National Library Week
Library Appreciates Its Volunteers

National Library Week, April 2-8, is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, library workers, and library volunteers to their communities.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library does not operate by the working-hands of its staff alone. Along with library staff, many volunteers offer their time and talents to help make the Library an excellent system of community services and resources in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Ranging in age from teens in Library advisory groups to seniors in the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), volunteers, both business professionals and retirees, assist with annual programs such as Attic Treasures and Collectibles, the Author/Illustrator Program, Summer Reading Club parties, and library gift book sales. Volunteers help with the daily operations of the Library, such as shelving paperbacks, sorting gift books, and maintaining collections.

Louisiana State University, Southern University, and Baton Rouge Community College students have organized service learning projects for their students within the library. Projects have included bibliographic development, inventory and stack maintenance of print and audiovisual collections, helping with library programs, and packing up the entire Delmont Gardens Branch Library collection for the move to its new facility.

Volunteers at the Scotlandville Branch have assisted library staff with special Black Heritage projects, displays, and the organization and maintenance of the Vertical File collection of newspaper clippings and brochures about local and regional history and events.

In addition to retired teachers and math professionals from local institutions such as the Southern University Math Department, members of the Baton Rouge Chinese Association assist elementary, middle, and high school students with math tutoring at several locations.

Volunteers with the Greater Baton Rouge Pan-Hellenic Council assist hurricane evacuees at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Internet/Homework Help Library located at the Renaissance Village trailer park in Baker.

Members of the Junior League of Baton Rouge are currently helping to compile the Library’s Obituary Database. Volunteers search newspaper microfilm archives, locate and photograph area cemeteries, write driving instructions to those locations, and contact area churches to obtain death information from their records.

Seasoned genealogy buffs provide informal assistance on a regular basis to beginners who are researching their family histories in the Genealogy Room at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library.

Whether lending a hand at a major Library event or simply organizing the bookstacks, Library volunteers have contributed in their own special ways to help bring our parish’s diverse culture together and to make the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system a reflection of the community it serves.

Our hat’s off to you, our volunteers!
Philistoria Celebrates 100 Years!

Founded in 1906 by Mrs. T.M. Hunter and Mrs. R.L. Goyer, the Philistoria Study Club is a 25-member literary club which selects a topic of study for each year. The club coined its name from a Greek word that means “lovers of history.” Each member, with the exception of those on the yearbook committee, presents a paper on the selected topic.

The Philistoria is a serious study club that comes together not just to entertain each other, but to learn. Over the years East Baton Rouge Parish Library librarians have pulled books and kept them on reserve for Philistoria members to use.

Club meetings are very formal and have been frequently held at the Main Library. The club president conducts the meeting and addresses each member by their formal married name. At the annual club luncheon, invitations, decorations and the menu all carry out the theme of the year of study. Members often don costumes as part of the presentation.

Celebrating their 100th anniversary, the Philistoria study club hosted a tea on March 15 at the Baton Rouge Country Club. At that time the club presented a $200 donation to the Library for the purchase of Louisiana reference books. The selected books include The Newcomb Style, Charting Louisiana, Five Hundred Years of Maps, and Historic Louisiana, an Illustrated History.

Mona Lisa Saloy to Visit Libraries

Author, poet, and folklorist Mona Lisa Saloy will present two programs at libraries this month in conjunction with the 31st Annual DeBose Fine Arts Festival.

**Louisiana Folklore: Between Laughter & Tears**
Scotlandville Branch Library
Thursday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.

**Louisiana Folklore: Culture Juice Red Beans & Rice-ly Yours**
Main Library
Saturday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Saloy is an Associate Professor of English and Director of Creative Writing at Dillard University, currently on leave, and is a visiting Associate Professor of English/Creative Writing at the University of Washington in Seattle. She received the 2005 T.S. Elliot Prize in Poetry for her collection Red Beans and Rice-ly Yours and has won fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from the United Negro College Fund/Andrew Mellon Foundation for her continued research on black Beat poet Bob Kaufmann.

Explore the World of Words!

April is National Poetry Month, and a great time to explore the world of words with your kids! National Poetry Month brings together publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools, and poets around the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture.

You Can Get There from Here

**Affordable family trips close to home**

Cynthia Campbell, Travel Editor with The Advocate, will present a program about short, affordable trips for families on Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m., at the Baker Branch Library. Brochures on tourist attractions and other points of interest will be provided.

Campbell has been the Travel Editor for The Advocate for over 20 years and was a feature reporter for the San Antonio Express News.

