

## Season's Readings at the Library!

Books

- ✓ Go to the Library
- ✓ Visit the Library's website [www.ebr.lib.la.us](http://www.ebr.lib.la.us)
- ✓ Pick up The Big Read: One Book/One Community information
- ✓ Get a copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- ✓ Mark calendar for Mrs. Claus' visit

Decorations

*During this holiday season, put the East Baton Rouge Parish Library on your holiday checklist!*

There are many books, magazines, music CDs, DVDs, and other materials to help prepare you for all occasions. Whether you are interested in recipes, decorating, gifts, or other ideas to make your holiday celebration one of the best, the Library has everything to suit your interest!

At the Library, you may check out books to have on hand for out of town guests, or preview possible book purchases for gift-giving.

If you are traveling out of town to visit family or friends, audio books, music CDs, and other resources are available at the Library to help make your trip enjoyable.

Give a gift that means more even after the holidays are over! Books make meaningful gifts that entertain and stay with children for a lifetime.

Be sure to take a moment and read with you child during this season. A selected list is available at the Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) website, [www.ala.org/recommendedreading](http://www.ala.org/recommendedreading).

On behalf of the staff of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library—*have a wonderful holiday season filled with happiness, good health, and peace!*

Cookbooks

Movies

Magazines

Holiday CD's

Homemade Gifts

# 2006 LOOKING BACK AT 2006

## 2006 was a great year for the Library! Check It Out...



### Computer Training Classes

Learn basic computer training at the Scotlandville Branch Library in December.

#### Yahoo! Email

Tuesday, December 5, 19,  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Create your own email address and learn free tools of this service.

#### Computer Basics (Part 1)

Wednesday, December 13,  
10:00 a.m. to noon

Basic, hands-on introduction to computers.

#### Computer Basics (Part 2)

Friday, December 15,  
10:00 a.m. to noon

Basic, hands-on introduction to computers, continued from Part 1.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7550.

- Georgia Brown named the new Library Board of the Control president, on June 15, 2006, making her the first African-American Library Board president.
- Recycled Reads book sale store opened in Central with book sales scheduled for the last Saturday of every month.
- Public Information Kiosk, or PIKinc., a division of 3M Library Systems, donated an information kiosk to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, which was placed at the CATS Bus Station.
- Over 300 collectors visited the Attic Treasures event.



Georgia Brown



Public Information Kiosk

- Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults was a success!
- Cynthia DeFelice visited the Library as the featured 2006 Author/Illustrator.
- Hurricane Hotline webpage placed on the Library's website, [www.ebr.lib.la.us](http://www.ebr.lib.la.us).
- Rave reviews for first annual Teen Film Festival "Get Reel @ Your Library."
- Many programs and events featuring successful authors, music, dance, and more!

The Library  
will be closed in  
observance of

Christmas Eve  
December 24

Christmas Day  
December 25

New Year's Eve  
December 31

New Year's Day  
January 1

Children participate in "The Bunny Hop" dance after the Library Rambler's presented a special report show at the Main Library during the Summer Reading Program, Paws to Read



# Library Receives The Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

## *The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program*

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded the East Baton Rouge Parish Library a \$20,000 grant for *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* program. The Library is one of 72 organizations selected through a competitive grants process to receive funding which supports Big Read programs between January and June 2007. This grant will ensure that sufficient books and other materials are readily available throughout the nine parish area served by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

The Big Read is the newest national program sponsored by the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Arts Midwest, that encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Modeled on successful "city reads" programs, The Big Read is meant to address the national decline in literary reading as documented in the NEA's 2004 landmark survey *Reading at Risk A Survey of Literary Reading in America*. The survey showed that less than half the American adult population now reads literature.

"With the Big Read we want to get everyone in a community—from high school kids and office workers to public officials and senior citizens—reading a great book together," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia.

*The Big Read: One Book/One Community* program is sponsored by The Big Read, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, who have partnered with libraries, school systems, religious and community organizations, and key leaders of industry and commerce throughout the nine-parish area to implement this comprehensive program. The selected novel, *To Kill A*

*Mockingbird*, was chosen for its wide appeal and social relevance.

