expect at job fairs, how to prepare, how to make a good first impression, and how to avoid common mistakes. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 9, at 10:30 am, in Conference Room 102 on the first floor. Registration is required. Please call 231-3733 or visit www.careercenterbr.com/events to register.

❤ I Love My Library Because…

“To all in need of career services, I highly recommend you consider using EBRPL’s Career Center. I was lost, after being laid off, not having looked for a job in 18+ years, and my resume was outdated. My visit to the Career Center can be characterized by nothing less than exceptional. Both Lynette and Cynthia helped me tremendously. I felt more positive when I left than when I arrived, not only because my resume had been updated, but also due to the kindness, patience & compassion demonstrated by the helpful & professional staff.”

– Kelly M.

“They are extremely helpful. We made an outstanding resume and I got lots of calls from employers.”

– Tim H.

“Your video ‘How to Apply for a Job at Home Depot’ was amazing! Thank you for the feedback; it truly means a lot. Job applications have always been a huge fear for me.”

– Gabriel L.
Attire for Hire

Women in Media will host Attire for Hire on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. WIM will accept clothing donations suitable for women who are entering or returning to the workforce; donations will then be turned over to several non-profits who size them and distribute them. The event will be set up in the Library’s parking lot where donors can drive by and drop off items.

Suits for Success

Donate your gently used suits to Suiting 101’s “Suits for Success!” Please bring your suits to the Main Library at Goodwood’s west parking lot on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All suits should be dry cleaned with cleaner’s tags attached and on a hanger. Suits should be in good condition. Please write the size of the suit on the attached cleaner’s tag.

BRAC Launches Jobs Portal

The Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC) announces the launch of brworks.org, a regional jobs portal for the Capital Region featuring technology to match jobseekers with local jobs and regional training opportunities, plus resources for both job seekers and employers. BR Works is built on data provided by national labor market analytics firm Emsi. Visitors to the site can complete a simple skills assessment or upload a resume to be matched to open jobs in the region, ranked by compatibility. Alternatively, job seekers can browse all available regional jobs, sorting by job title or industry sector.

❤ I Love My Library Because…

“I really enjoyed the ‘How to Pay for College’ seminar. The speaker was really knowledgeable and made navigating college costs very understandable. My child is a high school junior and I feel much better about his ability to attend college. I am much more hopeful.”

– Andrea J.

“Lynette is amazing! Prior to my coming to the career center for help with my resume, I watched her very informative Youtube video. It was filled with valuable information that was new to me. When I came into the Career Center, she very patiently and methodically reviewed my resume. It didn’t take long for her to provide me with tools needed to rework my resume. I literally felt relieved when I left, like a huge weight had been lifted from my shoulders.”

– Terri W.

AARP and VITA Tax Prep

AARP Tax Aide through April 6
Appointment Required

• Main Library at Goodwood
  Tuesdays and Wednesdays
  8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

• Bluebonnet Regional Branch
  Mondays and Wednesdays
  10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

• Central Branch
  Tuesdays and Wednesdays
  9:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

VITA Tax Preparation
Appointment Required
Please call 211 to make an appointment for VITA tax-assistance at the following library locations.

• Baker Branch
  Saturdays and Sundays through April 10
  By appointment only

• Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
  Thursdays, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
  through April 14
  Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
  through April 9

• Jones Creek Regional Branch
  Tuesdays and Thursdays,
  9 a.m. – 9 p.m.*
  Last appointment at 7:30 p.m.
  Through April 14
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Autism Awareness Month

Exceptional Lives offers free tools, information and resources for families of children with disabilities or special needs. Exceptional Lives provides personalized reports to let parents know what assistance they may qualify for and also has a directory of local services and agencies.

✓ Sage Publications offers access to these leading journals in the field: *Autism* and *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities*.

✓ Visit *Consumer Health Complete* for fact sheets, eBooks, studies, and access to articles from *The Journal of Autism & Developmental Disorders*.

✓ You’ll find these titles on Overdrive/Libby:
  
  *Differently Wired* by Deborah Reber
  *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism* by John Donovan
  *Reframe Your Thinking Around Autism* by Holly Bridges
  *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child* by Emily Paige Ballou
  *We’re Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation* by Eric Garcia

National Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry in the Digital Library. Within it you’ll find over 250,000 full poems, commentary, criticism, and history, as well as biographies of poets. You can create your own playlist of poems, and there is the Listening Room section, where you can listen to professional readings. Find hundreds of poetry collections in Overdrive/Libby, including these:

*Call Us What We Carry* by Amanda Gorman
*Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
*One Last Word* by Nikki Grimes
*The Poetry of Pablo Neruda* by Pablo Neruda
*Together in a Sudden Strangeness: America’s Poets Respond to the Pandemic*

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 behavior management in teens, identifying developmental delays in young children, employment skills, and the impact of racism on discipline, diagnosis and service delivery.

