As we welcome the new year, look back with us at some of the most borrowed books of 2023! Do you see one of your favorites? Is there one you’ve been meaning to get to but haven’t quite found the time? We encourage you to include reading in your New Year’s resolutions!

What will you check out in 2024?
Get Organized!
Join Louisiana’s only Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Trosclair, as she helps you Get Organized in 2024! Registration for these free programs is available at ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3750 for assistance. Upcoming topics at the Main Library at Goodwood include:
- Sunday, January 14 at 3 p.m. Get Organized in the New Year
- Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m. Organizing for Your Weight Loss Goals
- Sunday, January 28 at 3 p.m. Organizing Your Healthcare
- Sunday, February 4 at 3 p.m. Organizing Your Time

African American Heroes: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Baker Branch Library will host African American Heroes: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 6, 10 a.m.-Noon. The program will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Justice Sunday. A video of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech will be shown, followed by a dialogue and commentary about his life with Dr. Charles Vincent, professor of history at Southern University, and Ms. Evelyn Johnson, civil rights activist. Ms. Johnson was a friend/playmate of the four young girls who were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in September 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama. For more information, please call 778-5940.

The Life and Times of a Governor’s Daughter
Join Victoria Edwards, daughter of former Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards, for a presentation about her new book, The Life and Times of a Governor’s Daughter, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. Her life has been a little different than the average person’s because her father was in politics for so many years. His high-profile, political life influenced her, which resulted in some very unusual experiences, many exciting adventures, a lot of heartache, and much joy. This talk is part of the Library’s Special Collections Lecture Series.

Write Time! with Boo Milton
Join us on Monday, January 22 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood 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 Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m.! Register for any or all of these monthly sessions at ebrpl.com/calendar or by emailing programs@ebrpl.com.

EBRPL Small Business Presents: Building a Basic Website with WordPress
Do you need a website for your small business? EBRPL Small Business presents a beginner-friendly class on building a basic website with WordPress, an online web content management system. Come join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. as we walk through the steps to build a free website dedicated to your small business or personal brand. For more information, call 231-3750.

Business Librarian Office Hours
Come meet our Business Librarians to discuss “all things business” at the Main Library at Goodwood every Thursday, 4-6 p.m. Whether your business is still a dream, just starting out, or well-established, let us help you optimize its potential. No appointment required!
Lincoln at the Library

You have three opportunities to meet President Abraham Lincoln in January! Honest Abe will give presentations about our nation’s history, as well as anecdotes from his own life, at three Library branches this month. After speaking, he will answer questions and take photos with attendees. Please see below for dates/times, locations, and topics:

- **Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m.**
  Scotlandville Branch
  “Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality”
  *Recommended for teens and adults*

- **Saturday, January 20 at 2:30 p.m.**
  Zachary Branch
  “Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom”
  *Recommended for teens and adults*

- **Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m.**
  Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
  “A Visit with Mr. Lincoln”
  *All ages welcome!

Group Tai Chi Classes

Join us for free, hour-long Tai Chi sessions and meet friends through group practice. Together with the Tai Chi Club, we will explore the yin and yang of mind-body and find the way of nature in Tai Chi. At the end of the series, you will pick up a full Tai Chi routine to practice on your own and share with people around you. This month’s sessions will take place at the Main Library at Goodwood after on Sunday, January 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, January 21 at 6 p.m. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes!

GetFit Through Line Dancing

The Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 111th Founders Day at the Library with GetFit through Line Dancing! During this free event at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 13 at 3 p.m., members of the sorority will teach line dances, hand out bottled water and fresh fruits, and talk about the benefits of healthy living and exercise. Line Dancing has been identified as one of the best forms of exercise and stress release. For more information, visit batonrougedelta.org.

New Year’s Resolutions Digital Deep Dive

Take an online course through the Digital Library and discover something fresh and inspiring in 2024! Explore these offerings and more at ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary.

**Try a six-week, instructor-led class through Gale Courses:**
- Get Assertive!
- Introduction to Journaling
- Lose Weight and Keep it Off
- Mastering Public Speaking
- Where Does All My Money Go?

These [LinkedIn Learning](https://www.linkedin.com/learning/) courses are available on-demand:
- Happiness Habits
- How to Create a Life of Meaning and Purpose
- Improving Your Memory
- Personal Effectiveness Tips
- Taking Charge of Your Career

[LinkedIn Learning](https://www.linkedin.com/learning/) includes these courses:
- First Aid
- Health Masterclass
- How to Build Self-Discipline
- Modern Productivity: Superhuman Focus in A Distracted World
- Sit Less, Move More - Promote Posture, Flexibility in the Office

Learn computer basics with [EBRPL DigitalLearn](https://ebrpl.com/digitallearn/):
- Accounts and Passwords
- Getting Started on a Computer
- Intro to Email
- Online Health Information
- Using a Mobile Device

Whatever your fitness level, there’s an exercise class for you in [HiveClass](https://hiveclass.org):
- Fitness: Cardiovascular Endurance
- Gymnastics: Warmups
- Mindfulness: Breathing
- Self Defense: Workouts
- Yoga: Stretching and restorative poses

Download one of these inspirational eBooks on [Libby](https://libbyapp.com/):
- *The 5 Resets* by Dr. Aditi Nerurkar
- *And Then We Rise* by Common
- *The Diary of a CEO* by Steven Bartlett
- *The Life Brief* by Bonnie Wan
- *Sisterhood Heals* by Joy Harden Bradford
- *This Book May Save Your Life* by Dr. Karan Rajan
The Library has always been an important part of Blake Hicks’ life. As a young college student, he spent many afternoons in the study rooms and even tutored in the teen area. Blake found the librarians to be very helpful, often going above and beyond to find a resource. If he needed a book and the library didn’t have it, the librarians would do an interlibrary loan, or they would try to purchase it for him.