For more information, call (225) 778-5940.
Three Generous Generations

Author Anne Butler will discuss the research and writing of her book *Three Generous Generations* at the Zachary Branch Library on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. The book tells the story of the Friedman, Freyan, and Odenheimer families—three Jewish families who settled in St. Francisville.

Arriving penniless from Germany in the 1850s to escape persecution and prejudice in the Old Country, the patriarch of the family prospered and rose to prominence by the time he moved to New Orleans around the turn of the century. When he died, his obituary called him one of the wealthiest men in the state. He fought in the Civil War with his new neighbors, survived the burning of Bayou Sara, built a booming business empire of drygoods stores, cotton gins, saloons and opera houses, weathered Reconstruction and hard times, and eventually left St. Francisville to run Lane Cotton Mills in New Orleans. His descendants continued his legacy as community benefactors across the country. One granddaughter, when she died in her mid 1990s in California, left a sizable donation toward the restoration of St. Francisville’s first public school, funded by her grandfather a century before.

Butler donated the copyright of this work to the West Feliciana Historical Society and all sales proceeds benefit the society’s preservation projects. Her other published works include *Angola, Dying To Tell, Weep for the Living,* and the *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook.* She regularly writes articles for *Country Roads* and other publications.

For more information, call (225) 658-1840.

Family History from the Roots UP

Learn the three keys that will help you have a more fruitful ancestral search at a beginning genealogy class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Class participants will get hands-on experience with library resources such as indexes and abstracts and will learn what census records can tell us about our family’s past. Genealogy Librarian Cassandra Fedrick will conduct a tour of the Genealogy Department and provide a *Getting Started* packet designed to help participants develop organized research skills.

To register for the class or for more information, call (225)763-2283.
Panel to Explore Retirement Issues

A panel of retirement specialists will discuss issues related to retirement on Thursday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library.

Panelists representing a wide range of retirement concerns will include the following participants:

• Amanda Minchew, investment representative, Edward Jones
• Melissa Miley, attorney specializing in estate planning, Miley Law Firm
• Susan Simoneaux, public affairs specialist, Social Security Administration
• Brian Dubreuil, estate planning specialist, Hartford Insurance Group
• Pat O’Shea, Long-Term Care Specialist, Genworth Financial
• Henry Boudreaux, Certified Public Accountant

Library staff will highlight print and online investment and retirement resources available in the Library’s collection. For more information, call (225) 274-4480.

Community Awareness Fair

The Baker Branch Library will host the second annual Community Awareness Fair on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. East Baton Rouge Parish community organizations will have booths displaying various services, including veterans’ benefits, child support payment and enforcement, adult literacy, anger management, programs for at-risk youth, GED programs, teen pregnancy services, services for disabled children and adults, and job recruiting.

Organizations participating in the event include the Baton Rouge Police Department – Elderly Crime Victim Assistance Program; Boys Hope Girls Hope of Baton Rouge; Advocacy Center; Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge Area Senior Employment; Family Roads of Greater Baton Rouge: Dedicated Dads; and Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge.

For more information, call (225) 778-5950 or (225) 778-5960.

Beginning Sewing Classes

Beginning sewing classes for adults will be held at the River Center Branch Library this month. To register and for more information, call (225) 389-4967.

iyor Class I
Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.
Learn how to lay out a pattern

iyor Class II
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.
Learn easy garment construction

Library Presents Learning for Life Classes for Seniors

The Library will present two classes this month for seniors at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Road. Library staff will instruct seniors in the use of MedlinePlus and the Household Products Database.

To register, call (225) 763-2556. For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

What Did My Doctor Just Tell Me?
Thursday, April 13, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Can I Wash My Fruit With Comet?
Thursday, April 20, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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via the Library’s online databases at
www.ebr.lib.la.us

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The mission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is to serve all residents of the parish as an educational, informational, recreational and cultural center through a wide variety of resources, services and programs.
NEW GARDENING BOOKS

The Nature Friendly Garden by Marlene Condon
Creating a backyard haven for plants, wildlife, and people

The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer by Stephanie Cohen and Nancy J. Ondra
Landscape gardening and design

The Intimate Garden: Twenty Years and Four Seasons in Our Garden by Gordon Hayward
How to make your garden welcoming and personal—a reflection of your lifestyle

Homescaping: Designing Your Landscape to Match Your Home by Anne Moyer Halpin
Landscape styles and architecture to coordinate home and garden

You Grow Girl: The Groundbreaking Guide to Gardening by Gayla Trail
A humorous how-to guide for crafty gals who love to garden, but lack the know-how