Running January - throughout April 2022

See the schedule and Register today: [www.exceptionallives.org/webinars](http://www.exceptionallives.org/webinars)

Say hello to LinkedIn Learning

From daily tips to lifelong lessons, improve at every step of your career.

Explore courses on LinkedIn Learning today.

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](http://www.ebrpl.com). *Registration required.*
I Love My Library Because…

“I can sit in different areas to get research and studying done. The staff is helpful and everything is clean and tidy!”
– K. B.

“It has become my work haven and I love my work! And I love the Library and all of you!”
– Sarah S.

“They always have the newest books, and the facility is bright, clean, and beautiful!”

20-SOMETHINGS Movie Night
Right in time for baseball season, 20-somethings can join the Carver Branch on Monday, April 4 at 4 p.m. to watch the baseball comedy classic Major League!

Gilded Oyster Shell
In celebration of our One Book One Community selection, Atchafalaya Houseboat, create a gilded oyster shell, decorated in the spirit of the Atchafalaya on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the River Center Branch. Use it as a jewelry holder, trinket dish, or table decoration.

Love Louisiana Artwork
Patrons are invited to join the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, April 21 at 4 p.m. to celebrate our One Book, One Community book this year with a little Louisiana inspired acrylic on canvas!

Game Night at Main
It’s time to bust out the games! Join us for an evening of fun, relaxation, and board games on Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library on Goodwood. We’ll have plenty of games to play, but feel free to bring one of your own. For more information, call 231-3770.

Family Movie Day
Come to the Baker Branch on Saturday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. to watch Disney’s Encanto! Encanto tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto. (PG)

20-SOMETHINGS GRAB & GEAUXS
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.

Monday, April 4 – Main Library at Goodwood
Felt Magnolia

Wednesday, April 6 – Scotlandville Branch
Pebble Meditation Project

Monday, April 11 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Magnetic Poetry

Tuesday, April 12 – Central Branch
Cat-cus Mini Terracotta Pot

Wednesday, April 13 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Monthly Planner

Monday, April 18 – Main Library at Goodwood
Aromatherapy Pendant

Thursday, April 21 – Zachary Branch
Painted Canvas Tote Bag

LITERACY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Have you read to a child today? 

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

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 this text message service.

Simply text LITERACY to (225) 400-1336.

Unsubscribe at any time by texting OPT OUT.
Standard message & data rates may apply.
Changing Landscapes Display at the Louisiana’s Old State Capitol

Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin invites the public to attend an exhibit of Changing Landscapes: Photographs Along the Solomon Northup Trail by Avoyelles parish artist Jan Beauboeuf, on display at Louisiana’s Old State Capitol through Thursday, April 14. Beauboeuf’s photographs document the current landscape of sites chronicled in Solomon Northup’s Twelve Years a Slave. The exhibit features stunning landscape photography along the Solomon Northup trail. The trail traces the path of kidnapped free man of color, Solomon Northup, who lived as a slave in Central Louisiana until his rescue and return to Sarasota, New York. Changing Landscapes was made possible in part by a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

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 342-0500.

Veterans’ Yoga at the USS KIDD

Strong & Calm Warrior Yoga is back! The 2022 edition begins Saturday, April 2 at 8 a.m. at the USS KIDD Veterans Museum. Admission is free and open to the public. Come for yoga, then stay downtown for the monthly Arts Market and weekly Farmers Market. Join USS KIDD, the Mayor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs, and Yoga with Brandi for our free monthly partnership yoga class designed for Veterans, Active Military, and First Responders, along with their supporters and families. This basic functional yoga class combines easy and accessible postures with relaxation techniques focused on breathing, stretching, strengthening and stability for all bodies, all abilities, all skeptics, and is adaptable to injuries. No previous yoga experience is required, so it’s perfect for beginners.

LASM presents Into America’s Wild

Experience Into America’s Wild at the Louisiana Art & Science Museum’s Irene W. Pennington Planetarium each Saturday at 1 p.m. Step off the beaten path and connect your inner trailblazer in this cross country journey to some of the most beautiful and little known landscapes of North America, from the wilds of Alaska and the lush coastline of Oregon, to the ancient canyons of the Southwest and the rolling hills of the Appalachian Trail. Into America’s Wild is a non-stop ride via kayak, train, bike, hot air balloon and more that explores the transforming allure of wild places and the human connection we all share with the natural world.