Once Blake’s daughter Alina was born, the Library took on a new role. When Alina was about two years old, Blake wanted to find something educational to do with his daughter. “We would go to multiple branches such as Main, Bluebonnet, and Carver to attend their storytimes, and one librarian mentioned the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.” Although 1,000 books seemed like a lot at first, Blake decided to accept the challenge with his daughter to encourage positive educational habits. They started reading in the summer of 2021 and completed the program in about 18 months. Even once they reached the set goal of 1,000 books, they continued reading together each night out of habit.

Blake believes that when you read with your child nightly, you are building a positive bond and creating memories with them that they will cherish forever. He recommends to any parent or caregiver interested in the 1,000 Books program, “Sign up today and get started! The Library does a great job of allowing you to check out a lot of books at a time, and they no longer charge fines, so you don’t have to worry about bringing the book back right away if your child falls in love with it.” Blake wants parents to understand that they must put in the effort to foster learning in their child’s life.

While going through the program Blake was inspired to write his own book, Squeezing Success. “As we were participating in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, I realized what kind of books that my daughter liked and didn’t like, so based on that, I wrote Squeezing Success.” Blake penned his book with dads in mind as a way to encourage them to spend time with their kids in a fun, educational way. Squeezing Success is a story within a story because while he is encouraging parents to read with their children, the book also teaches kids how to run a business.

If you are interested in enrolling a child in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and establishing a lifetime love of reading while earning rewards along the way, please stop by the Children’s Room of any Library location for more information and to get started!

Special thanks to Blake Hicks and Alina for sharing their story with us!
Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in January! 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 January 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.

Wednesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. – Join us as we kick off the New Year talking to Rebecca Serle about her journey writing epic love stories to span generations. Learning the love story formula with Serle, we’ll chat with the author about her New York Times bestselling novels, One Italian Summer, In Five Years, The Dinner List, and many more. Serle will also briefly discuss her forthcoming novel, Expiration Dates (due out on March 5, 2024). Told with her signature warmth and insight into matters of the heart, Rebecca Serle has finally set her sights on romantic love. The result is a gripping, emotional, passionate, and (yes) heartbreaking novel about what it means to be single, what it means to find love, and ultimately how we define each of them for ourselves. Expiration Dates is the one fans have been waiting for. Start your year with love and register now!

Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p.m. – Start your New Year off right and learn how to avoid the hidden traps in retirement planning advice! Over his 20-plus years of experience in United States elder law, Rajiv Nagaich has developed a step-by-step guide to retirement planning by connecting the various dots of the retirement planning process. The LifePlanning approach is a system that brings together legal, financial, and housing issues into a coordinated effort that can work to make sure you don’t end up being forced into institutionalized care, going broke, and being a burden on your family. In this enlightening and informative webinar, Rajiv explains why “retirement plan failure” happens and how you can keep it from happening to you.

Tuesday, January 30 at 1 p.m. – Launch your New Year in a healthy way with Dr. Robert Lustig, a pediatric neuroendocrinologist who has long been on the cutting edge of medicine and science. He challenges our current healthcare paradigm which has gone off the rails under the influence of Big Food, Big Pharma, and Big Government. One of Lustig’s singular gifts as a communicator is his ability to “connect the dots” for the general reader, in order to unpack the scientific data and concepts behind his arguments, as he tells the “real story of food” and “the story of real food.” He insists that if we do not fix our food and change the way we eat, we will continue to court chronic disease, bankrupt healthcare, and threaten the planet. But there is hope. Dr. Lustig offers a doable plan for us to heal and restore our health and well-being with real food.
Get Down and Clean Up Kits

It’s time to “Get Down and Clean Up,” Baton Rouge! The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is now circulating Get Down and Clean Up Kits at seven of its Library locations. Participating locations are the Baker Branch, Bluebonnet Regional Branch, Carver Branch, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, Main Library at Goodwood, Scotlandville Branch, and Zachary Branch.

Sponsored by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, each kit* includes:

- 24 Litter Grabbers
- 24 High Visibility Safety Vests
- Large Garbage Bags
- Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

*Smaller kits of five 4-grabber kits (family-sized) and four 1-grabber kits (individual) are available at the Main Library at Goodwood. Multiple kits may be checked out by one patron.

The kits will assist volunteers in their goal of litter removal and beautification in the Baton Rouge area. Groups can register a time and area for litter pickup by calling 311, visit the brightenupbatonrouge.com calendar to add their clean up event, then check out a Get Down and Clean Up Kit from the Library. Let’s work together to keep our city litter-free! For more information, please visit keeplouisianabeautiful.org or ebrpl.co/litter.

Holiday Closure

All Library locations will close on Monday, January 1 for New Year’s Day and on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event about “Urban Farming” at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m. led by Mitchell Provensal, Senior Program Coordinator, Baton Roots Community Farm. Did you know there is a vegetable farm right here in our city? Baton Roots is a community farm and gardening program located at BREC’s Howell Community Park. Our vision is to encourage everyone in our city to get growing and inspire a new generation of farmers/gardeners. Whether introducing children to their first vegetable plant, or reminding elders of the gardens of their youth, Baton Roots reconnects people to where their food originates and how it is grown. Tilled plots and waist-high raised beds create opportunities for neighbors to grow, harvest, learn, and eat together. Our presenter, Mitchell Provensal, will discuss how the community farm works, activities happening at the farm, and the potential of urban agriculture in our city. Also, he will present tips and tricks for prepping your spring vegetable garden! Weather permitting, a tour will follow of the Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens adjacent to the Library.