Digging for Clues
Mysteries Set in the Garden

The Blue Rose and The Lost Gardens by Anthony Eglin
Summer Garden Murder by Ann Ripley
Cipher Garden by Martin Edwards
The Deadly Garden Tour by Kathleen Gregory Klein
An Unthymely Death by Susan Wittig Albert

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Dead Man's Bones
by Susan Wittig Albert

China Bayles is an ex-lawyer, herbalist, and entrepreneur in the town of Pecan Springs, Texas. She loves to talk about her herbs and share her tearoom recipes. When her teenage stepson finds a skeleton at a local cave dig—remains from a not-so-distant, not-so-accidental death—China digs into murders past and present. Two elderly and reclusive sisters in Pecan Springs donate property for a community theater and China uncovers the strange connections between the sisters and the body in the cave.
Teen Movie Matinee

The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will present a showing of *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* for teens during spring break on Tuesday, April 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 763-2270.

Teen Open Mike Poetry Reading

*Get your act together!*

The Delmont Gardens Branch will present **Teen Open Mike Poetry Reading**, on Tuesday, April 18, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Local teens are invited to recite one or two poems that they have written or one by a favorite African-American poet. Readings will be judged based on various categories.

To register, and for more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Got Poetry?

**Teen Poetry Slam**

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch **Teen Poetry Slam** on Saturday, April 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Teen contestants may recite up to three original poems, each no more than four minutes long. Participants may bring props. Poems should be suitable for a general audience. Judges will be chosen from the audience. Recognition will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Fear Factor at the Library

*Is fear a factor for you?* Find out at the Library as teens divide into teams to compete in several **Fear Factor** challenges and activities at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Saturday, April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Points will be awarded to teams depending on how well they complete their challenges. A panel of judges will be chosen randomly from the audience. The winning team will receive prizes; all participants will get a certificate of participation.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1550.

Meet Fantasy Author Bret Funk

Meet the author of the **Boundary’s Fall** fantasy series, Bret Funk, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Saturday, April 1, at 1:00 p.m.

The author will discuss and answer questions about the books in the series, *Path of Glory*, *Sword of Honor*, and the soon to be released *Jewel of Truth*.

For more information, call (225) 658-1550.
Little Ballerinas

Wendy Bibby of the Tri-Parish Ballet Company will teach the basics of ballet for young people five to eight years old at the Main Library on Saturday, April 29, at 2:30 p.m.

Boys and girls are encouraged to wear their ballet clothes or something easy to move and bend in. The lesson will end with a short performance by the new dancers.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.

It’s Bunny Time!

Join us for “hoppy” bunny stories just in time for spring on Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m., at the Main Library. This special storytime is for children, ages 3 and up (under 9 must be accompanied by an adult), and will be followed by a visit from a furry, long-eared friend, brought to us by Noah’s Pets.

For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Get to Know Your Yo-Yo

Learn yo-yo skills and celebrate Yo-Yo Day (April 30) at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. An instructional video on the basics of yo-yoing will be shown by Children’s Services staff.

For more information, call (225) 274-4460.

Mad Hatter’s April Fool’s Party

Kids! Come to the Mad Hatter’s April Fool’s Party and enjoy games, crafts, music, and stories from Alice in Wonderland at the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. Admission to the party requires that you wear your clothes inside out and/or backwards.

This program is for children, ages 4 to 9; to register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Storytime at the Library

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans, and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading.

You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer four different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group. Call your local library for more information. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

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Family Storytime – for the entire family

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Confederate History Month
American Civil War era artifacts from the collections of members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Art for All Seasons
Works inspired by the LSU Hilltop Arboretum by advanced art students at Lee High School

Greenwell Springs Road Regional
Angels and Other Revelations
African-American angels and other memorabilia from the collection of Tana Boudreaux

Mixed Media
Acrylics, oils, and watercolors by Highland Road Artists

Zachary Branch
Jewish History in West Feliciana Parish
Memorabilia from the collections of the Friedman and Freyhan families

So Much More than Just a Map: Perspectives on Louisiana and the New World
Colorful reproductions of maps and other images from the collection of the Louisiana State Museum

Decorated Eggs of the World
Hand decorated eggs from the collection of the VanBiersel family

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Lydia M. Acosta, Library Director

Main Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branch Libraries

Baker Branch Library
3501 Groom Road, Baker (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library
4142 Gus Young Avenue (225) 389-3829
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

River Center Branch Library
(formerly the Centroplex)
120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library
1900 Church Street, Zachary (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Library Information Service
(225) 231-3750
www.ebr.lib.la.us