Come experience *The Blues* with us as we celebrate the roots of Louisiana blues music! Join us this spring in reading our 2023 One Book One Community selection, Chris Thomas King’s compelling book, *The Blues: The Authentic Narrative of My Music and Culture*. Although prior histories on the blues have alleged it originated on plantations in the Mississippi Delta, author & musician Chris Thomas King disagrees, arguing that the blues began as a cosmopolitan art form in New Orleans, not a rural one in the Mississippi Delta. In *The Blues*, the son of the late Baton Rouge blues musician Tabby Thomas presents supporting facts to disprove such myths & preserve the authentic historical memory of his music & culture.

The 17th annual One Book One Community initiative will highlight King’s book as well as many other blues-inspired programs for all ages throughout the Library system. We will explore such topics as blues music; Baton Rouge and Louisiana’s music culture/history; songwriting and poetry; black history; and the lives of music legends.

**Kickoff Party!**

To kick off six weeks of One Book One Community programs, book discussions, and other opportunities for community connection, we’ll have a FREE **Kickoff Party** at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, March 19, 4-6 p.m., where attendees can enjoy live music from The Michael Foster Project, a special appearance by author Chris Thomas King, delicious local food, crafts, games, and engagement with community organizations. It will be an outdoor celebration for all ages on the Plaza! In the case of inclement weather, it’ll be held inside the Library.

For more information about One Book One Community, please visit [ReadOneBook.org](http://ReadOneBook.org).

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Hidden History of Louisiana’s Jazz Age

Sam Irwin, local musician and author, has written a book, *Hidden History of Louisiana’s Jazz Age*, about the less well-known stories of jazz musicians from the early Jazz era of Louisiana in the 1920’s. Many of these musicians were from places outside of the New Orleans area, such as Crowley and Baton Rouge, and deserve their place in history. He also writes about the teachers and others who mentored the musicians. As part of the Baton Rouge Room Series, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. as Sam takes us on a fascinating musical journey of this time in Louisiana history.

Open Book Discussion: The Blues and Blues Music History

Come to the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. to talk about *The Blues* by Chris Thomas King or other books about the blues that you enjoy! Check out our One Book One Community companion reads below:

- *Blues from the Bayou: The Rhythms of Baton Rouge* by Julian C. Piper
- *Huey ‘Piano’ Smith and the Rocking Pneumonia Blues* by John Wirt
- *In Search of the Blues* by Marybeth Hamilton
- *Music is History* by Questlove
- *Solo* by Kwame Alexander (for Teens)
- *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews (for Kids)

Save The Date

One Book One Community Events In April

- You’re invited to celebrate the blues at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m. with an hour of live music by Jonathon “Boogie” Long, Louisiana Music Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Guitar Center “King of the Blues” winner for best unsigned blues guitarist in America.
- Join Lloyd “Teddy” Johnson, owner of the world-famous Teddy’s Juke Joint, at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, April 4 at Noon. He will speak on his decades of life experiences operating a blues music venue and other stories about the blues.
- Come to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. for a screening of Johnny Palazzotto and Steve Zaffuto’s *The Original King Bee*, a documentary on blues star and Grammy Hall of Famer, Slim Harpo.
- Author and journalist John Wirt will discuss his book, *Huey ‘Piano’ Smith and the Rocking Pneumonia Blues*, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m. Come learn about this New Orleans legend!
- Tying nicely into this year’s series is the Baton Rouge Blues Festival downtown on Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23.
- Chris Thomas King, author of this year’s One Book One Community selection, *The Blues: The Authentic Narrative of My Music and Culture*, will give a blues-infused presentation about his book at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 29 at 4 p.m. Q & A session and book signing will follow.

DIGITAL DIVE: THE BLUES

You won’t be singing the blues with these resources in the Digital Library!

Enjoy concerts from Buddy Guy, B.B. King, Dr. John and more, streaming through Qello Concerts.

On Kanopy you can listen and learn with these documentaries:

- *Blues on Beale*
- *Deep Blues*
- *T’Ain’t Nobody’s Bizness*
- *This Ain’t No Mouse Music*
- *You See Me Laughin: The Last Mississippi Bluesmen*

Stream or download blues music from the huge selection available on Freegal.

Explore the lives of famous blues musicians through Gale in Context: Biography. If all this music gets you inspired, try your hand at learning to play the blues guitar with step-by-step lessons in Artistworks.

Check out an audiobook or eBook from Overdrive/Libby:

- *The Blues* by Chris Thomas King
- *In Search of the Bylues* by Marybeth Hamilton
- *King of the Blues* by Daniel de Vise
- *Lady Sings the Blues* by Billie Holiday
- *Martin Scorsese Presents The Blues* by Peter Garulnick

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Write Time! with Boo Milton

Join us on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the River Center Branch for Write Time!, a FREE poetry and general creative writing session for adults ages 18-33. Beginners and seasoned writers will enjoy creating poems and spoken word pieces while connecting with other creatives. This event is hosted by media personality Boo Milton with a live DJ and refreshments. And mark your calendar for next month’s Write Time! session on Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.! Register for any or all of these monthly sessions at ebrpl.com/calendar or by emailing programs@ebrpl.com.

2nd Annual Edible Book Festival

The Edible Book Festival is an international celebration of books, food, and bad puns, held on or around April Fools’ Day each year. Participants are invited to choose a book and create an edible representation of its title or wordplay on its title. Join us as we gather at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. to view the bookish fare concocted to amuse, amaze, or, yes, even disgust onlookers and fellow participants. Vote for your favorites in categories such as Best in Show, Wittiest Wordplay, Least Appetizing and more! Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. and prizes will be awarded!

To submit an entry, just bring your punny, edible creation to the Library at 1 p.m. to be displayed! Here are a few of last year’s winners. Can you “beet” them? Come on, “cake” a chance! Give us something to “taco” ‘bout! “Gouda” luck!