Registration is available at ebrpl.com/calendar, or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

Revolution Natives

The Friends of Hilltop Arboretum will hold its annual symposium on Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood.

What does it mean to live in a liberated landscape? Do you dream of ditching the weeding, fertilizing, and watering? Have you ever wondered how to make the shift from traditional garden design to ecological landscape design? Resolution Natives will explore what it means to have a successful garden - one that is rewarding, stimulating, and environmentally friendly, and how the incorporation of natives into the designed landscape can change the way you think about what a garden should do and be. Keynote speaker, Larry Weaner, will share his knowledge about environmental science and the traditions of garden design, expanding on his book, Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change. Dr. Malcolm Vidrine and Dr. Charles Allen will take us along on their journey of ‘Rewilding Acadia’ and explore what it means to act in a manner that curbs foreseeable impacts of climate change while living in Louisiana, and how to select native plants to rewild your own property. Ashlee Brackeen and Caitlin Roberts of Swamp Fly Landscapes will provide insight on the creation and maintenance of residential landscapes that bring ecological wonder and sensorial beauty while providing nourishment and connectivity to the non-human world. Several vendors will be in attendance and will provide resources, information, and an extensive collection of native plants for sale.

Register by January 15 to take advantage of early registration pricing! Members of Friends of Hilltop Arboretum $60, Non-Members $70, Students $30. Late Registrations: Members $70, Non-Members $80, Students $35. For additional information and to register, visit www.lsu.edu/hilltop, email hilltop@lsu.edu, or call 225-767-6916.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library

EBR Master Gardeners

East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners Library Series will give talks on “Growing Tomatoes” and “We Are Being Invaded” at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. Registration is available at ebrpl.com/calendar, or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

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Meet the Breeds

The Baton Rouge Kennel Club and the Louisiana Capital City Obedience Club will share responsible dog ownership and training practices and introduce you to a variety of breeds Join them at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m.

Breaking Barriers: A View from the Bench

As part of the Library’s Special Collections Lecture Series, join Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. as he describes how he made history by being elected as the first African American City Court Judge in Baton Rouge.

Ballet Showcase with Jean Leigh Academy of Dance

Immerse yourself in a family-friendly ballet performance on Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Dancers from the Jean Leigh Academy of Dance will transport the audience into a world of refined artistry and storytelling. The performance will include variations such as “Kitri” from Don Quixote, “Lilac Fairy” from Sleeping Beauty, and “Odalisque” from Le Corsaire, among others. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes. 

January 2024, The Source 7
Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will be offering FREE tutoring services each Saturday in January, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood! Beta members will offer help to elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday. Registration is required. Register online at ebrpl.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.

Protect Yourself Against Fraud & ID Theft

Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? Join AARP Louisiana and the Better Business Bureau at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, January 17 at 10 a.m. for a fraud prevention workshop to arm you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. By taking a few practical steps, you have the power to fight back against fraud. For more information, contact LaTonya Scott at lsscott@aarp.org or 225-252-1192.

New MyBR App

It’s here! Baton Rouge just released the MyBR mobile App for residents of East Baton Rouge parish including those in the cities of Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, and Zachary, as well as the incorporated area of the parish! This app is like any other allowing all residents to do things like pay a ticket or renew an occupational license to finding out all the latest events happening across the parish! Download it today in the Apple App store or on Google Play for android users! #MyBR #RedStickRising

Hiveclass

Turn passive screentime into active screentime with Hiveclass’s short instructional videos in a variety of sports and activities such as basketball, soccer, dance, yoga, tennis and more! Hiveclass is available on all electronic devices in both English and Spanish! No matter your age, get moving at ebrpl.co/hiveclass! All you need is your Library card!

Brrr…it’s cold out!

Don’t let the cold keep you from staying active! Learn 14+ sports through Hiveclass’ e-learning platform & work on your skills from home.

- Yoga
- Dance
- Fitness
- Self-Defense
- Strength & Conditioning

Go to library.hiveclass.co & log in with your library barcode.
Journaling in January

Join us for Journaling in January at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursdays, January 4 & 18, 5:30-7 p.m. Come learn basic bullet and visual journaling techniques to help boost your mood, release stress, and make better decisions in 2024. There is no “right” way to journal, so give journaling a go.

Coloring and Word Search Puzzles

De-stress with coloring and word search puzzles at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, January 11 at 4 p.m. Color in and outside of the lines with calming yet brain-stimulating activities. Colored pencils, coloring sheets, and word puzzles will be provided.

Crafting Corner

Attention Crafters! Need a time and a space to work on a project, but want to socialize, too? Stuck on a project? Want an idea for a new project? Got questions about our Makerspace? Grab your tools/materials and head on over to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m.-Noon! Limited/shared access to Makerspace allowed for badged patrons. Don’t know what that means? Come ask!

ADULT GRAB AND GEAUXS

Tuesday, January 2 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
3D Paper Balls

Friday, January 5 – Jones Creek Regional Branch
Cereal Box Bulletin Board

Business Networking and Movie Night

Bring your business cards and come join like-minded professionals at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. for a chance to network and enjoy a screening of The Social Network (2010). Time for networking will be provided before and after the film.

JCR Poets’ Group

Do you have a hidden or reluctant poet inside you? Join local poet Caroline Derbes at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, January 31, 6:30-8 p.m., to try catching poems with bait-buckets of 4-word prompts. You can also bring previously written pieces that you would like to share with the group.

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:

Earn Your Makerspace Badge!

Jones Creek Regional Branch
• Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Sewing Class
• Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Serger Class

River Center Branch
• Tuesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.
Beginner Laser Cutter Class
• Thursday, January 25 at 4 p.m.
Beginner Cricut Class
• Tuesday, January 30 at 4 p.m.
Beginner Sewing Class

Ask-a-Lawyer

Adults can come to the Library to take advantage of FREE, 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 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. February – December locations TBA.

