For thousands of students, August means just one thing—Back to School!

Class is always in session at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library for students of all ages—from preschoolers to college students and beyond! That’s because the learning never stops for library patrons who enrich their lives by being active library users.

The Library has something for everyone! There are classes, workshops, lectures, exhibits, and programs available free of charge for all age levels and interests to stimulate and challenge the mind. The Library also has computers at every library location with access to online databases, the Internet, and Microsoft Office applications useful for doing research or writing a term paper. (See inside for a partial list of new online databases). Both the Children’s and Teen web pages direct students to useful websites. Pathfinders and subject bibliographies are also available in print and online. There’s even free math tutoring for students who need to improve their math skills.

Children’s Services offers reading and learning materials for every age child. Many children are familiar with computers, but for those who are not, library staff is happy to show them how to use the Library’s electronic resources. In addition, staff keeps abreast of important school assignments and the newest works of popular children’s authors.

Students in middle or high school can locate information to complete homework assignments, choose research paper subjects, prepare for ACT/SAT/PSAT tests, and find out about college admission and student financial aid applications. Annual ACT preparation programs presented by the Princeton Review are offered throughout the library system.

Teachers may take advantage of special resources, schedule library tours, and arrange class visits by our children’s and teen services librarians. Staff is also happy to arrange visits to local PTOs or educators’ groups to alert them to new library services and resources. As for college students and beyond, the Library is one of the best “continuing education” facilities around.

Visit any of our 13 convenient locations and see what the library has to offer you!

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COX Communications has donated 350 copies of the book *Life on the Color Line* by Gregory Howard Williams, as part of the One Book One Community summer session. Copies are available to check out at all library locations. This summer program is sponsored by LSU, Southern University, COX Communications, Forum 35, and the YWCA. Patrons must have an East Baton Rouge Parish Library card to check out or place a reserve on the book.

The Library is further expanding the One Book One Community concept. Plans and committees are being formed for a winter/spring One Book One Community program sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. This program will extend over nine parishes—Ascension, East Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, Point Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana, and will include public programs and lively discussions for a wide range of readers and interests, from middle school age through retirees. The title of the selected book will be announced later in the fall. Discussion leaders will be trained in November, with programs and discussions scheduled for January through March 2007. Committees will include Public Relations, Target Audiences, Program Planning, Discussion Groups, and Fundraising and Sponsorship.

To join a committee for the winter/spring One Book One Community program and for more information, call (225) 231-3700 or email Mary Stein at mstein@ebr.lib.la.us.

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**RSS Feed Now Available**

The Library now has an RSS feed available to help keep you updated on all of the Library’s breaking news. RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication) allow frequent visitors to the Library’s web site to track updates on the site using an aggregator or newsreader.

A wide variety of newsreaders are available on the RSS feed page. Go to www.ebr.lib.la.us/rss/rsshome.htm or click on the RSS feeds link on the home page. By simply downloading this new feature to your desktop, you can find out about new services immediately! What could be easier?

For more information call (225) 231-3750, or visit the Library’s homepage at www.ebr.lib.la.us

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**Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form**

The Library has been selected as a program site for the viewing and discussion series *Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form*. The series will explore the cultural and social history of jazz as it developed into an art form in the United States.

A monthly video and discussion series and related community programs will explore six themes in jazz history—*New Orleans: The Birthplace of Jazz; The Jazz Age and the 1920’s; The Jazz Swing Era; The Women of Jazz; Jazz Innovators; and Latin Jazz*. Special programs will include jazz photography exhibits, authors, feature film showings, jazz dance, poetry, and art improvisation. Live jazz performances will be presented throughout the parish. The Library will record musicians’ oral histories.

*Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form* will kick off in 2007. Check in *The Source* and the Library’s online calendar of events at http://www.ebr.lib.la.us/programs/calendar.htm for more information as we jazz it up at the Library next year.
Updating Your Genealogy Tool Box
Annual Genealogy Conference

The Library will hold its annual Genealogy Conference at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, August 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Guest speakers Tammy Pruett-Northrup and Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., will discuss new research tools and technological advances in DNA research and optical laser technology useful in uncovering genealogical information.

Pruett-Northrop, manager for the DNA Unit of Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory, will talk about the Louisiana DNA database and the role DNA research played in the Hurricane Katrina Relief project. A native of Baton Rouge, Pruett-Northrop is a graduate of LSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a 1991 graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU. She authored the original version of the Louisiana CODIS law, the first piece of legislation in the country to authorize DNA sampling of arrestees, as well as the expansion of that law authorizing the collection of all convicted offenders and arrestees for felony offenses.

Fitzpatrick, author of Forensic Genealogy, widely recognized for its innovative application of forensic science investigative techniques to genealogical research, and co-author of DNA & Genealogy, will discuss forensic genealogy and photographic analysis. She is a recognized expert in optical and laser measurement techniques and has extensive experience in the development of innovative technologies for NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense. Forensic Genealogy has been featured on NPR's Talk of the Nation with Neil Conan (July 2005), and was the cover article for Internet Genealogy (Online Bonus Edition June 2006), Family Tree Magazine (April 2006), and Family Chronicle (October 2005).