Sounds of Science Series

Join the East Baton Rouge Parish Library in collaboration with the LSU School of Music, the LSU Department of Astronomy and Physics, and the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication for the Sounds of Science series! A presentation entitled “How Earth Came to Be: From the Big Bang to Planet Formation” by LSU Assistant Professor Matthew Penny will take place at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. Then join us for an all-day event on Saturday, March 25 at the Main Library at Goodwood! Starting at 1 p.m., there will be activities for children and adults, including the LaSPACE/MARS Truck, special stories, and interactive music making. Stick around for Saturday Science at 3 p.m. to learn about the first exciting discoveries of the James Webb Space Telescope! At 7 p.m., a Sounds of Science panel discussion and musical performance will be held in the large meeting room. For more information, visit ebrpl.co/soundsofscience.
FEATURED PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in March! Each live, virtual event features a different bestselling author, along with an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to the author. See March selections and dates/times below. Visit libraryc.org/ebrpl to register for these virtual events, learn about other upcoming conversations with bestselling authors, and view previous author talk recordings. For more information about these and other virtual events, visit ebrpl.co/virtual.

Monday, March 13 at Noon - You’re invited to a conversation with New York Times bestselling author David Epstein as he chats about his most recent book, Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World. What’s the most effective path to success in any domain? It’s not what you think. David Epstein examined the world’s most successful athletes, artists, musicians, inventors, forecasters, and scientists. He discovered that in most fields—especially those that are complex and unpredictable—generalists, not specialists, are primed to excel. Generalists often find their path late, juggling many interests rather than focusing on one. They’re also more creative, agile, and able to make connections their more specialized peers can’t see.

Tuesday, March 21 at 3 p.m. - A talk that will leave you starving for more! Join us as we chat with celebrity chef Jernard Wells about his newest cookbook, Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours, which features scrumptious and inventive recipes that remix the traditional flavors and classic dishes of Southern food and celebrates African-American culinary contributions to tables worldwide. Chef Jernard also brings in flavors from the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia, and Europe, always with his signature Southern flair. His cookbook shares 100 recipes that are approachable for both beginners and more experienced cooks.

Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. - Join us for an exciting trip through time as we chat with New York Times bestselling historical fiction author Pam Jenoff about her newest book, Code Name Sapphire! It’s 1942 and Hannah Martel has narrowly escaped Nazi Germany after her fiancé was killed in a pogrom. Fearful for her life, Hannah is desperate to escape occupied Europe, but with no safe way to leave, she must return to the dangerous underground work she thought she had left behind. Inspired by incredible true stories of courage and sacrifice, Code Name Sapphire is a powerful novel about love, family, and the unshakable resilience of women in even the hardest of times.
The Artist’s Way Workshop

Are you stuck in your career, overwhelmed by life’s many choices, or searching for a creative outlet? If you need to find focus, rediscover your creativity, and become your authentic self, join us for “The Artist’s Way” at the Main Library at Goodwood, each Tuesday in March at 6 p.m. Artistic and unartistic types alike will benefit from this hands-on program. The workshop will closely follow the book, *The Artist’s Way* by Julia Cameron. It will also incorporate creating a work of art to accompany the curriculum. No artistic experience is required to finish the project. Registration is required. To register or for more information, please call 231-3733.

Baton Rouge Concert Band Spring Performance

Grab your passport and join the Baton Rouge Concert Band on Sunday, March 26 at 5 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for their spring concert, “A Musical Passport through Europe and the British Isles.” There will be marches, jigs, folk songs, and more. From Norway and Belgium through the Balkans and Germany into France and on to the British Isles, your feet will be tapping and your heart will be singing!

Be Inspired! BRCC Presents: Comfort and Reassurance During Bereavement

*Fathered from Above* is a personal reflection of author Karen Huggins’ real-life experience written to help young children cope with the trauma of death as they are learning to regulate their own emotions and behaviors. The Be Inspired series is presented by BRCC faculty and will explore a variety of topics to inspire you. Join us at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Main Library at Goodwood and Be Inspired!

‘Queer’ History Film Series

In partnership with Baton Rouge Pride, ‘Queer’ History Film Series: An Exploration into LGBTIQA+ History, Influence, Politics and Gaiety Throughout the Ages will feature a different film on the last Sunday of each month, continuing this month with *Dallas Buyers Club* (2013, Rated R) on Sunday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. *Dallas Buyers Club* is “the powerful true story of Texas electrician Ron Woodroof, who was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1986 and subsequently devoted his life to providing unapproved drugs and supplements to fellow HIV patients during an era when doctors were still struggling to understand the virus.” –Swank Motion Pictures. Adult topics will be discussed so we ask that no children attend, and viewer discretion is advised.

The Science of Leprosy in the United States

Have you ever wanted to learn more about leprosy? Lieutenant Commander Scott McGrew, a public health outreach coordinator, will explore the history of leprosy, also known as Hansen’s Disease, in the United States, including its treatment. Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Friday, March 10 at 3 p.m. to learn about harmful stigmas surrounding leprosy and how the disease can be prevented. For more information or to register, please call 354-7050.

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OverDrive & Libby Apps Update

Attention, OverDrive app users! OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app in early 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby is OverDrive’s newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library. It’s time to give Libby a try! All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card. Libby also comes with new features we know you’ll love, like:

- Tags to categorize books however you’d like—you can even sync your OverDrive wish list into a tag!
- A central bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Customizable notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Sonos speakers
- Extra learning and entertainment resources, like Qello, IndieFlix, Kanopy, ArtistWorks, Classica, and Kovels
- Easy access to OverDrive support staff

Learn more at ebrpl.co/switchtolibby
Kindle Fire users can find help at ebrpl.co/libbykindlefire

Note: Our library’s digital collection will continue to be available for browsing and reading at https://ebr.overdrive.com on desktop and mobile devices.
EBR Master Gardeners

Are you eager to get your yard ready for spring? The East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association (EBRMGA) wants to help by offering talks on “Lawn and Turf” and “Super Plants” on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zachary Branch. Bert Hammett, the LSU Ag Center agriculture and natural resources agent, will start the evening with a talk on “Lawn and Turf.” He will discuss how to get the most out of your lawn and what to do when things go wrong. Topics will include fertilizer use and best management practices, as well as a look at disease and pests commonly found in our area. The second speaker will be Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) Donna Montgomery with a talk about “Super Plants.” Super Plants are plants that have gone through months of testing from north to south Louisiana. They are evaluated based on which plants can propagate, which do well in Louisiana, and which plants gardeners want to plant. Donna is eager to show you the newest of the Super Plants, so you can add them to your gardens.