• January 27 - Scotlandville Branch
• February 24
• March 9
• April 13
• May 18
• June 22
• July 6
• August 10
• September 7
• October 5
• November 2
• December 7

Can’t make it in-person? The Baton Rouge Bar Association also provides assistance anytime through their Online Intake Application. Just visit ebrpl.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.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in January (excluding January 1 and 15), 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

No traffic, no heat, no excuses! Join Bluebonnet Regional Branch for Fitness in the Stacks, a fun fitness group enthusiastic about staying healthy. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in January (excluding January 1 and 15), 10-11 a.m., patrons can get fit by exercising with a beginner aerobics video. All fitness levels are welcome!

Take a Hike in Your Library

Walking just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance, but getting your steps in during crazy Louisiana weather can be difficult. Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch any day in January (excluding holidays) and walk by yourself or with a small group of friends. We have measured three areas: the “inside loop” is 145 steps or 1/16 of a mile, “against the wall” is 280 steps or 1/8 of a mile, and the “serpentine” is 565 steps or ¼ mile. There are also exercise stations scattered throughout the library.

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 Mondays at 4 p.m. (excluding holidays) and on Tuesdays & 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. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a fair pace. Registration is required. To register or for more information, email Alison at anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com.

GAMES

Guessing Game

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of January to guess how many cotton balls are in the jar. If you guess the correct number, you win a prize at the end of the month!

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. Use the QR code below to join GUGL on Discord and to check availability and lunch preferences for Saturday events.

Upcoming dates:
- Wednesday, January 10 at 6 p.m.: Open Board Game Night (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Saturday, January 13 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays: Pathfinder and Dungeons & Dragons. Check Discord for availability.
- Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m.: Introduction to Magic the Gathering (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Wednesday, January 24 at 6 p.m.: Big Board Game Night (Choose from the group’s 250+ games or bring your own to share)
- Saturday, January 27 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays: Pathfinder and Dungeons & Dragons. Check Discord for availability.

Introduction to Chess

Learn to play chess or improve upon your skills at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 16 at 11 a.m. We’ll teach you the basics, along with tip and tricks, and provide chess sets to play a few games.

Chess Club

Adults are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:30 a.m. to play chess! All skill levels welcome.

B-I-N-G-O

Adults are invited to a fun-filled time of playing bingo and winning prizes at the Library locations below:
- Wonderful Wednesday Bingo Scotlandville Branch Wednesday, January 10 at 4 p.m.
- Fourth Monday Bingo: Carver Branch Monday, January 22 at 11 a.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch Thursday, January 25 at 4 p.m.

Scrabble for Adults

Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style.
Threadheads –
A Contemporary Crochet Club

Come be a Threadhead! Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch each Tuesday in January at 4:30 p.m. for a crochet class for beginning and experienced crocheters. Please bring a crochet hook H or larger and a skein of yarn. We occasionally have limited supplies.

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 January 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

Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. every Thursday in January 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.

Fairwood Stitch Society

Do you want to learn how to knit or maybe pass some time with fellow knitters? Check out the Fairwood Stitch Society, a group for fiber enthusiasts to socialize and learn new skills at the Fairwood Branch on Thursdays, January 4, 11 & 25, 4-6 p.m! All skill levels are welcome. You are encouraged to bring your own projects, and yarn and needles will be available during meetings for beginning knitters to learn.

‘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 Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8 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.

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, January 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.

Crochet Basics

Crochet is the skill and hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Crochet is the skill and hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, January 16 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 stitch. Registration is required. To register, call 354-7050 or visit www.ebrpl.com/calendar.

Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 20 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, though please note, this is not an instructional class for beginners. Some experience with knitting or crochet preferred.

Crafted Book Art

Come to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, January 24 at 5 p.m. to make some fabulous art out of old books!

Fingerprint Wreath Wall Art

Try this easy fingerprint wreath wall art at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Friday, January 26 at 3 p.m. by following this easy, step-by-step tutorial and video. Hang it up year-round in your living room or bedroom. This DIY wall art just requires acrylic paint & a sharpie. Painting your own home décor adds a personalized touch and is also budget-friendly.

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, January 31 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. To register, call 756-1140.
James Bond Film Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 2 at 3:30 p.m. for the fourth installment in our James Bond Film Series featuring You Only Live Twice, starring Sean Connery.

Movie Matinee: The Holiday

Adults are invited to the Baker Branch on Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. for a showing of Selma. “The marches from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery to secure voting rights for black Americans are depicted in this docudrama set during the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, which focuses on the actions of Martin Luther King, Jr.” – swank.com

Baton Rouge Film Club

Join the Baton Rouge Film Club for “adventures in space” at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. with a viewing of Spaceballs. Feel free to bring your own snacks!

Horror Film Screenings

Start the year off with a fright! Adults can join us for monthly horror film screenings at the Main Library at Goodwood. This month’s selections will be:

• Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.: Scream VI (2023, Rated R)
• Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.: Ghoulies (1985, Rated PG-13)

‘Queer’ History Film Series

‘Queer’ History Film Series is an exploration into LGBTIQA+ history, influence, politics and gaiety throughout the ages. In partnership with Baton Rouge Pride, this series will feature a different film on the last Sunday of each month, continuing this month with Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria (2005, Not Rated) at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, January 28 at 6 p.m. “EMMY Award-winning Screaming Queens tells the little-known story of the first known act of collective, violent resistance to the social oppression of queer people in the United States - a 1966 riot in San Francisco’s impoverished Tenderloin neighborhood, three years before the famous gay riot at New York’s Stonewall Inn.” – Kanopy

Adult topics will be discussed so we ask that no children attend and viewer discretion is advised.
BRCC Academic and Workforce Education

Learn about Baton Rouge Community College’s Workforce Education courses and classes at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. Representatives from BRCC will discuss available courses, locations, and financial aid. These offerings can help jumpstart you into your new career or improve your knowledge in your current job, and include topics such as: Manufacturing & Construction, Healthcare, Hospitality, Transportation & Logistics, Information Technology, and Business & Law. Registration is required. To register, please visit www.careercenterbr.com/events. For more information, call 231-3733.