Witness to Change

The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, through the Coastal Impacts initiative, has chosen LSU Libraries – Special Collections as a host site for a new adult reading and discussion series. “Witness to Change: Community Conversations on Coastal Impacts,” funded by BHP, is a grant program that encourages dialogue and critical thinking about the most important topic that affects Louisianans today. The series is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Complimentary copies of the books are provided as part of the grant program. Scholars will facilitate four discussions using works of both fiction and non-fiction to prompt conversation among participants. Join a virtual discussion via Zoom of Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward on Thursday, April 7, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Visit news.blogs.lib.lsu.edu to register. For more information, contact Amanda Hawk at special@lsu.edu or call 578-6544.

Earth Day at the Mall of Louisiana

Please join us on Saturday, April 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the Mall of Louisiana for Earth Day on The Boulevard! This is a free family event to welcome our community back to the Mall of Louisiana! There will be lots of activities for the kids such as planting wildflowers and bluebonnets, making reusable bags from t-shirts, learning all about recycling, and creating Earth Day artwork to be displayed in the Mall. Kids can also visit the EBRPL Bookmobile and much more! Don’t miss this fun event!
Michelangelo at the River Center

You’re invited to a spectacular, family-friendly experience, located inside the Raising Cane’s River Center! In partnership with Visit Baton Rouge and Louisiana Office of Travel, the Raising Cane’s River Center brings you Michelangelo—A Different View. This exhibit recreates the awe and wonder of Michelangelo’s frescoes in the Sistine Chapel in ways never before possible. Using state of the art technology, Michelangelo’s timeless masterpieces have been reproduced for this historic exhibit. Only here can you explore this moving, exquisite art up close! Michelangelo can be viewed through Sunday, April 17. Exhibition hours are Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday: 12 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Eugene Martin: The Creative Act

The LSU Museum of Art (LSU MOA) is pleased to present Eugene Martin: The Creative Act, the museum’s first major exhibition of the artist’s work. It features a selection from a 2008 acquisition of 31 works and focuses on Martin’s unique brand of abstraction. The exhibition will be on view at LSU MOA April 7 – October 2. Join LSU MOA for a free Gallery Talk on Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m. to learn more about Eugene Martin’s creative process and works with the Registrar and Curator of Eugene Martin: The Creative Act, Olivia Peltier. This exhibition will also have an interactive component where visitors can create their own Eugene Martin inspired collage works in a small studio space in the gallery. Born in Washington, D.C. in 1938, Eugene Martin dedicated his life to living and working as a full-time artist, creating a body of work clearly defined by periods, from black and white ink drawings to bright and colorful acrylic paintings. Throughout these styles, Martin’s hand is distinct and present. A mixture of organic forms, geometric shapes, and even architectural worlds make up Martin’s universe of figures and creatures.

CAUW Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of one of our community’s most prestigious honors, the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards. The Capital Area United Way African American Leadership Council will host the event on Friday, April 29 at 7:30 a.m. at The Executive Center, 250 South Foster Drive Baton Rouge, LA. Corporate sponsors are the Baton Rouge General and ExxonMobil.

Since 1963, The Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards annually recognize two outstanding individuals in the greater Baton Rouge community who have devoted their professional, philanthropic, and volunteer capacities to humanitarian service to advance the mission of joining hands across racial, socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious lines.

In 2018, Pass the Torch award was introduced to the community. This award recognizes one young adult (ages 18-24) who exemplifies the mission of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards, which is to honor those individuals that have and/or are working to work towards the elimination of bias, bigotry and racism across ethnic gender and religious lines in the community.

To purchase tickets to the awards breakfast, visit cauw.org/livingunited. If you have any questions, please contact Amey Shortess Crousillac at ameyc@cauw.org.
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Because...

“The library has been a second home since I was a little kid. They’ve got a great collection, great resources and great staff. It brings community together and makes us all a little better.”

– Ashley

“I feel more understood and welcomed.”

– M.B.

“OMG! Daily free prints are a life-saving gift! And the staff is always helpful, kind, and generous!”

– M.B.

“It motivates you to continue in life.”

“It is a place of peace. It is a place of discovery. It is a place of friends, inside the building and inside the books.”

“Our website is easy to use! It has a huge selection of books! The people that work there are so kind and helpful!”

“It’s a great place to write, meditate, and study.”

“I’m able to think through my assignments better and take clearer notes.”

“The librarians in Zachary’s teens’ department make me feel more certain about my work.”

“I always find the book I want.”