Another set of presentations will take place on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Gaynelle Wolff will present information on “Native Plants.” She will share with you plants that like the heat, the water, and the rare freezes in Louisiana, focusing on those that are especially beautiful and easy to grow. Following Gaynelle will be Nancy Jurasinski who will tell you all about “Herbs.” Learn which herbs grow best when planted in the fall and which thrive in the spring. Nancy will include methods for preserving your harvest as well as fool proof recipes using fresh herbs from your own garden.

For a third chance to join EBR Master Gardeners in March, come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. for talks on “Irrigation and Drainage.” Do you have a problem with too much or too little water in your garden? Dr. Stacia L. Davis Conger, Assistant Professor of Irrigation Engineering at the LSU AgCenter, will provide an overview of landscape irrigation systems with a deeper look at considerations for planning micro-irrigation. She will also introduce smart irrigation technologies by summarizing their function and providing practical consideration for product selection.

These presentations are free and open to the public. For more information on EBRMGA, visit ebrmg.wildapricot.org.

Seed and Plant Swap

Stop by the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, March 13 between 4-5:30 p.m. for a plant swap! Share in a discussion with other plant lovers and find resources related to gardening. Bringing your own plant cuttings to swap is encouraged but not required to participate in the event. For more information, call 274-4450.

Garden Discoveries: Crash Course on Growing Bromeliads at Home

The Baton Rouge Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries event, “Crash Course on Growing Bromeliads at Home” led by Mark Mese, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Main Library at Goodwood. Mark has been growing and breeding rare plants for over 40 years. He will first give a brief survey of the bromeliad family and provide practical information on how to grow bromeliads at home. Learn how to prepare soils, water, fertilize, and provide proper lighting for various types of bromeliads. Mark will also give a brief demonstration on how to mount plants on driftwood and have a collection of live plants for you to view. A tour of the Botanic Garden will follow.

To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show

The 21st Annual Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show will take place at the John M. Parker Agricultural Coliseum at LSU on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $7; children younger than 12 are free, as are LSU and Southern University students. For more information, please visit the LSU AgCenter’s Facebook page or call (225) 578-1205.
Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge Concert

On Saturday, April 1 at 3 p.m., the Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge will present a free community concert, Musical Tales, at the River Center Branch as part of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge’s Ebb & Flow Festival. Our tales will include Ravel’s Ma Mère l’Oye (Mother Goose) and Bizet’s Carmen Suite No. 2. For more information, visit www.civicorchesterabr.org.

Riders on the Orphan Train

As part of the Baton Rouge Room Series, join us for Riders on the Orphan Train, a multi-media program that combines live music, storytelling, and a video montage with archival photographs and interviews to tell the story of the largest child migration in American history which took place between 1854 and 1929 when over 250,000 orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and given away at train stations across America. Phillip Lancaster and award-winning author Alison Moore will present this program at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Join us for a talk about Native Plants presented by Bob Dillemuth. Register at ebrpl.com/calendar.

EBR Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association (EBRMGA) will present talks on “Cover Crops and Mulching” and “Composting” at the Carver Branch on Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. and on “Soil” and “Lilies” at the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m.
AARP Tax-Aide

All Tax-Aide activities will be **by appointment only**. First you must pick up a pre-appointment packet from the Library circulation desk and make a drop-off appointment. Due to limited personnel, we will not be preparing returns that require a Schedule A or a Schedule C. 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 e-file your return.

- **Main Library at Goodwood**
  Tuesdays and Wednesdays
  9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
  Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
  9:15 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Central Branch**
  Mondays and Thursdays
  9:15 a.m. – 1:00 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 15

- **Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
  Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- **Jones Creek Regional Branch**
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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  Through April 14

Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will offer FREE tutoring services each Saturday in March, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood! Beta members will tutor elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday.

**Registration is required.** Register online at [ebpl.co/tutor](http://ebpl.co/tutor) or call 231-3770.

- Elementary students: English, Math, Science, and Reading
- Middle schoolers (6th grade - 8th grade): English, Math, and Science
- High schoolers: English, Math (9th – Calculus), and Science
- Upon **advanced** request, they will provide tutoring in French, Spanish, and Latin.

Ask-a-Lawyer

Adults can come to the Library to take advantage of FREE and 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 on the following Saturdays, from 9 – 11:30 a.m.:

- March 11 – Scotlandville Branch
- April 15 – Carver Branch
- May 20 – Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- June 10 – Fairwood Branch
- August 12 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional 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 [ebpl.co/brbaonlineapp](http://ebpl.co/brbaonlineapp), complete the application, and a dedicated attorney will contact you shortly afterwards. For more information about this program, email lynn@brba.org or call (225) 214-5564.

City-Parish Open Data Policy Report

In 2017, the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council unanimously approved Mayor Broome’s Open Data Policy. Since then, City-Parish government has prioritized publishing City-Parish data and leveraging our data to drive decision-making and increase efficiencies. The Department of Information Services gave its annual Open Data Policy Report during January’s Metro Council meeting. To view the interactive report about how City-Parish is using data, visit [brla.gov/opendatareport](http://brla.gov/opendatareport).
AARP Downsizing and Decluttering Workshop

Having too much stuff can impede people from relocating or getting health care into their homes. AARP invites you to the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, March 23 at 10 a.m. for an engaging presentation that explores why stuff is so important for some people and teaches practical, easy-to-follow tips on downsizing and decluttering. Learn how to get started!

Volunteers Needed

LSU Hurricane Ida Study

We are interested in understanding how the 2021 Hurricane Ida may have affected you and your community.

We are interviewing adults ages 18 and older who lived in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Charles or St. John Parish during Hurricane Ida.