The Louisiana Calligraphy Guild will be at the Library from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to assist with four-generation family charts. From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Dr. Fitzpatrick will give a brief discussion on how to set up a surname DNA project. Participants are asked to bring family pictures.

To register for the Conference and for more information, call (225) 763-2283.

Genetics and African-American Genealogy

Who are we? Where did we come from? Can DNA answer these questions?

Most African-Americans can trace their roots back to slavery before hitting a dead end. However, recent scientific breakthroughs in DNA have led to a whole new field of study in genealogy. New doors are opening in the area of African ancestral research. Geneticists and genealogists are working together to find clues that bring light to unanswered questions.

Russell L. Jacquet-Acea, author of the book The Sons & Daughters of Jean Baptiste Jacquet: The History of the Black Jacquet Families in Louisiana, will discuss these new discoveries, as well as his own research, at the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society meeting on Saturday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2283.
New Appointments to the Library Board of Control

The Metropolitan Council appointed new member Stephen Moret to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control on Wednesday, June 14.

Moret, president and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, will take the position vacated by long-term board member John Carnahan. President of the Library Board of Control from 1994 to 2006 and a member for more than 22 years, Carnahan stepped down from his position in June.

Expressing pride in what he helped accomplish for the Library, Carnahan said “We have come a long way since the beginning and I am enthusiastic about Stephen Moret coming on board. I feel real good about this operation.”

During his tenure, Carnahan was involved in three tax referendums in which funds collected built new facilities throughout the parish; increased hours of service; greatly expanded collections; installed an automated catalog and computer system; and provided computers for library staff and the public with access to the Internet and online databases.

Stephen Moret brings expertise in the areas of business, health, environment, education, marketing, and public affairs to the Library Board of Control. His breadth of knowledge and experience makes him the ideal choice to help carry on the Library’s mission.

“One of my greatest dreams,” says Moret, “is for the Baton Rouge area to become a learning community.”

“Few things are more important to making this dream a reality than supporting the growth and development of our public libraries. For that reason, I am delighted and honored to join the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control. I also am humbled to be replacing John Carnahan who has so faithfully served the citizens of Baton Rouge on this board for over 20 years. Mr. Carnahan helped see the library through some of its greatest challenges and development milestones. All of us owe him thanks for his many years of dedicated, selfless service to our community.”

The Library Board of Control consists of five members who have the authority in the operation of the Library to hire the library director; establish written policy; secure adequate funding; approve the budget; provide and maintain facilities, resources, and services; help promote and advocate for the library; help develop and approve the library’s plan of service; and participate in opportunities for continuing education.

On Thursday, June 15, the Library Board of Control voted to elect Georgia Brown as the new president. Previously the Vice-President, Brown has been a Board member since 1983. She is a retired educator and library administrator. Daniel Reed was elected Vice-President. A local attorney, Reed has been a board member for 11 years. The fifth board member is retired educator Katherine Auer.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control meets on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room on the second floor of the Main Library. The public is invited to attend.

Computer Classes Offered at Carver Branch

Microsoft 101 – Computer Basics Class
Tuesdays, August 15 & Thursday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. to noon. An easy class for beginners. Participants will learn how to create a simple flyer.

Email 101
Tuesday, August 22 & Thursday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Learn how to set up an email account.
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Dinosaurs Reading and Discussion

Amateur paleontologist Gary Boardman will conduct a reading and discussion workshop for teens about dinosaurs at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Saturday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m. Participants will read Dinosaur Summer, an adventure in which Peter and his father journey to El Grande, the Lost World, to release dinosaurs back into the wild. Participants will examine dinosaurs in fiction and non-fiction. Activities will include discovering dinosaur trackways and what can be learned from them. Boardman graduated from Louisiana State University in May 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. Since, 2002, he has been digging and identifying fossils in Louisiana.

To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1170.

Networking for Job Searchers

Once a month, people who are job seekers—now or in the future—are invited to meet informally to network and exchange experiences and practical tips on job searching, and to learn about resources available at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Career Center. Ursula Carmena, Director of the Career Center, will facilitate the discussion.

The first meeting will be held at the Career Center, located on the 4th floor of the River Center Branch Library, on Wednesday, August 9, at noon. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

To register and for more information, call (225) 381-8434.

Get Reel @ Your Library Teen Film Festival

The Library is pleased to announce a filmmaking contest—Get Reel @ Your Library—for teens, ages 12 to 18. Participants will have the opportunity to direct, film, and edit movies, up to 10 minutes in length, and attend the premiere of the Teen Film Festival at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Sunday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information and a complete list of guidelines, visit the Teen/Young Adult Division or the Teen Page at www.ebr.lib.la.us or call (225) 231-3770.

Hurricane Hotline Webpage

With hurricane season now underway, a Hurricane Hotline webpage will soon be added to the Library’s website www.ebr.lib.la.us.

The page will provide tools to help track active hurricanes, prepare for a storm, or learn about hurricane history.

