

PICTURE BOOKS/NOT JUST FOR LITTLE KIDS

Incredible Cross-Sections, Stephen Biesty and Richard Platt
Leonardo da Vinci, Diane Stanley
So You Want to Be President? Judith St. George
A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet, Kathryn Lasky

POETRY

Carver: A Life in Poems, Marilyn Nelson
Ego-Tripping and Other Poems for Young People, Nikki Giovanni
Poetry for Swimming Upstream, Kristine O'Connell George
Rimshots, Charles R. Smith, Jr.
Technically It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems, John Grandits

WANDERLUST / DISCOVER WORLDS OUTSIDE LOUISIANA

Baseball in April & Other Stories, Gary Soto
Becoming Naomi Leon, Pam Munoz Ryan
Children of the River, Linda Crew
Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah

WHO SAYS FICTION ISN'T REAL? (BOOKS ABOUT REAL LIFE ISSUES)

11 Birthdays, Wendy Mass ☆
Bird, Angela Johnson
Boys are Dogs, Leslie Margolis
Brand-New Emily. Rue, Ginger ☆
Click Here: to find out How I Survived the Seventh Grade, Denise Vega
Crash, Jerry Spinelli
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, Jack Gantos
Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival, Slade, Anthony ☆
Kimchi and Calamari, Rose Kent
Schooled, Gordon Korman
Secrets of My Hollywood Life, Jen Calonita
Shark Girl, Kelly L. Bingham
The Skin I'm In, Sharon Flake
So Totally Emily Ebers, Lisa Yee +
Sunrise over Fallujah, Walter Dean Myers +
A Truth Worth Tellin', Toni Teepell ☆ +
Waiting for Normal, Leslie Connor
What I Saw and How I Lied, Judy Blundell +

+ = 8th grade selection

☆ = LA Young Readers Choice Book 2011

Dear Parents and Family Members,

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System and community must encourage all students to be avid readers. Our goal must be to ensure every student is a capable reader and to develop a love of reading. Let us encourage every child to read daily, read to and with them and promote reading activities throughout our community.

"Have you read to your child today?" is a question we must ask ourselves daily.

John Dilworth, Superintendent

East Baton Rouge Parish Public Libraries Main Library

7711 Goodwood (225) 231-3740

<http://www.ebr.lib.la.us/>

Baker Branch

3501 Groom Road
(225) 778-5940

Bluebonnet Branch

9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
(225) 763-2240

Carver Branch

720 Terrace Street
(225) 389-7440

Central Branch

11260 Joor Road
(225) 262-2640

Delmont Gardens Branch

3351 Lorraine St.
(225) 354-7050

Eden Park Branch

5131 Greenwell Springs Rd
(225) 231-3240

Greenwell Springs Road

11300 Greenwell Springs
(225) 274-4440

Jones Creek Branch

6222 Jones Creek Road
(225) 756-1140

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

13600 Pride-Port Hudson
(225) 658-1540

River Center Branch

120 St. Louis Street
(225) 389-4967

Scotlandville Branch

7373 Scenic Highway
(225) 354-7540

Zachary Branch

1900 Church Street
(225) 658-1860

"You Are Here"

All branches offer a Summer Reading Program for ages 12 to 18 with activities and weekly prizes for reading including drawings.

Read to Succeed

Summer 2011 Recommended Reading Grades 6-8

Library Services Department



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<http://www.ebrschools.org>

ADVENTURE / SURVIVAL

Alex Rider series, Anthony Horowitz
Chaos Code, Justin Richards
Peak, Roland Smith
The Young Man and the Sea, Rodman Philbrick

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, LIFE EXISTED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN (Historical Fiction)

Al Capone Does My Shirts, Gennifer Choldenko
Black Storm Comin', Diane Lee Wilson
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak +
Elijah of Buxton, Christopher Paul Curtis
Fire from the Rock, Sharon Draper
Thought My Soul Would Rise & Fly, Joyce Hansen
The Shakespeare Stealer, Gary Blackwood +
Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior, Chris Bradford
 ☆ +

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS

Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam, Cynthia Kadohata
Gabriel's Horses, Alison Hart
The Music of Dolphins, Karen Hesse
My Life in Dog Years, Gary Paulsen
Shiloh series, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

FOLKLORE / FAIRYTALES (ONCE UPON A TIME)

Beauty, Robin McKinley
Briar Rose, Jane Yolen
Heir Apparent, Vivian Vande Velde
Just Ella, Margaret P. Haddix
The Magic Circle, Donna Jo Napoli
Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow, Jessica Day George +