The American Disabilities Act and the Rights of Applicants with Disabilities

It can be difficult to apply for jobs when you are also struggling with a disability. Come to the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. to learn about the resources available to you and what rights you have as an applicant! The information is also useful for those currently employed. Vicki Crochet, an employment law expert, will provide information about the American Disability Act and the rights afforded to those who have disabilities. Also, find out more about the offerings of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services department of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Registration is required. To register, please visit www.careercenterbr.com/events. For more information, call 231-3733.

FREE Bloodborne Pathogens Certification Class

Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Development is offering a free training opportunity, hosted at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 27 at 1 p.m., to earn the Bloodborne Pathogens Certification from the American Red Cross. This industry-based certification is perfect for anyone who wants to up-skill their professional profile. The course will teach you how bloodborne pathogens are spread, how to avoid exposure, and what to do if you are exposed to infectious material. Registration is required. To register, please visit www.careercenterbr.com/events. For more information, call 231-3733.

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:

The ADA and the Job Search, Part 2: Accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides protections for jobseekers with disabilities, including accommodations during the job search, testing, and interviewing process. In this video, we discuss what types of accommodations might be available, as well as when and how you can request accommodations.

How to Apply for a Job at Pizza Hut

In this video, we demonstrate the process of completing the online job application for restaurant chain Pizza Hut.

From the Vaults: This Month’s Golden Oldie Spotlight

Career Planning Resources: Website Walk-Through

Need help choosing a career path? Learning a new skill? Finding out about different career options? Our website can help with all of that. There’s so much good stuff on there, in fact, that it can be a little overwhelming. In this video, we walk you through all the different career-planning features so you can choose the most helpful resources for your situation.
Louisiana Young Heroes

Louisiana Public Broadcasting announces the 2024 Louisiana Young Heroes program and the statewide call for nominations of students to be recognized as Louisiana Young Heroes. A Young Hero is defined as an exceptional individual who has excelled in academics, given significantly of themselves through public service, overcome adversity, exhibited extraordinary heroism, or inspired others through their deeds and strength of character to become better students, persons, and citizens. Parents, principals, teachers, guidance counselors, family members, and friends who know of high school students deserving of recognition for their tenacity, good work, and commendable deeds, are encouraged to nominate them!

Nominees must be Louisiana students in grades 9-12, enrolled in an academic institution or homeschool program, and cannot be older than 18 years of age. Nominations and supporting materials should be submitted through the online form at lpb.org/heroes. The deadline for entries is Sunday, March 3, 2024. (Previous Young Heroes are not eligible.)

The 2024 Louisiana Young Heroes will be announced on LPB’s weekly news and public affairs program Louisiana: The State We’re In, on the Louisiana Young Heroes Facebook page, and at lpb.org/heroes in Spring 2024. The Louisiana Young Heroes will receive special awards and recognition for their achievements.

For more information, call 800-272-8161, ext. 4274 or 225-767-4274 or email heroes@lpb.org.

Andy Warhol / Friends and Frenemies

The LSU Museum of Art premieres Andy Warhol / Friends and Frenemies: Prints from the Cochran Collection on Thursday, January 11. The exhibition features over ninety serigraphs, etching, woodblocks, and lithographs by American and European masters, active between the late 1960s to the early 1990s. Their work alludes to cultural and societal shifts sweeping across America as the country emerged from the 1960s, a time of growing consumerism, political scandals, recession, the Vietnam War, and mounting tensions with the Soviet Union. The exhibition highlights thirty-six original prints by Andy Warhol, displayed alongside over sixty works of twentieth-century artists. including examples of abstract expressionism, pop art, neo-expressionism, conceptualism, and minimalism. Andy Warhol / Friends and Frenemies will be on view until March 31.

Toddler Thursday:

Children ages 5 and under, with their caregivers, are invited to Toddler Thursday on Thursday, January 4 at 10 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Shaw Center. Bring in the new year with a fun, missed media craft project inspired by the work of Andy Warhol. Free admission for Toddler Thursday is sponsored by the Junior League of Baton Rouge.

Art at Lunch: Photography and Protest

Join LSU MOA for Art at Lunch on Wednesday, January 24 at Noon on the third floor of the Shaw Center. Emily Williams and Jeremiah Ariaz from the LSU School of Art Photography Department will unpack the significance that photography plays in civic engagement across the globe. Bring a lunch; water and sodas will be provided. Admission is free.
**GENEALOGY**

**Introduction to Genealogy**

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, January 17 at 3 p.m. to learn how to conduct genealogical research, which types of records are used to track a family’s history, which databases the library offers to assist your research, and what types of resources the Genealogy Department has in its collection to help you fill in the gaps in your family tree. The class will last approximately one hour and will include time for questions. Space is limited to 25 in-person and 10 virtual attendees. Registration is required. To register, please visit ebrpl.co/genclass or call 231-3751.

**DNA and Family History**

Now that you’ve received the results of your DNA test, what can you do with them? This class will show you the basics of interpreting results to expand your family tree and to make connections that may have been hidden before. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, January 22 at 3 p.m. to learn about the big testing companies and how to download and move files to smaller sites. We will also look at some tools to help you interpret results and fill in the gaps. Space is limited to 10 in-person and 15 virtual attendees. Registration is required. To register, please visit ebrpl.co/genclass or call 231-3751.