Reading Discussion Groups will meet at libraries, bookstores, coffee shops and cafes, businesses, churches, schools, clubs, and homes over a concentrated period of time. Reading and Discussion guides will be provided and Discussion Leaders are being trained to guide conversation on key themes of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

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 interest, from middle school age students through retirees. Adult Services Librarian Jane Beyer has been fielding requests for more information about *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*. "The buzz surrounding *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* has been overwhelming. The Library is receiving calls on a daily basis...people want to know how to get involved and their enthusiasm is contagious!"

Copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be placed in libraries, classrooms, churches, clubs, community centers, and businesses throughout the region. *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* will kick-off after Martin Luther King Day in January 2007 with programs and discussions scheduled through May 2007.

*The Big Read: One Book/One Community* website, [www.readonebook.org](http://www.readonebook.org), includes a master schedule of events as well as a complete list of collaborative partners, and tool kits for teachers and discussion leaders. Resource guides and a generous supply of multiple book sets for participants will be made available to classrooms,



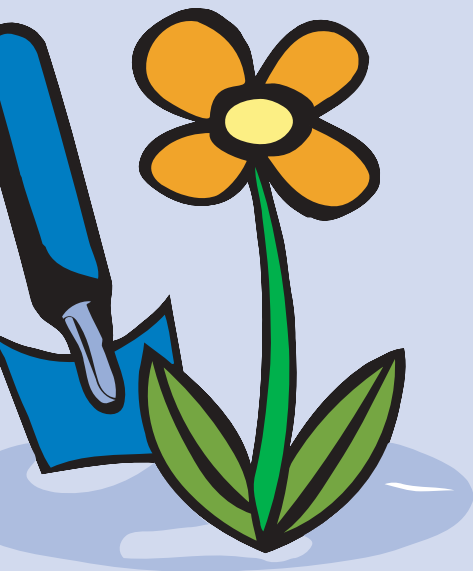
organizations, clubs, etc. for class or group use.

*The Big Read: One Book/One Community* is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber with support from ExxonMobil and the Commercial Properties Development Corporation (CPDC) Corporate Advised Fund® of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.

For more information on participating in the program, and for businesses and organizations who wish to partner with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, contact Mary Stein at (225) 231-3700 or [mstein@ebr.lib.la.us](mailto:mstein@ebr.lib.la.us).



\* *The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.*



## Gardening *a La Louisiana*

The Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library will present Gardening a la Louisiana on Thursday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Betty Miley, author, master gardener, and owner of Maypop Hill Nursery in Norwood, Louisiana, will educate gardeners about the use of the wonderful native plants of Louisiana.

She will also encourage Louisianans to discover ways to lighten the environmental footprint that traditional landscaping leaves on our land, water, and air.

Miley will also introduce her book *My Yard, a Louisiana Gardener's Notebook*, a how-to-manual for homeowners who want to improve their yards and gardens responsibly and includes extensive lists of native Louisiana plants.

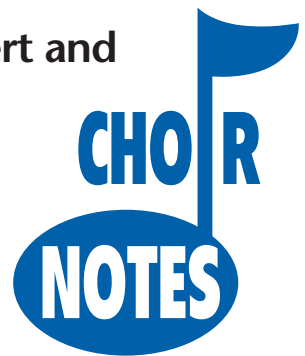
For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

## Southern Harmony Holiday Concert and Celebration

To celebrate the first anniversary of the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library, the Northeast High School Show Choir, Southern Harmony, will perform a holiday concert for families on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. This award winning show choir performed at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library Grand Opening last year.

Library staff will be on hand to register new library patrons for library cards, show new library users all the great features of the library, and reacquaint former patrons with library services.

For more information, call (225) 658-1580.



## Making Holiday Centerpieces On a Shoe String Budget

Join New Orleans native Lavenia Chopin at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Saturday, December 2 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chopin will show budding enthusiasts how to

make elegant holiday centerpieces for next to nothing!

To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1140.

**The Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library** was selected for inclusion in the *Library Journal's* architectural issue, which will be published in 2007. Congratulations to Robert Coleman & Partners Architects, AIA and Leslie Herpin and Mary Howell of Leslie Herpin Interior Design Incorporated!



## Introduction to Grants for nonprofit organizations workshop

Two workshops focusing on resources in the Foundation Center Cooperating Grants Collection will be held at the River Center Branch Library on Saturday, December 2 and Monday, December 4 at from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., where library staff will discuss print resources, online resources, and the basics of using the Foundation Center's CD-ROM.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-4967.