Saturday Science

Join us for LSU’s Saturday Science at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. The microscopic world hosts a variety of fascinating and almost surreal phenomena described by quantum physics. Join Dr. Omar Magana-Loaiza as he describes the underlying ideas that gave rise to the field of quantum technologies, how quantum effects are currently being used to develop nanoscale systems capable of implementing operations that cannot be performed on classical devices, and the challenges and ongoing efforts in the state of Louisiana that aim to use light to achieve unprecedented levels of security and extraordinary speeds in the quantum processing of information.

Digital Photography and FREE Photo Op

Want to get a few more shots of yourself in that gorgeous prom dress? Have a cosplay getup that’s perfect for a photoshoot? Need some last-minute graduation photos? Come to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. for a 15-minute crash course on getting the best photos with your smartphone with Addie Laughery of Addie’s Photography, followed by a FREE photoshoot outside in the beautiful Botanic Gardens! Registration is required to attend. To register, go to ebrpl.co/photo or call 225-231-3770 for registration assistance.

Tech Club

Explore the basics of electronics and C++ programming in our monthly club at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Gaming Galore

Come hang out and play video games at the following library locations:

Saturday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 3:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood

Tuesdays, April 5 & 19 at 3:30 p.m. – Scotlandville Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – Baker Branch

Movie Time

Grab your popcorn and settle in at the Scotlandville Branch for these movies:

Monday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m.: Creed

Monday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m.: Creed II

Anime on Crunchyroll

Join the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of anime and ramen or enjoy anime with the Carver Branch on Monday, April 25 at 4 p.m. with plenty of shows to choose from!

Session Zero: Kids with Bikes

Kids with Bikes is a table top roleplaying game similar to D&D but with modified rules and a preset list of characters. Join the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, April 28, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. for a pre-game lesson about the rules, characters and other information about the game.
Earth Day Miniature World Wonders

Teens and kids, ages 8-14, are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, April 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m. to explore the tiniest nooks and crannies of Earth’s wild, wild outdoors as we try out our new Foldscope microscopes in celebration of Earth Day! Collect items from nature, make your own slides, and peer into the teeny tiny secrets of things you’ve always wondered about, or relax and try our easy-to-use microscopes and pre-prepared slides.

Virtual Book Club

Hop on Zoom for a book discussion with this month’s Teen Book Club Bingo! Teens can read whatever books they want throughout the month that fit within the book club’s theme. April’s theme is Louisiana authors and books set in Louisiana. We’ll get together on Wednesday, April 27 at 4 p.m. to discuss the different books we read and cross off categories on the bingo card. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 389-4960.

TEENS IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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Louisiana Youth Writing Contest

LA Writes, in partnership with the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana, is sponsoring a writing contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Louisiana students may submit poetry, fiction, and nonfiction in both French and English. Electronic entries will be accepted through May 31. Winners will be notified by September 1 and will be honored at a ceremony held during the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge on October 29. Entry/release forms with further information are available on the Louisiana Writes website at www.lawrites.org. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Ann B. Dobie, contest director, at louisianawritescontest@gmail.com
**One Book One Community – Kids’ Style!**

**Louisiana Bingo**
To celebrate One Book One Community, kids are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. to play Louisiana-themed Bingo!

**Garden Discoveries: It’s for the Birds!**
The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries event, “It’s for the Birds,” for children of all ages accompanied by an adult at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. led by Master Gardener Carol Paine. Beginning with a brief welcome and orientation inside the library, Carol will then guide everyone outside to learn about birds that live and thrive in the gardens behind to the library. Carol and other Master Gardeners will be located at ten different sites in the Botanic Gardens, each with information on a different bird that youngsters might find there or in their own backyard. Come see what the birds look like, learn where they like to nest, what they like to eat, and even hear their voices. A special gift will be presented to all children who make the circuit! **Registration is required.** To register, call 231-3750 or visit the Events Calendar at EBRPL.com.

**Press Start! Ready, Set, Read!**
Stop by the Children’s Room of any library location to pick up your Press Start! booklet! The month of April is brought to you by the letter D, the numbers 1, 2 & 3 and the color Blue! Each month’s booklet introduces basic concepts with fun activities for ages 2-4 that you can fit into your daily routine.

**Story Walk Fun with Author Will Hillenbrand**
Children enjoyed special story walks with author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand on March 5 at three of our library locations. Hillenbrand’s books were featured at the locations’ story walk stations, and the author walked along with the children, reading his stories to them. Some young patrons drew pictures with him, too!