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**20-SOMETHINGS**

**New Years’ Vision Board Collages**

Have you made your New Year’s resolutions yet? Come out to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, January 3 at 4:30 p.m. and put your goals on paper! We’re making vision board collages to focus our intentions for the coming year.

**The Fast and the Furious**

The Baker Branch will spend 2024 revisiting The Fast and the Furious franchise. Join us on Saturday, January 6 at 3 p.m. to take it back to 2001 with the very first “fast and furious” movie.

**Mini Watercolor Magnets**

20-somethings, head over to the River Center Branch on Tuesday, January 9 at 5 p.m. to create a mini watercolor painting and turn it into a refrigerator magnet.

**Friendship Bracelets**

Calling all 20-somethings! On Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m., bust out your creative side and come make beaded friendship bracelets at the Zachary Branch! All supplies will be provided.

**DIY Bath Bombs**

It’s a new year, so get ready to soak in some me time with wonderful bath bombs. Make your own at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 13 at 3 p.m.

**Painted Wooden Coasters**

Do you like to paint? 20-somethings are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. to paint your masterpiece on a wooden coaster. Paint any design you like and have fun! Registration is required. To register, please call 763-2270 or visit ebrpl.com/calendar.

**Perler Bead Party**

Make creative pixel art using colorful Perler beads at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. Use our preprinted designs or create your own unique shapes and characters.

**Candle Making**

20-somethings are invited to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, January 23 at 11 a.m. to make your own candles.

**Personlized Mugs**

Customize your own coffee or hot chocolate mugs with the Cricut at the River Center Branch’s Makerspace on Monday, January 29 at 4 p.m. Registration is required. To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar.

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**20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUX**

**Wednesday, January 17 – Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Mini Book Magnets**

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
TEENS

DIY @ THE LIBRARY

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

Duct Tape Lanyards
Tuesday, January 2 – Friday, January 5
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Drop by to make a duct tape lanyard.

2024 Junk Journal Planner
Wednesday, January 3 at 3:30 p.m.
River Center Branch
Create your own planner for the new year.

Paint-a-Pokémon
Thursday, January 4 at 4 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Use Pokémon cards to make your own paintings.

Magnetic Firework Slime
Saturday, January 6, 2:30-4 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Create magnetic slime with extra glimmer and shimmer.

No-Sew Hand Warmers
River Center Branch
Make your own hand warmers to keep warm this winter season.

Pom Pom Snowman
Tuesday, January 9 at 4:30 p.m.
Zachary Branch
Beat the winter blahs by making a cute pom pom snowman.

Pool Noodle Launcher
Wednesday, January 10 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Shoot for the stars by making a pool noodle launcher.

Gaming Perler Beads
Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m.
Eden Park Branch
Come make your favorite video game characters with Perler Beads. Snacks provided.

Button Bonanza
Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m.
Baker Branch
Use our button maker to create personalized buttons with pre-printed designs or create your own.

Sew a Marble Maze Fidget Toy
Saturday, January 13, 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Learn some beginning sewing techniques and make a marble maze fidget toy.

Tissue Paper Lantern
Wednesday, January 17 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Make tissue paper lanterns to light up your room.

Sushi Candles and Ceramic Drink Coasters
Monday, January 22 at 5 p.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Create a colorful ceramic drink coaster and a beeswax candle that looks like sushi.

Button Making
Wednesday, January 24 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Make personalized pins to pin on your clothes or backpack.

Charm Bracelets
Wednesday, January 24, 3:30-5 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch
Be charming by making your own charm bracelet.

Penguin Pom Pom Keychain
Thursday, January 25 at 4 p.m.
Central Branch
Use yarn to make a cute penguin pom pom keychain.

Perler Bead Pixel Art
Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood
Chill with us and create pixel art keychains using Perler beads.

Photo Cube Puzzle
Wednesday, January 31 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Make photo cube puzzles with us.

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LEGO Mindstorm Build

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 27, 2:30-4 p.m., for an exciting robotics project! Try your hand at building and programming a small robot with the LEGO Mindstorm EV3 kit.

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Throw Throw Burrito

Join us at Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, January 22 at 4 p.m. to play the fun game, Throw Throw Burrito.

Teen Game Night

You’re invited to Teen Game Night to play the Nintendo Switch at the River Center Branch on Monday, January 22 at 4 p.m.

Electric Mayhem

Grab your controllers! Teens, it’s time to challenge each other on video games at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, January 25 at 3:30 p.m.

VR Gaming on the PS4

Come by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, January 27, 2-5 p.m. and enjoy some virtual reality gaming on the PS4.
**TEENS**

**MOVIE MANIA**

**Anime Thrillzday**
Teens, come by the Carver Branch on Thursday, January 4 at 3 p.m. to watch anime and make candy sushi.

**Teen Film Club**
Shift into the new year with a new phase of Miles’ life. Join us at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m. for a showing of *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*.

**Anime Afternoon**
Join other teens for an afternoon of anime at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m. We’ll watch ad-free anime on the Library’s Crunchyroll account while you snack on ramen.

**Movie Night**
Hey teens, come out to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. to watch *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*.

**Star Wars Movie and Craft**
Calling all teen Star Wars fans! Come watch *Star Wars Episode VII* and make a Baby Yoda keychain at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m. Extra points for whomever brings their best Star Wars gear!