**Tunes at Noon**  
**FREE Concert with the Baton Rouge Symphony**  
**Carver Branch Library**  
**Tuesday, December 12, at noon**





# COUNTRY COOKING

## with Anne Butler

Louisiana author Anne Butler will discuss the research and writing of her new cookbook, *Bayou Plantation Country Cookbook*, at the Zachary Branch Library on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. Her newest cookbook, *Bayou Plantation Country Cookbook*, continues where *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook* left off. *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook*, which was named Best New Cookbook of the Year by *Louisiana Life* magazine, includes history, humor, people, places, vintage photographs, and delicious recipes to complete a setting in the life of Audubon plantation country.



Butler operates a bed and breakfast on the Butler Greenwood Plantation, which dates back to the 1790s. She has worked as a journalist, writer, and editor, and has written many articles for publications such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Country Woman*, *New Orleans Magazine*, and *Country Roads*. Butler has also authored a number of fiction and nonfiction books based on her interests and lifestyle.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1840.



## Career Center Road Show

Ursula Carmena, director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Career Center, will visit several library branches with information on resume writing, interview skills, and other career-related topics from November to December.

The schedule is as follows.

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library**  
Monday, December 4 from  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch Library**  
Thursday, December 14 from  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 381 -8434.

∞  
*Grand Opening Dedication*  
*Eden Park Branch Library*  
*5131 Greenwell Springs Road*  
*January 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*  
∞

## BOOK CLUBS @ your Library™

### Book of the Month

#### Baker Branch

Second Monday of each month at  
10:30 a.m.

*Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

First Tuesday of the month at  
6:30 p.m.

*Cajun Night After Christmas*  
by Jenny Jackson Moss

*Bonfire Christmas: A Cajun Holiday  
Tradition* by Pamela Folse

#### Bluebonnet Regional

Third Wednesday of each month at  
7:30 p.m.

*Life on the Color Line*  
by Gregory Howard Williams

#### Jones Creek Regional

Third Tuesday of each month at  
7:00 p.m.

*Good Hearts* by Reynolds Price

#### Main Library – Mystery Lovers

Second Tuesday at noon or fourth  
Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Any holiday mystery book

#### Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Monday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m.

*Visions of Sugar Plums*  
by Janet Evanovich

#### Scotlandville Branch – for adults and their children

First and third Thursday evenings of  
each month at 6:30 p.m.

Share your favorite holiday themed  
book

#### Zachary Branch

Second Tuesday of each month at  
11:00 a.m.

*Deck the Halls* by Mary Higgins Clark

The Library cannot  
accept gift book  
donations during the  
month of December.

Gift book donations will  
resume in January 2007.

# Just for TEENS

## Chess Time at the Library

Children and teens, ages 9 to 17, will learn how to play chess at the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. Players will be matched by age and/or skill level, and library staff will be on hand to provide assistance and basic instruction.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

## Meet the Toothpick Man at the Library

Teens will meet the toothpick man, Mike Smith, at the Carver Branch Library on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and make their own toothpick art under the direction of the artist. Smith's artwork will also be on display.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7450.

## Trim the Tree Party!

Getting ready for the holiday season? Teens will make ornaments from old CDs to decorate a holiday tree for the teen area in the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Saturday, December 9, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

## Holiday Computer Expressions

Teens will learn the basics of Microsoft Publisher by creating and customizing a greeting card for the holiday season at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m.

To register, call (225) 354-7560.

## Carver Crochet Club

Join Tawanna Richard-Ott and learn how to crochet at the Carver Branch Library on Thursday, December 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This club is for beginners who will make small projects such as Granny squares, pouches, hot pads, ornaments, hats, scarves, and more.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

## KID'S STUFF

# Mrs. Santa Claus Visits the East Baton Rouge Parish Library

During the month of December while Santa Claus is busy making toys and treats for boys and girls all over the world, Mrs. Santa Claus will be making special visits to children, ages 3 and up, at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. She will pick up letters and listen to requests for Santa. Children will also be given treats and will participate in storytelling, activities, and carols. The Holiday Clown will make a special guest appearance with Mrs. Santa Claus.