Participants will answer demographic questions and survey measures of self-perceived health, wellness, and social activities.

Questions?

Please contact Piper Bordes, pbord11@lsu.edu or Dr. Katie Cherry, Department of Psychology, 225-578-8745, pskatie@lsu.edu

Interested?

To participate, we need to know some background information and how to contact you. Please scan the code below with your mobile device for a brief online survey.

I-10 BR Project Update Open House

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) invites the public to an open house event on Tuesday, March 7, 4-7 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel Ballroom, 5500 Hilton Ave. The project team will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about the I-10 widening project through Baton Rouge. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to obtain project information and provide feedback.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Wishing Clover Board

What do you wish for 2023? Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of March and write down your wish on a four leaf clover. Your clover will be added to others to create a beautiful display.

Zen Coloring

Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, March 1, 3-4:45 p.m., and de-stress with other adults as we color inside and outside of the lines. Coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided.

Learn to Play the Mountain Dulcimer

The Mountain Dulcimer or Appalachian Dulcimer is known as one of the only true American instruments, originating in the mountains of Appalachia. The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society is hosting a series of beginner classes teaching the beauty and simplicity of playing this historical instrument every Tuesday in March, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. Instruments are provided. Registration is required. To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 756-1140. For more information, contact Helen Bankston at 953-1382.

The Cookbook Club

Do you love to cook and try new recipes? Join us for a new club centered around cookbooks and cuisine! Adults can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 for our first meeting. We will discuss the club’s cookbook of choice and what recipes we will try and share with the group.

Spanish Reading Club

Do you speak or read Spanish? Perhaps you’re looking for a fun way to speak Spanish with others? If you also love reading and discussing books with others, then we have just the group for you! Join us for a new club centered around reading books in Spanish! Adults can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 for an organizational meeting, where you can meet other Spanish speakers and decide on future books to discuss.

Coloring and Word Search Puzzles

De-stress with coloring and word search puzzles at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, March 9, 4-5 p.m. Color in and outside of the lines with calming yet brain-stimulating activities. Colored pencils, color sheets, and word puzzles will be provided.

French Language Classes

Learn to speak French at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! We will offer two different classes, depending on your language level:

- French 101: Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Learn the basics of speaking French in a group setting with an in-person instructor.

Earn Your Makerspace Badge

Get creative with Makerspaces at these Library locations! Adults and teens are invited to attend a badging class to learn the basics of safely operating our Makerspace equipment, including professional microphones and soundboards, 3D printers, sewing machines, button makers, Cricuts, and more! Once you have completed a badging class, you may reserve the equipment for personal use! Registration is required. To register, call the branch directly or visit ebrpl.com/calendar. See opportunities below:

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m. – Audio Equipment Class: How to Start a Podcast
- Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. – 3D Printing Class

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

- Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. – Cricut Tote Bag Class
- Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. – Mug Press and Sublimation Printing Class
- Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. – 3D Printing Class

Jones Creek Regional Branch

- Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. – Sewing Class
- Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. – 3D Printing Class
- Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. – Cricut and Heat Press Class
- Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Serger Class

River Center Branch

- Tuesday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. – Cricut and Heat Press Class: Tote Bags (20-somethings)
- Thursday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m. – Heat Press Class: Abstract Art (Teens)
Let’s Knit Together

Adults, if you love knitting or would like to learn, let’s knit together at the Zachary Branch each Tuesday in March at 6 p.m. Bring your project to work on or bring size 8, 9, or 10 needles and a smooth, worsted weight (#4) yarn to start learning.

Crafting for a Cause

Come learn a new skill and join other adults at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. every Thursday in March for a chance to create something beautiful and enjoy the company of fellow crafters. All skill levels are invited. Donations of yarn, supplies, or finished items are welcome.

Threadheads – a Contemporary Crochet Club

A crochet class for beginner and experienced crocheters will meet at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. Each participant will need a crochet hook H or larger and a skein of yarn. We occasionally have limited supplies.

St. Patrick’s Day Clover Crowns

Add a touch of green to your outfit for St. Patrick’s Day! Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, March 7 at 5 p.m. to make a cute clover crown.

Knitting Nook & Crochet Corner

Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Are you having trouble with a new technique or pattern? Just want to meet fellow knitting enthusiasts? Join knitters of all levels, beginners to advanced, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, March 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.

‘Fraid Knot Crochet Club

Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet? Are you an experienced crocheter? Would you like company, support, and inspiration? Join us on Thursday, March 9 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. To register, call 756-1150.

Zine Workshop

Come out to Fairwood Branch on Tuesday, March 14 at 5 p.m. for a workshop on zines! We’ll discuss the creative origins of zines and provide paper, colors, and magazines to collate and make a zine of your own!

Crochet Compassion

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 11 at 3:30 p.m. for Crochet Compassion. We will make plarn and crochet it into plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. In addition, we will be participating in Knitted Knockers to make handmade, soft, and adjustable breast prostheses for people who have undergone mastectomies. There is a crochet pattern also available. More information about Knitted Knockers can be found at www.knittedknockers.org. Crochet experience is not necessary. We will need a lot of help making that plarn! Registration is requested but not required.

Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 18 at 3 p.m. and work on projects to benefit those in need, which will include hats for premature babies, hats for cancer patients, waterproof sleeping mats for the homeless, and “knitted knockers,” which are soft comfortable prosthesis alternatives for breast cancer survivors. Patterns and some supplies will be provided, though participants are encouraged to bring their own knitting needles and crochet hooks. (Knitting needles DPN or circular size 4, crochet hook size 4.5 or G7) Want to help but don’t know how to knit? No problem! Come stuff the knockers with filler or make “plarn” from shopping bags for sleeping mats. Some instruction can be provided.

Spring Origami

Spring is on the way! If you don’t have a green thumb – or if you have allergies – come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, March 18 at 3 p.m. to learn how to make flowers out of origami paper! Multiple color and pattern choices will be provided.

Origami Desk Organizer

Get organized! Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. to make an origami desk organizer. Registration is required. To register, please call 756-1150.