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**Geaux Girls STEM**
Girls ages 7-16 are invited to join Geaux Girls STEM for a fun day of exciting STEM activities! Make slime, instant ice cream, a lava lamp, dancing spiders, and more at the outdoor park at 375 W. Roosevelt St. on Saturday, January 6, 9-11 a.m. Geaux Girls STEM is a Baton Rouge-based initiative dedicated to providing free STEM programs for disadvantaged students in the Baton Rouge community. Register using the QR code provided. For more information, please contact Himangini at himanginichauhan1021@gmail.com.

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*East Baton Rouge Parish Library*

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**KIDS**

**LSU Geaux Science Explorations: STEM Story Time**

The LSU College of Science and Office of Diversity and Inclusion invites children in kindergarten through third grade to explore the worlds of math and science through an exciting science story time adventure led by some of the university’s top scientists and mathematicians. Each STEM story is followed by a fun, hands-on activity that allows the young scientists to feed their curiosity and take an even deeper dive into math and science discovery. Geaux Science Explorations STEM Story Time will take place on Saturday, January 27, 10:30-11:45 a.m., at the three Library locations below. **Registration is required.** To register, call the branch directly at the number provided.

- **Main Library at Goodwood**
  Book: *Vivi Loves Science* by Kimberly Derting and Shelli R. Johannes
  Read by Dr. Prosanta Chakrabarty, Biologist/Ichthyologist at LSU
  To register, please call 231-3760.

- **Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
  *Sun! One in a Billion* by Stacy McAnulty
  Read by Dr. Catherine Deibel, Astrophysicist at LSU
  To register, please call 763-2260.

- **Eden Park Branch**
  *Libby Loves Science* by Kimberly Derting and Shelli R. Johannes
  Read by Dr. Treva Brown, Physical Scientist at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory
  To register, please call 231-3260.

**Crafty Calendars**

January is Get Organized Month! Kids, ages 5-11, are invited to the River Center Branch, Tuesday, January 9 – Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., to create a 2024 calendar using sticker pages of your favorite characters, from princesses to superheroes and many others!

**Say Cheese! with Dr. Chuck Boeneke**

Discover the world of cheese-making with LSU’s Dr. Chuck Boeneke at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m. He will present a video on cheese-making, provide a live demonstration, and read *The Stinky Cheese Man* by Jon Scieszka. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 756-1160. Following the program, there will be a drawing to win a family 4-pack of tickets to see a performance of *The Stinky Cheese Man* at the Manship Theatre.

**BOOK CLUB**

**FAB (Fairwood’s Awesome Bookworms) Book Club**

FAB Book Club members will meet at the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *Stella* by McCall Hoyle. Afterwards, participants will assemble a paper dog hand puppet craft to take home. Next month’s book selection, *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, will also be introduced. **Registration is required.** To register, call 924-9386.

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**MANSHIP THEATRE FAMILY SHOWS**

Join the Manship Theatre in January for two exciting shows for the whole family! Purchase your tickets at manshiptheatre.org. Stop by the Children’s Room at your local Library to learn more about these fun shows and enter to win a family four pack of tickets to Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales!

**Dinosaur Zoo LIVE**

Sunday, January 21 at 2 p.m.

You’ll observe, meet, and interact with an eye-popping collection of amazingly life-like dinosaurs and other creatures presented in a theatrical performance that will thrill and entertain kids while stimulating their imaginations in ways that will forever connect them to their world. Brought to life by a team of skilled performers and puppeteers, and designed with the help of professional paleontologists, Erth’s Dinosaur Zoo Live’s puppets are so extraordinarily realistic, you may feel the urge to run and hide – but don’t! You won’t want to miss a minute of this fun, unique, entertaining, and educational live show. Recommended for grades K-5.

**The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales**

Sunday, January 28 at 2 p.m.

Poor Jack. He has to use his wits to save himself from the terrible Giant, but a host of familiar fairytale characters keep messing up his plans – and then there’s that annoying Stinky Cheese Man! The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales deconstructs the tradition of the fairy tale. Characters slide in and out of tales; Cinderella rebuffs Rumpelstiltskin and Goldilocks meets the Three Elephants. Nothing is quite the same as you remember. Based on the book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, this show is presented by Griffin Theatre Company. Recommended for grades 1-3.

**MOVIE TIME**

**Pajama Party Movie**

Put on your favorite pajamas and join us for Disney’s Hercules at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, January 18 at 6 p.m. The son of Zeus and Hera is stripped of his immortality as an infant and must become a true hero in order to reclaim it. Recommended for kids ages 7+ and their families.

**Movie Matinées**

Kids and their families are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. to watch Balto, a movie based on the true story of a sled dog who saved the children of Nome, Alaska. After the film, make your own wolf puppet! Refreshments will be served.

**Press Start!**

East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Press Start! Ready, Set, Read! program equips children ages 2-4 with early literacy skills that will enable them to enter kindergarten with confidence! Parents and caregivers can stop by the Children’s Room of any Library location to pick up a booklet full of fun activities that focuses on beginner reading and math concepts. Children start with Booklet One, work their way through the program at their own pace, and earn rewards along the way.

Each monthly Press Start booklet:

- Features a new letter, number, color or concept
- Follows state curriculum guidelines for children ages 2-4
- Includes simple activities to incorporate into your daily routine
- Highlights community events for kids
- Offers helpful parenting tips
- Recommends books for reading to your child

This month’s Press Start! booklet is brought to you by the letter T; the number 17; and the concepts, Big/Small!