The schedule for Mrs. Santa Claus and the Holiday Clown's visits is listed below.

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Delmont Gardens Branch Library,  
10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Baker Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Jones Creek Regional Branch  
Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Greenwell Springs Road Regional  
Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Bluebonnet Regional Branch  
Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Carver Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 19**  
Scotlandville Branch Library,  
10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 20**  
Central Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 20**  
Zachary Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.

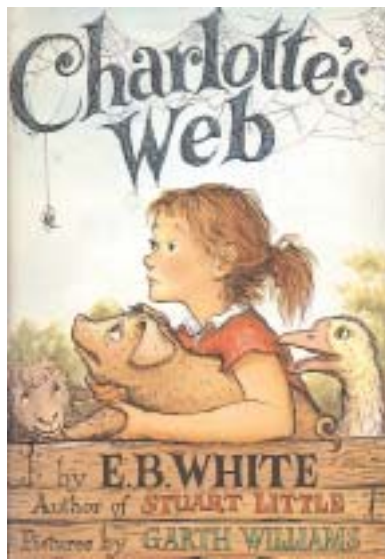
**Wednesday, December 20**  
Main Library, 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, December 21**  
Pride/Chaneyville Branch Library,  
10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, December 21**  
River Center Branch Library,  
10:00 a.m.

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





## Charlotte's Web

Coming to a theater near you in December...*Charlotte's Web!* – a movie based on the children's book by E.B. White. First published in 1952, the book tells the story of a spider named Charlotte and her friendship with a pig named Wilbur.

Weaving words such as "Terrific" and "Some Pig," Charlotte manages to help convince the Zuckerman family that Wilbur is so unique that his life should be spared. The story is filled with humor and examples of what it really means to be a friend. It is still listed in *Publishers Weekly* as the best-selling children's paperback book of all time.

Check out a copy of *Charlotte's Web* at your local library and visit the movie's website at [www.charlotteswebmovie.com/](http://www.charlotteswebmovie.com/)

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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.



# Storytime

at the Library



**S**torytime 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 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.

### Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Central	Tuesdays, December 5, 12	10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs	Tuesdays, December 5, 12	10:30 a.m.

### Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Carver	Wednesdays, December 6, 13	10:00 a.m.
Central	Wednesdays, December 6, 13	10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs	Tuesdays, December 5, 12	10:30 a.m.
River Center	Thursdays, December 7, 14	10:00 a.m.

## Holiday Sing-A-Long



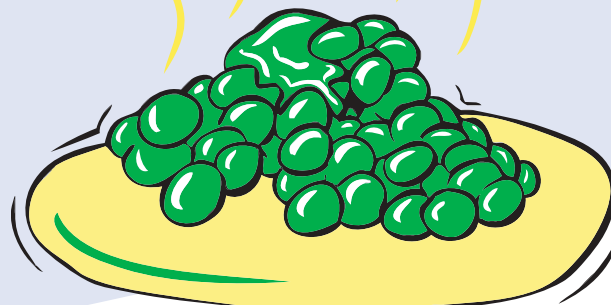
Children and families may join the library in a holiday sing-a-long as David Loti returns with holiday songs on his guitar at the Main Library on Saturday, December 16, at 2:30 p.m.

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

## Pass the Peas, Please!

Children, ages 7 to 11, will learn proper table manners and etiquette when dining with other people at the Carver Branch Library, on Monday, December 4, 4:30 p.m. They will use the proper terminology such as *please*, *thank you*, and *excuse me*. Sidyetta Brown will present the program.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7450.





# On View at the Library



## Bluebonnet Regional Branch

### *Figurines Collection*

See the many faces of Santa Claus from around the world offered by Phyllis Crawford.

## Zachary Branch Library

### *Paintings*

View paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor by local artist Patsy Knight.

## Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

### *Storybook Quilts*

See quilts based on story books and various accoutrements of quilt making from the River City Quilt Guild.

### *Christmas Trees*

View the beautiful display of a nature themed Christmas tree presented by the Central Bloomers.

## LIBRARY • BOOK • SALE

Due to the holidays, **Recycled Reads** will be closed in December. The book sale store will continue with its regular schedule on the last Saturday of January 2007.

## 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. – 8:00 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. – 8:00 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.

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