Crochet Basics

Crochet is the skill and hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m. to learn the basics of crochet. All skill levels are welcome and supplies are provided! Learn how to construct your first chain stich. Registration is required. To register, call 354-7050 or visit www.ebrpl.com/calendar.

Acrylic Art Workshop

Make beautiful art representing a wide variety of countries while learning the basics of acrylic painting. Join Martha Whittington at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. To register, call 756-1140.
**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**Jones Creek Exercise Group**

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in March, 9:30–10 a.m., as we exercise with a video guided 30-minute workout session. First come, first served for floor space.

**Fitness in the Stacks**

Join Bluebonnet Regional Branch for Fitness in the Stacks, a fun fitness group enthusiastic about staying healthy. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning in March, 10-11 a.m., patrons can come get fit by exercising with a beginner aerobics video. No traffic, no heat, no excuses! All fitness levels are welcome!

**Walk and Stretch at Main**

Get moving and have a good time! Patrons are invited to walk and stretch at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Come walk with us in the gardens next to the Main Library. On bad weather days, we’ll walk on the second floor of the Library. If you are interested in joining us, please text your number to 939-3794, and you will receive a text on Tuesdays and Thursdays with details. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a fair pace. For more information, email parnold@ebrpl.com.

**Yoga for Beginners**

You’re invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch each Tuesday in March at 5 p.m. for a gentle yoga flow. We will provide up to eight yoga mats and guide you through 30 minutes of restorative yoga poses. If you own a mat, please bring it. For more information, call 274-4450.

**CALLING ALL WRITERS**

**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, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.

**Writers Rendevous**

 Writers are invited to join Writers Rendevous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers group on Tuesday, March 14. There are sessions at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Writers Rendzvous is an informal writers group where people can meet, share ideas, and get feedback on current projects.
Guessing Game
Come by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of March to guess how many shamrocks are in the jar. If you guess the correct number, you win a prize!

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Wargames
Tabletop war games have come a long way since H. G. Wells knocked toy soldiers around a battlefield of carpet and books. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesdays, March 1 & 15, 6-8 p.m., for a club dedicated to fast-paced skirmish gaming—from desperate last stands amid city ruins to daring ambushes in deadly wastelands. This month we focus on One Page Rules’ *Age of Fantasy Skirmish* and Games Workshop’s *Warcry*. Models and terrain provided—just bring a love of fighting little wars! For more information, call 231-3750.

Scrabble for Adults
Scrabble is back! Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword—the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style! There are two chances to play: Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, March 23 at 10 a.m.

GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League
Calling all adult gamers in the Greater Baton Rouge area! Join us for GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. GUGL is a monthly games program open to adult players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older. Sessions may feature games such as Dungeons & Dragons, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Arkham Horror, Five Minute Dungeon, Risk, Munchkin, Magic the Gathering (TCG), and over 200 more to choose from! BYOG—Bring your own games or play using GUGL’s sets. **Registration is required for Dungeons and Dragons.** To register, call 763-2240.

Upcoming dates:
- Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.: *Introduction to Carcassone/Open Board Game Night (Beginners-Intermediate)*
- Saturday, March 11 at Noon: *Tabletop Saturdays: Dungeons & Dragons (Registration required)*
- Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m.: *Introduction to Magic the Gathering (Beginners-Intermediate)*
- Wednesday, March 22 at 6 p.m.: *Board Game Night (Choose from the Group’s 200+ games, or bring your own)*
- Saturday, March 25 at Noon: *Tabletop Saturdays: Dungeons & Dragons (Registration required)*

Virtual Reality Headsets
Are you interested in Virtual Reality? Want to check it out but not sure you want to spend the money on a headset? Adults can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. to test out our Oculus virtual reality headsets. We will be playing Beat Saber and other VR games and exploring all the possibilities of virtual reality.
**CAREER CENTER**

### Get Ready for Retirement

The EBRPL Career Center will host a workshop on end-of-career options and ways to pivot, develop, and maximize your finances. Maria Alvarez from the Social Security Administration will be in attendance to answer questions. Also, representatives from various agencies, such as AARP, Adult Protective Services, and the LA Department of Health, will discuss post retirement and realignment of goals to meet future financial needs. The workshop takes place at the Main Library on Goodwood on Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, visit careercenterbr.com/events. For more information, call 231-3733.

### Resume Writing Seminar

Lynnette Lee of the EBRPL Career Center will lead a workshop on writing a great resume. Learn to structure your resume so that it showcases your most valuable skills. Learn formatting techniques that will make your resume look clean and professional. Learn the biggest red flags employers look for on resumes and how to avoid them. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. **Registration is required.** To register, call 231-3733 or visit www.careercenterbr.com/events.

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**YouTube Roundup**

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

If you need help with your job search or career but can’t make it to the Career Center in-person, we can come to you through the power of our online videos. Our videos provide guidance on how to write resumes and cover letters, answer interview questions, complete online job applications, negotiate your salary, find work-from-home jobs, and much more. We even have dedicated playlists for teens, Spanish-speaking citizens, and the formerly incarcerated. Whatever type of help you need with your job search or career progression, we’ve got a video for that! Check out the following videos (and more!) at www.careercenterbr.com/YouTube.

**How to Apply for a Job at Costco**

Warehouse chain Costco has a reputation for treating its employees well. In this video, we aim to help you become one of those well-treated employees by demonstrating the step-by-step process for completing the Costco application.

**How Ex-Offenders Can Answer, “Where Do You See Yourself in 5 Years?”**

Employers want to see that you can think ahead and plan for the future. This is especially true for the formerly incarcerated, since it gives you a chance to prove that you’re serious about staying out of trouble. In this video, we demonstrate how you can discuss your goals, aspirations, and plans to showcase your commitment and rehabilitation.