FOR DAYDREAMERS (FANTASY / SCIENCE FICTION / MYTHOLOGY)

The Adventures of Sir Givret the Short, Gerald Morris
City of the Dead (The Haunting of Derek Stone Series book 1), Tony Abbott ☆
Dormia, Jake and Peter Kulawinski Halpern ☆
Double Identity, Margaret Peterson Haddix
Dragon Slippers, Jessica Day George
Dusssie, Nancy Springer
Found, Margaret Peterson Haddix (*The Missing Series*) +
Gathering Blue, Lois Lowry
The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan
Long Shadows, Erin Hunter (the *Warriors* series)
The Magic Thief, Sarah Prineas
The Pig Scrolls, by Paul Shipton
The Redwall series, Brian Jacques
Skellig, David Almond
Storm Thief, Chris Wooding
Wings, No. 1, Jason Lethcoe ☆

FOR JOCKS OR WOULD-BE JOCKS (SPORTS)

Boy Who Saved Baseball, John Ritter
Double Dutch, Sharon Draper
Football Genius, Tim Green
The Stumptown Kid, Carol Gorman

FOR KIDS WHO LOVE MATH, SCIENCE & COMPUTERS

The Gadget, Paul Zindel
The Power of Un, Nancy Etchemendy
Jean Craighead George - any novel

FOR KIDS WHO LIKE READING AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE TAKING TESTS

Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis
Hatchet, Gary Paulsen
Monster or Scorpions, Walter Dean Myers +
The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton
Sixth Grade Gloomers, Norks and Me,
 Lisa Papademetriou

GET REAL (BIOGRAPHIES / NON-FICTION)

Attila the Hun, Sean Stewart Price (*A Wicked History series*)
Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy, Andrea Warren
Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop and Mammoth Cave, Elizabeth Mitchell
One More River to Cross: The Stories of Twelve Black Americans, James Haskins
The Tarantula Scientist, Sy Montgomery

GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING (GRAPHIC NOVELS)

Bone series, Jeff Smith
Malice, Wooding, Chris ☆ +
Polly and the Pirates, Ted Naifeh +
Rapunzel's Revenge, Shannon Hale
Tokyo Mew Mew series, Mia Ikumi
Usagi Yojimbo series, Stan Sakai

HEARTS & FLOWERS (ROMANCE)

All-American Girl, Meg Cabot +
Angel of Mercy, Lurlene McDaniel
Flipped, Wendelin Van Draanen
Romiette & Julio, Sharon Draper
Stargirl, Jerry Spinelli +

HAIR RAISERS / SPINE TINGLERS

The Boxes, William Sleator
Closed for the Season, Mary Downing Hahn ☆ +
I Am the Cheese, Robert Cormier +
Seer of Shadows, Avi
The Thief Lord, Cornelia Funke

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS (LOUISIANA / SOUTHERN)

The Cottonmouth Club, Lance Marcum
Fiddle Fever, Sharon Arms Doucet
Locked in Time, Lois Duncan
Ruined, Paula Morris
The Secret of Gumbo Grove, Eleanora Tate
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, Kimberly Willis Holt

HISTORY

Bodies from the Ash, James M. Deem

INSPIRATIONAL (SOUL FOOD) & HELP BOOKS

Life Strategies for Teens, Jay McGraw +
A Rose for Melinda, Lurlene McDaniel
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Sean Covey

IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME

A Candidate for Murder or Nightmare, Joan L. Nixon
Diamonds in the Shadow, Caroline Cooney
The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn, Dorothy & Thomas Hoobler
Invisible I (The Amanda Project Series Book 1), Stella Lennon ☆ +

Sammy Keyes series, Wendelin Van Draanen
 Willo Davis Roberts mysteries

LAGNIAPPE (LOUISIANA TALK FOR A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA)

Bloomability or Chasing Redbird, Sharon Creech
Dear Mr. Henshaw or Strider, Beverly Cleary
Miracle's Boys, Jacqueline Woodson
The Schwa Was Here, Neia Shusterman

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series
Dying to Meet You, Kate Klise ☆
Heads or Tails, Jack Gantos
Never Mind! A Twin Novel, Rachel Vail and Avi
No More Dead Dogs, Gordon Korman
Schooled, Gordon Korman
The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy, Richard Peck

NOT FOR SISSIES / BRAIN EXERCISE (CHALLENGING GREAT READS)

The Fellowship of the Ring, J. R. R. Tolkien
The Golden Compass, Philip Pullman +
Inkheart or Inkspell, Cornelia Funke
The Three Musketeers, Alexander Dumas +
The View from Saturday, E. L. Konigsburg