Designed to help maintain public awareness of hurricane-related information and resources, the site will be continuously updated with relevant information.

From advisories and tracking maps, to trivia, games and recipes to try even when the electricity goes out, this new webpage provides a vast amount of information. Hot links to Current Outlook, Forecast 2006, Preparation, Disaster Help & Recovery, Science, History, Just for Fun, Recommend a Website, and Hurricane Discussion Room are included, as well as links to books and resources in the Library’s print and online collection.

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

Breaking the Curse Off Black America

Apostle Willie F. Wooten, author of the book Breaking the Curse Off Black America and founder of Gideon Christian Fellowship in New Orleans, will speak at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, August 26, at 2:30 p.m. A book signing will follow the program.

A graduate of Southern University, Wooten was employed with Fortune 500 companies in various fields before becoming a pastor.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Photography Exhibition

Works by amateur and professional photographers in the Greater Baton Rouge area will be on display at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch during August. The community is invited to a reception at the Library honoring the photographers on Sunday, August 6, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4450.
Kid’s Stuff

How to Eat Fried Worms!

Coming to a theater near you…How to Eat Fried Worms! The movie is based on the Thomas Rockwell book of the same name—a perennial seller since its publication in 1973 that has sold nearly three million copies worldwide.

How to Eat Fried Worms is the story of Billy, an 11-year-old who inadvertently challenges the town bully on his first day at a new school. To save face and earn the respect of his new classmates, Billy agrees to a bet that will determine his fate at school—whether or not he can eat ten worms in one day.

As the pressure mounts, Billy must summon heroic strength to keep his five-year-old brother from blabbing, his weak stomach from betraying him, and his big mouth from getting him into more trouble than he’s already in.

Rockwell is the author of numerous books for young readers and has received The Mark Twain Award, the California Young Reader Medal, and the Sequoyah Award for How to Eat Fried Worms.

Children’s Services staff is armed and ready with the words to the infamous song. Check out a copy of How to Eat Fried Worms at your local library and visit movie website http://www.friedwormsmovie.com/.

Snakes, Lizards, And Ferrets—OH MY!

Join the Delmont Gardens Branch when Jeff Darlak displays his wildlife animals and crazy critters on Friday, August 11, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Teens and children will learn about exotic animals such as Burmese pythons, ferrets, bearded dragons, sugar gliders, and more!

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

American Red Cross Safety Classes for Children

American Red Cross volunteers will present safety talks on hurricanes and fire prevention for children at libraries, from August to October. Literature on the topics will be provided at the programs

Hurricane Preparedness

For children, ages 6 and up, with an understanding of hurricanes

Saturday, August 5
Main Library and Scotlandville Branch
10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch, 2:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention

For children, ages 4 and up

Saturday, September 23
Main Library, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 30
Pride-Chaneyville Branch
10:00 a.m.
Central Branch Library
3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
Jones Creek Regional Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 14
Scotlandville Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 21
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 28
Eden Park Branch Library 10:30 a.m.

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

Anime Afternoons at the Library

View popular anime titles at the Greenwell Springs Regional Branch Library on Saturdays, August 5, September 2, 30, and October 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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

Exciting New Databases – Just in Time for School!

Patrons now have great new online selections available through the Library’s website. Though one familiar database, the Gale Group, is no longer available, other resources such as EBSCO and Learning Express will now provide the same service. Students and educators will be pleased with the extensive variety now available to elementary and middle school students.

Databases of special interest to students include:

- Access Science
- Careers Internet Database
- Greenwood Press E-Books of Literary Criticism
- Learning Express – Tests & Tutorials
- Lit Finder – Poetry, Stories, Plays, & Speeches
- World and I
- EBSCOhost Web – Masterfile Premier (magazines), Middle Search Plus
- Searchasaurus
- Student Research Center
- Kids Search
- Literary Reference Center
- Facts.com – News Archive, Issues & Controversies, Today’s Science
- World Book Encyclopedia

For a complete listing of databases, visit our website at www.ebr.lib.la.us.
Kindergarten Sing-Along

Children, ages 4 to 5, will clap, count, and sing as they learn daily activities in the life of a kindergartner at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, August 7, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Novice Chess Tournament

A chess tournament open to players of all ages will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, August 26, at 12:00 noon.

Players will be grouped by ages 11 and under, 12 through adult, and a special USCF section for players unrated or rated 1199 and under. Registration starts at noon; play begins at 12:45 p.m. and ends about 4:00 p.m. Participants should bring a chess set if they have one.

Former chess champions John Musser and Jerry Markley, both highly rated members of the Baton Rouge Chess Club, will conduct the program.

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

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.

For more information, call Storytime with your child. We offer six 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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Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

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Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Woodcarvings
Woodcarving, whittling, and relief in the round works by members of the Pelican Woodcarvers Guild

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Photography
Works by amateur and professional members of the Louisiana Photographic Society

Scotlandville Branch
Scenes of America
Oil, acrylic, and watercolor works by artist Patsy K. Knight

Library-Book-Sale
Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
RECYCLED READS, 13505 Hooper Road