**This Month’s Spotlight: The Resumes Before and After Playlist**

This collection of short videos demonstrates common resume mistakes and ways to fix them. Each video features a real (anonymized) resume we received for review - the “before” - and the improved version of the resume we created - the “after.”
**Genealogy**

**Resources for Louisiana Genealogy**

Many Louisianans living today have ancestors who were here over three hundred years ago. Many more have come to settle here since that time. These people have produced an abundance of records of their lives and their relationships. Learn what resources the library has on Louisiana history, from the French and Spanish eras to the modern day, and how you can use them to research your family’s past. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, March 6 at 2 p.m. as we look at early records, plantation records, and contemporary sources of information. Seating is limited to 12 in-person attendees with 15 virtual slots available. To register for this class, call 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.com/calendar.

**Decoding DNA**

There are many different genealogy DNA tests on the market today, each with a different set of information, results, and terminology. These tests have their own unique strengths and weaknesses, and each one will help to answer some questions about where you came from. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. to learn how to create a handmade clay tray with lavender and air dry clay. It’s really easy and will make a nice statement in your home. Registration is required. To register, call 658-1840.

**Fold 3 Military Records**

Fold3 is a genealogy database that specializes in military records. In this class at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, March 9 at 3 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. You’ll also learn about Fold3’s tools for keeping track of your finds, like annotations and bookmarks, in addition to other features of the website. Seating is limited to 12 in-person attendees with 20 virtual slots available. To register for this class, call 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.com/calendar.

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**20-Somethings**

**Puzzle Power: Luck of the Irish**

During the month of March, come by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to find some luck o’ the Irish as we puzzle our way through an Irish jigsaw.

**Floral Clay Tray**

Join us at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. to learn how to create a handmade clay tray with lavender and air dry clay. It’s really easy and will make a nice statement in your home. Registration is required. To register, call 658-1840.

**Beginners Art Hour**

The Fairwood Branch invites you to a month of art lessons! Join us for an hour of YouTube tutorials every Monday in March at 5 p.m., featuring creators like Alphonso Dunn and Stan Prokopendo. Come out and learn the basics!

**Virtual Reality Game Day**

Patrons are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, March 7 at 4 p.m. for a virtual gaming experience by playing Beat Saber and Fruit Ninja.

**DIY Candles**

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. to make your own soy candles. Materials and instructions will be provided.

**St. Patrick’s Day Tote Bags**

20-Somethings are invited to learn how to use the Cricut and Heat Press equipment in the River Center Branch makerspace! Join us on Tuesday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. to make your own St Patrick’s Day leprechaun tote bags! Registration is required. To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 389-4960.

**Throwback Movie Night**

Come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. to watch the 2003 animated classic, Brother Bear.

**Zine Workshop**

Interested in zines? Join us at the River Center Branch on Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. to draw, write, or collage your own self-published zine. Bring your creativity!

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Sip and Spin
The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge’s popular Sip & Spin: Pottery Wheel Throwing Class is back! This fun-filled evening with instructor Quaja Bell is a perfect date night or friends night out. Classes are held Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Cary Saurage Community Arts Center, 233 Saint Ferdinand St. Cost is $125 and includes seats for two people, required tools, one fired and glazed object, and two drink tickets per person. Please allow two weeks for drying and firing, and be sure and wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty! For more information or to register for a class, visit artsbr.org/sip-and-spin.

 Associated Women in the Arts Exhibit
Works by Associated Women in the Arts are on exhibit throughout the month of March, National Women’s History Month, in the Shell Gallery at the Cary Saurage Community Arts Center, 233 Saint Ferdinand St. The exhibit opens March 3, with a reception set for March 30 at 5:30 p.m. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. AWA members have participated and won awards in various competitions and juried shows, including Oil Painters of America, National Watercolor Society, and National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society. The primary mission of AWA is to advance the cause of women artists by creating opportunities for education, exhibition, and fellowship. The organization also strives to assist the cause of the visual arts throughout the state. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, go to associatedwomeninthearts.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

The Lafayette Trail
Memorializing the Frenchman’s Triumphal Return to the U.S. in 1824-1825
Canary Islands Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host The Lafayette Trail: Memorializing the Frenchman’s Triumphal Return to the U.S. in 1824-1825 on Wednesday, March 8, 1-2 p.m., at the Louisiana Archives Building Auditorium, 3851 Essen Lane. Speaker Julien Icher, founder and president of The Lafayette Trail and host of the YouTube based nonprofit series, Follow the Frenchmen, will spotlight the national significance of Marquis de Lafayette’s Farewell Tour of the U.S. (which included Louisiana), Lafayette’s numerous contributions to American independence, and the role Lafayette played in the Louisiana Purchase. The afternoon will consist of a 20-minute presentation by Icher, a viewing of a typical episode of the Follow the Frenchmen series, and his current focus on Louisiana episodes, followed by Q & A and refreshments. The intention of the Follow the Frenchmen Louisiana segments are to give viewers all over the world the ability to visit Louisiana’s extensive fluvial geography while underscoring the strong French cultural background that surrounds the foundations of Louisiana’s statehood and the important yet often overlooked role that Lafayette played in the early history of the Territory of Orleans (later known as the U.S. State of Louisiana).
TEENS

Make It and Take It

Teens, get crafty at your local Library! Express your creativity at these in-person programs!

Wednesday, March 1 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Learn how plastic canvas can be used to cross stitch keychains, earrings, and more!

Saturday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Make a small jar into a cute clay sculpted mushroom container.

Tuesday, March 14 at 3 p.m.
Eden Park Branch
Find out “watts” up by creating your own light using glitter, magnets, and a glass jar.

Thursday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Carver Branch
Use your imagination to create cool art using 3D pens.

Thursday, March 16 at 4 p.m.
Fairwood Branch
Learn cross stitch basics and begin working on a small project.

Saturday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood
Watch a Bob Ross video and follow along with Bob or paint anything you like.

Wednesday, March 22 at 4 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Make a wish and celebrate spring with a dandelion painting.

Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m.
Central Branch
Make your art look like a neon sign with a cool painting technique.

Saturday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Sew beads onto a felt base to make fantastically textured pins, charms, and earrings.