You can enjoy a story walk anytime! There are numbered stations near each of the locations below. Each station has 1-2 pages of a children’s book, plus as suggestion for physical activity as you travel to the next station. At the last station, there will be a story-related worksheet for the children to take home. See below for branches and April story titles:

Baker Branch: *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson

Carver Branch: *Snail Crossing* by Corey R. Tabor

Main Library at Goodwood: *Underground* by Denise Fleming

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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Earth Day Bingo

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Book Clubs

High Five Book Club members will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to discuss Sherlock Homes and Dr. Watson, and how they unraveled the clues and solved the crimes in three famous mysteries: The Red-headed League, The Speckled Band, and The Copper Beeches presented in graphic novel form by Murray Shaw. Members will play the board game Clue. Registration is required to attend. To register or for more information, call 763-2260.

Join the Artsy Smartsy Book Club on Saturday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. In conjunction with the One Book One Community program, they will be reading and discussing Swamper: Letters from a Louisiana Swamp Rabbit by Amy Griffin Ouchley. It is not necessary to read the book ahead of time. Participants will also make a mixed-media art piece featuring owelets. Registration is required. To register, call 658-1560.

Movie Time

Join the River Center Branch on Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. for a screening of Mary Poppins, in which a magical nanny employs music and adventure to help two overlooked children become closer to their father during the turn of the century in London.

STEM – Program Your Ozobot

The River Center Branch invites you to have some Ozobot fun on both Tuesday, April 26, 3-5 p.m. and Thursday, April 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Children will create code and program their Ozobot, then watch them go! Registration is required. To register, call 389-4959. Sorry, no groups.
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 at the Library

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 several different in-person Storytime formats, plus a virtual Storytime on Monday nights through our East Baton Rouge Library Kids page on Facebook. 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 in-person group. For more information, call your local Library.

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FREE Computer Classes at the Library

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

### Carver Branch
- **Introduction to Computers**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 12

### Delmont Gardens Branch
- **Introduction to Excel**
  - 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 5
- **Typing Lessons**
  - 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7
- **Introduction to Word**
  - 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9

### Eden Park Branch
- **Gmail Basics**
  - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9
- **Surfing the World Wide Web**
  - 4 p.m. Monday, April 11
- **Introduction Microsoft PowerPoint**
  - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13
- **Introduction to Computers**
  - 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13

### Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Introduction to Computers**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, April 7
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21

### Jones Creek Regional Branch
- **3D Printer Badging Class**
  - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2
- **Audio Badging Class**
  - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9
- **One on One Tech Help**
  - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5
  - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12
  - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 19

### Main Library at Goodwood
- **Computers without Fear**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 6
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, April 7
- **Introduction to the Internet**
  - 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 12
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13
- **Introduction to Excel 2016**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14
- **Making a Newsletter with Microsoft Word 2016**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 20
- **Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class**
  - 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21
- **Introduction to Publisher 2016**
  - 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 27

*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!

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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**Book Clubs @ Your Library**

**– Book of the Month –**

**Baker Branch Library**
- **Baker Morning Book Club**
  - 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 11
  - *Atchafalaya Houseboat: My years in the Louisiana swamp* by Gwen Roland

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- **QUIRKY Ladies’ Book Club**
  - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21
  - *Atchafalaya Houseboat: My Years in the Louisiana Swamps* by Gwen Roland

**Eden Park Branch**
- **Adult Book Club**
  - 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19
  - *100 Ways to Simplify Your Life* by Joyce Meyer

**Fairwood Branch**
- **Books and Brew**
  - 1 p.m. Monday, April 18
  - *Ruthless Tide: The Heroes and Villains of the Johnstown Flood, America’s Astonishing Gilded Age Disaster* by Al Roker

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
- **Historical Society Book Club**
  - 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21
  - *ER Nurses: True Stories from America’s Greatest Unsung Heroes* by James Patterson, Matt Eversmann, and Chris Mooney

**Main Library at Goodwood**
- **Mystery Lovers Book Club**
  - 12 p.m. Tuesday, April 12
  - *Two x Two, or Doubles* by Susan Wiggs
- **Like it or Not Book Club**
  - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23
  - *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont

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East Baton Rouge Parish Library

April 2022, The Source 27
**Main Library**

*EBR Schools Annual Talented Visual Art Exhibit*

Middle school and high school students' artwork will be displayed.

**Fairwood Branch**

*Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge*

Work promoting sustainable practices and naturalism specific to the Baton Rouge area.

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**COVID-19 Updated Hours of Operation:**

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**Main Library**

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

*Introducing the JCR Makerspace*

Examples of items made from the 3d printer, Cricut machine, sewing machine, and other crafty items.

*Painting with Martha*

Artwork from the JCR library art class.

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**Library Gift Book Sale**

**RECYCLED READS**

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30

*Registration Required. To register, visit the Library’s online Events Calendar at ebrpl.co/calendar beginning April 4 at 10 a.m.*