**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 January’s story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreae
- Baker Branch: Invasion of the Unicorns by David Biedrzycki
- Carver Branch: Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner
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>That Inspired a Nation by Barry Wittenstein</td>
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<td><em>Little Owl’s Snow</em> by Divya Srinivasan</td>
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<td><em>We Don’t Eat Our Classmates</em> by Ryan T. Higgins</td>
<td>Dinosaur Slap Bracelet, ages 4-11</td>
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<td><em>Mixed: A Colorful Story</em> by Arree Chung</td>
<td>Primary Colored Oobleck, ages 2-6</td>
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<td>Story from Kids’ First Robot Pet Shop Kit</td>
<td>Build Pet Robots, ages 8-11</td>
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<td><em>Penguin and Pinecone</em> by Salina Yoon</td>
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<td><em>From Goat to Cheese</em> by Lisa Owings</td>
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<td><em>All of the Factors of Why I Love Tractors</em> by Davina Bell</td>
<td>Gear Wall, ages 6-11</td>
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<td><em>How to Win a Slime War</em> by Mae Pespicio</td>
<td>Make Slime, ages 8-11</td>
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<td><em>No Yeti Yet!</em> by Mary Ann Fraser</td>
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<td><em>Dill &amp; Bizzy: Opposite Day</em> by Nora Ericson</td>
<td>Smiley/Frowny Faces, ages 2-5</td>
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<td><em>Koala: A Field Guide to the Cuddly Marsupial from Australia</em> by Christopher B. Daniels</td>
<td>Origami Koala Bookmark, ages 6-11</td>
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<td>Monday, January 29, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. River Center Branch</td>
<td><em>Hop on Pop</em> by Dr. Seuss</td>
<td>Bubble Wrap Fun, ages 2-11</td>
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<td><em>Snow Happy</em> by Patricia Hubbell</td>
<td>Paper Hot Cocoa Mugs, ages 2-5</td>
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<td><em>Mulan’s Lunar New Year</em> by Natasha Yim</td>
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**Book Clubs @ Your Library**

**Baker Branch**
- Baker Morning Book Club
  *Beautiful Ruins*
  by Jess Walter

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
- Quirky Ladies Book Club
  6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 18
  *The Happiness Project*
  by Gretchen Rubin

**Eden Park Branch**
- Mystery Book Club
  5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23
  *The Murder House*
  by David Ellis & James Patterson

**Fairwood Branch**
- Books and Brew Book Club
  11 a.m. Monday, January 22
  *Dinner at Antoine’s*
  by Frances Parkinson Keyes

**Greenwell Springs Regional Branch**
- *Next Chapter Book Club*
  6 p.m. Thursday, January 18
  All book lovers welcome! Discuss your current reads.

**Jones Creek Regional**
- History Book Club
  2 p.m. Thursday, January 18
  *The Personal Librarian*
  by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray

**Main Library at Goodwood**
- Mystery Lovers Book Club
  Noon Tuesday, January 9
  *Mysteries around the World: Africa*
- Fantasy Book Club
  6:30 p.m. Thursday January 18
  *The Priory of the Orange Tree* (discussion)
  by Samantha Shannon

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
- Crafting for a Cause Book Club
  1 p.m. Thursday, January 18
  *The Tinderbox*
  by Beverly Lewis
- Like it or Not Book Club
  10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 27
  *Parable of the Sower*
  by Octavia Butler

**Scotlandville Branch**
- Scotlandville Book Club
  3 p.m. Saturday, February 17
  *Queen Charlotte*
  by Julia Quinn

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**BRIGHT by text**

**free activities, games, and resources for parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 5**

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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:

**Baker Branch**

*Introduction to Email*
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 10

*Introduction to Computers*
10 a.m. Monday, January 22

*Introduction to Word*
10 a.m. Monday, January 29

**Carver Branch**

*Introduction to Computers*
10 a.m. Tuesday, January 2

*Introduction to Microsoft Word*
10 a.m.

*Open Lab*
2 p.m. Thursday, January 25
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 30

**Delmont Gardens Branch**

*Introduction to Computers*
3 p.m. Thursday, January 4

*Typing Lesson*
10 a.m. Tuesday, January 9

*Introduction to Word*
3 p.m. Thursday, January 18

**Eden Park Branch**

*Ebooks*
10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 6

*Internet Basics*
4 p.m. Monday, January 8

*The Library Website*
10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 20

**Fairwood Branch**

*Introduction to Email*
5 p.m. Monday, January 8

*Introduction to Computers*
5 p.m. Tuesday, January 16

*Introduction to Typing*
5 p.m. Tuesday, January 23

*Bring Your Own Devices*
5 p.m. Tuesday, January 30

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

*Libby Workshop*
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 10

*One on One Tech Tutoring*
9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 24
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 24

**Main Library at Goodwood**

*Computers without Fear*
4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9

*Introduction to the Internet*
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9

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

*Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016*
10 a.m. Thursday, January 11

*Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class*
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 17

*Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint*
10 a.m. Thursday, January 18

*Introduction to Computer Programming*
10 a.m. Saturday, January 20

*Google Suite 101: Docs and Slides*
4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23

*Google Suite 102: Sheets and Forms*
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23

*Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016*
10 a.m. Wednesday, January 24

*Microsoft Publisher*
10 a.m. Thursday, January 25

**Scotlandville Branch**

*Creating a Resume*
4 p.m. Wednesday, January 24
Registration required. Please call 225-354-7550.

*Library Catalog & Databases Overview*
4 p.m. Tuesday, January 30
Registration required. Please call 225-354-7550.

**Zachary Branch**

*Introduction to Computers*
TBD

*Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016*
10 a.m. Monday, January 29

*Indicates Registration Required

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Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 9 p.m.

Baker Branch Library
3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Fairwood Branch Library
12910 Old Hammond Highway (225) 924-9384
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Pride–Chaneyville Branch Library
13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

River Center Branch Library
250 North Boulevard (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library
1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

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9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, January 27
Registration is Required
Registration opens on Tuesday, January 9 at 10 a.m.
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