Saturday Science

Teens and adults are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. for Saturday Science, LSU’s free public talk series connecting the community to science and technology. This month, learn about the first exciting discoveries of the James Webb Space Telescope! The NASA James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the largest optical telescope in space, orbiting a million miles away from Earth. It is designed to observe at infrared wavelengths which allow the JWST to observe the furthest galaxies just after they have formed as well as planets around other stars. The telescope is making new discoveries every day from planets in our own solar system to galaxies far, far away. These investigations involve many fields of astronomy and cosmology, such as observation of the first stars, the formation of the first galaxies, and the atmospheres of potentially habitable exoplanets.

Practice ACT Test

Brush up on your ACT test taking skills! These practice tests are organized to run like the real ACT test to give teens experience in the type of questions to expect as well as the testing environment. Please bring sharpened number 2 pencils, a permitted calculator, and a snack for the break. Space is limited. Registration is required. See dates, times, locations, and registration details below.

• Saturday, March 4 at Noon
  Main Library at Goodwood
  To register, call 231-3770.

• Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m.
  Bluebonnet Regional Branch
  To register, call 763-2270.

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GAMING GALORE

Teens, get your game on at the Library locations below!

Mondays, March 6 & 20 at 3:30 p.m. – River Center Branch
Teen Game Nights: Enjoy some board games and Nintendo Switch, too.

Saturday, March 11, 2:30-4 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Nintendo Switch Game Day: Play games on our Nintendo Switch systems.

Wednesday, March 22 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Virtual Reality at the Library: Explore and interact with the virtual world with our VR system and games.

Wednesday, March 22 at 3:30 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch
March Madness: Challenge others to a game of basketball on NBA 2K15 on the PS3.

Wednesday, March 22 at 5 p.m. – Zachary Branch
Super Mario Party Game Night: Play Super Mario Party on the Nintendo Switch.

Tuesday, March 28 at 3 p.m. – Eden Park Branch
Afternoon Video Games: Compete at Super Mario Kart and more on the Nintendo Switch.

Thursday, March 30 at 4 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Video Game Day: Come play the Xbox or Poken Tournament on the Switch.

MOVIE MANIA

Movie Matinee
Teens are invited to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m. to watch Jurassic World Dominion.

Anime
Calling all anime fans! Teens, join us for an afternoon of anime at the following Library locations!

• Thursday, March 2 at 4 p.m. – Carver Branch
Join us for Japanese snacks and culture while watching anime.

• Saturday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood
Watch anime on Crunchyroll while you snack on ramen.

TEENS GRAB AND GEAXS

• Monday, March 13 – Zachary Branch
St. Patrick’s Paper Lantern

• Saturday, March 25 – Main Library at Goodwood
Pop-Tart Phone Case

Arts & Letters Literary Competition
The LSU Museum of Art invites students in grades 4th-12th in public, private, or homeschool programs throughout the East and West Baton Rouge parishes to write about one of the five preselected paintings from the LSU Museum of Art’s permanent collection. To view the five choices, you can go online to lsu.com/arts-letters. While students are not required to visit the museum to enter the competition, experiencing the objects firsthand is highly recommended. Literary submissions may be either prose or poetry and can be sent to Brandon Lewis, LSU MOA Educator, at brandonlewis@lsu.edu. Entries will be accepted March 10-24. Only one entry per student. Winners will be awarded an honorarium and be invited to a public reading and reception at the museum. Winning entries will be reproduced in an anthology. This program is supported by the Junior League of Baton Rouge.

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Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Help us Read Across America and celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday by joining in on these fun programs! *Indicates registration required. Call Library location directly.

• **Wednesday, March 1 – Sunday, March 5, all day**
  Jones Creek Regional Branch
  Pick up a Dr. Seuss activity packet, ages 6-11

• **Wednesday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. – Zachary Branch**
  * I Am the Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
  Cat in the Hat craft, ages 2-5

• **Wednesday, March 1 at 4 p.m.**
  Pride-Chaneyville Branch
  * Imagine That! How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat by Judy Sierra
  “I Love to Read” necklace, ages 5-10

• **Thursday, March 2, all day – Delmont Gardens Branch**
  Live readings of Dr. Seuss books
  Striped hat craft, ages 3-7

• **Thursday, March 2 at 11 a.m. – Fairwood Branch**
  * One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
  Decorative fish bowl, ages 4-11

• **Thursday, March 2 at 4 p.m. – River Center Branch**
  * Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss
  Oobleck craft, ages 6-11

• **Thursday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. – Baker Branch**
  * One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
  Fish bowl craft, ages 3-7

• **Thursday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. – Fairwood Branch**
  * One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
  Decorative fish bowl, ages 4-11

• **Thursday, March 2 at 5 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
  * Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
  Horton Kindness Bracelet, ages 5-11

Press Start!

East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s **Press Start! Ready, Set, Read!** program seeks to equip children ages 2-4 with early literacy skills that will enable them to enter school with confidence.

Parents and caregivers may stop by the children’s room of any Library location to pick up a booklet that focuses on beginning literacy concepts that can be incorporated into their daily routines.

The booklets are full of fun activities that the children will enjoy while learning basic concepts that build a firm foundation for math and reading. Each monthly booklet will feature a new letter, number, color or concept, while also building on the previous month’s concepts. The month of March is brought to you by the letter L, numbers 1-10, and the spring season!

The Press Start! three-year initiative began in January 2022, but families may start the program at any time. Children begin with booklet one, work their way through the program at their own pace, and earn rewards along the way.

Studies show that early literacy development strongly correlates to later school achievement. For this reason, EBRPL Children’s Services has developed the Press Start! program to ensure its youngest patrons get off to a good start and continue to reap the benefits once they reach school-age and beyond.

Children’s Books and Music Series featuring The Kids’ Orchestra

Collect new musical skills! Discover new library books! Experiment with new dance steps!

Kids’ Orchestra invites children, ages 5-11, to an experiential program that combines library books with music education. Each month, children will explore a theme as they learn about an instrument, sing a song, explore a dance, and play a game – all inspired by a book in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library collection!

In March, learn about Trombone Shorty, a musician who grew up in Louisiana, and the instrument he played (a trombone, of course!). Hear the trombone and find out how it works. Learn some “second line” dance moves. Play an instrument naming and imitation game. Sing “When the Saints Go Marching In” as we celebrate Louisiana music.

There are two opportunities to attend this fun program! See dates and times below. **All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.**

• **Saturday, March 11 at 11 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood**
  To register, please call 231-3760.

• **Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch**
  To register, please call 756-1160.

KIDS BOOK CLUBS

Artsy Smartsy Saturday

Kids ages 6-11 are invited to Artsy Smartsy Saturday at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m.! We will read selected chapters from the book *Green Gravy* by Beverly Lewis and make a St. Patrick’s Day shamrock hanger using tempera paint markers and a craft tube stamp. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 658-1560.

High Five Book Club

High Five Book Club members will meet at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the changes that Gilly undergoes in *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson. The April selection entitled *Buddy* by M.H. Herlong will be introduced. It is set in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina. The members will hear a presentation on self-care and bullying by EBR Sheriff’s Deputy Nikki Stonaker and members of the D.A.R.E. team. The High Five Book Club is open to kids ages 9 to 11. **You must be a registered member to attend.** To register, call 763-2260.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
“Celebrate Your Name” Week
Join the Zachary Branch to celebrate your name with these fun programs!
• **Wednesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.**
  Preschoolers ages 2-5 will listen to *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal and make a rainbow name craft unique to each child.
• **Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m.**
  Kids ages 6-11 are invited to draw with 3D pens and make a cool raised graphic of their name.

**Hands On Baby Time**
Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m. as we read *Hello, Farm!* by Maddie Frost and learn about farm animals and the sounds they make. Then, we’ll have some fun with some hands-on sensory items and baby safe percussion instruments. This program is for babies, birth-12 months. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 231-3760. *Sorry, no groups.*

**STEM Playtime**
The Zachary Branch will host STEM playtime on Wednesday, March 29 at two different times. Younger children are invited to join them at 10:30 a.m. to play with Mega Bloks and Bee-Bots. Older children can stop by after school at 4 p.m. to create with Snap Circuit kits.

**Story Walks**
Literacy and exercise go together! Visit one of our Story Walks today! There are numbered stations near each of the locations below. Each station has 1-2 pages of a children’s book, plus a 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 March’s story titles:
• Main Library at Goodwood: *First Star* by Will Hillenbrand
• Baker Branch: *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace
• Carver Branch: *Why Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ears* by Verna Aardema

**Story & Craft/Activity**
Story & Craft/Activity programs 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 & Craft/Activity opportunities taking place this month. *Indicates registration required. To register, call the Library location directly.

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<td>The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of the Crayola Crayons by Natascha Biebow</td>
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Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the Library. It 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.

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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:

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
- *Introduction to Computers*  
  10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8
- *One-On-One Tech Tutoring*  
  9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 9
- *Introduction to Word*  
  10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15
- *Introduction to PowerPoint*  
  10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22
- *Introduction to Publisher*  
  10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28

**Main Library at Goodwood**
- *Introduction to Computers*  
  10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8
- *Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016*  
  10 a.m. Thursday, March 9
- *Introduction to the Internet*  
  10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15
- *Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016*  
  10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
- Computer Basics  
  5 p.m. Tuesday, March 14
- Mouse and Keyboard Basics  
  5 p.m. Tuesday, March 21
- Internet Basics  
  5 p.m. Tuesday, March 28

**Scotlandville Branch**
- Computer Tutoring  
  3 p.m. Tuesday, March 14
- *Publisher Open Lab*  
  3 p.m. Tuesday, March 21  
  Appointments Only. Call 354-7550 to register

**Zachary Branch**
- *How to Use E-Mail*  
  10 a.m. Tuesday, March 7
- *Introduction to Computers*  
  2 p.m. Thursday, March 23

**Book Clubs @ Your Library**

**Baker Branch**
- Baker Morning Book Club  
  10:30 a.m. Monday, March 13  
  *The Exiles*  
  by Christina Baker Kline

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- Historical Fiction Book Club  
  10 a.m. Thursday, March 16  
  *A.D. Chronicles: Second Touch*  
  by Brock and Bodie Thoene
- The Quirky Ladies’ Book Club  
  6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16  
  *The Silent Patient*  
  by Alex Michaelides

**Central Branch**
- Central Book Club  
  11 a.m. Thursday, March 30  
  *Citizen K-9*  
  by David Rosenfelt

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
- *Next Chapter Book Club*  
  6 p.m. Thursday, March 16  
  Discuss any book of your choice.

**Jones Creek Regional**
- Historical Society Book Club  
  11 a.m. Thursday, March 16  
  *Three sisters, Three Queens*  
  by Philippa Gregory

**Main Library at Goodwood**
- Mystery Lovers Book Club  
  Noon, Tuesday, March 14  
  *Around The World: United Kingdom*

**Pride/Chaneyville Branch**
- Crafting for a Cause Book Club  
  1 p.m. Thursday, March 16  
  *The Shop on Royal Street*  
  by Karen White

**Scotlandville Branch**
- Scotlandville Book Club  
  3 p.m. Saturday, March 18  
  *All The Light We Cannot See*  
  by Anthony Doerr

**Zachary Branch**
- Zachary Book Club  
  10 a.m. Thursday, March 16  
  Any book by Agatha Christie
Jones Creek Regional Branch

Youth Art Month Woodlawn Art Show
The Talented Visual Art programs will feature their latest works in a Youth Art Month celebration during the month of March with a mixture of drawings, paintings, prints, mixed media, and digital work.

Women’s Veterans Month
The Louisiana Women’s Veterans Association will host a display honoring Louisiana veterans.

River Center Branch

You Bring Me Joy
An art display by Darlene Moore will be on exhibit. This display consists of mixed media acrylic in collages.

Scotlandville Branch

Kids Come First – Creating Better Communities
An art exhibit by children enrolled at Baker Middle School, The Louisiana School for the Deaf, and The Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired will be on display.

Recycled Reads
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25*
Registration is Required*
Registration opens on Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m.
To register, visit ebrpl.co/calendar.
*Sale may be cancelled due to construction.