Author Reflects on New Orleans

New Orleans, Mon Amour by Andrei Codrescu

Andrei Codrescu, a Romanian-born American poet, novelist, and National Public Radio commentator, has been recognized worldwide for his expressive and innovative works of literature. He is the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English and comparative literature at Louisiana State University, where he edits the on-line literary magazine Exquisite Corpse: A Journal of Letters and Life. Codrescu also wrote and starred in the Peabody Award-winning documentary film, Road Scholar.

For 20 years, Codrescu has been a resident of New Orleans. Expressing adoration for his adopted city, he has put together a collection of essays written from 1985 to 2005 specifically dedicated to the Crescent City, including six post-Hurricane Katrina pieces.

In New Orleans, Mon Amour, published in January 2006, Codrescu's collected essays on New Orleans allow readers to experience the spirit of a city that nearly vanished through a devastating natural disaster. Codrescu captures the passion of New Orleans in a personal, yet interconnected way, allowing his audience to feel the energy and emotion of the city.

"I think what people in other cities find hard to understand is just how much New Orleanians love their city," writes Codrescu in his essay City of Dreams.

"New Orleans is different, I think, if only because the locals have had a long time to elaborate a style of living and a modus vivendi that couldn't be mistaken for anything else. Everybody in New Orleans loves the food, the music, and our sense of time (slow time) that's peculiar to us and to us only. There is a velvety sensuality here at the mouth of the Mississippi that you won't find anywhere else."

From voodoo queens and ancient cemeteries to Cajun cuisine and the famed French Quarter, New Orleans is a colorful city of many historical treasures. Celebrating the joie de vivre of the Louisiana metropolis, Codrescu has carefully merged his thoughts and feelings to create essays explaining significant reasons why New Orleans is such a work of art. New Orleans, Mon Amour will leave readers in awe as they too experience the city's uniqueness and magical essence.

Codrescu will discuss his book at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m. Copies of New Orleans, Mon Amour will be available for purchase and autographing, while supplies last.

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

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2005 was a year of change and exciting developments at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

Some notable happenings...

- Three beautiful new community libraries opened—the Delmont Gardens, Carver, and Pride-Chaneyville Branch libraries, and a ground-breaking was held for the new Eden Park Branch
- Library staff helped meet the challenges of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with a massive effort which addressed the emergency reference and information needs of evacuees. The Library provided computer access for our...
visitors at every library and opened the “Internet/Homework Help Library” on the grounds of the Renaissance Village Trailer Park.

- 62% of East Baton Rouge Parish residents voted to renew the Library’s 10-year dedicated tax millage
- New Library website was launched
- PC Reservation was installed
- New Career Center served hundreds of clients individually and through public presentations and referrals
- Downloadable audio books offered online to patrons
- Grants and awards were received from the National Library of Medicine, the American Library Association, and other organizations
- Library was designated a “Showcase Library” by the Library of Congress Center for the Book
- “Library Lagniappe” premiered on Metro 21 in August
- The East Baton Rouge Parish Library system led the state in collection, circulation, database usage, and service

…and notable statistics

- 316,977 registered borrowers—up 8.6% from the previous year
- Patrons used our conveniently-located branches more than ever with 1,918,724 visits—up an impressive 10%
- Circulation of the Library’s 1,899,755 collection of books, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, videos and DVDs came in at over 2.44 million items (not counting in-house use)
- Staff assisted patrons with 615,534 reference and information questions
- Computers available to the public total 410—an increase of 133 new computers
- Patrons used library computer 889,074 times—more than double the previous year!
- Libraries offered 2,231 programs for the public, including 700 Storytimes for children
- 14,756 children, teens and adults participated in the Summer Reading Program
- Staff taught almost 200 free computer training classes for the public
- Libraries hosted 1,813 civic groups in library meeting rooms
- Hundreds of booktalks, research or instructional lectures and other public programs were presented by staff outside of the Library
- The Library Bookmobile made 326 stops to retirement and community centers
- Over 4,116 hours were logged in by library volunteers

Look for the Library’s complete Annual Report online at www.ebr.lib.la.us.

Tunes at Noon
FREE Concert
with the
Baton Rouge Symphony
Carver Branch Library
Tuesday, February 14,
at noon

The Library will be closed
Mardi Gras
Tuesday
February 28

Family Movies at the Library

MAIN LIBRARY
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Cinderella (with Whitney Houston)
Saturday, February 18, 3:00 p.m.

Prince of Egypt
Saturday, March 11, 3:00 p.m.

Finding Nemo
Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

The Incredibles
Friday, May 26, 3:00 p.m.

GREENWELL SPRINGS ROAD
REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Peter Pan
Wednesday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.

Dark Crystal
Tuesday, March 28, 3:00 p.m.

Jumanji
Tuesday, April 4, 3:00 p.m.

A Bug’s Life
Tuesday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.
TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS AT THE LIBRARY

Traveling exhibitions from the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana Center for the Book, a program of the State Library of Louisiana, will be on display at various libraries from February through June.

Faces of Rural Louisiana through the Lens

This exhibit examines the people of rural Louisiana, from the turn of the century through the 1930s. From group portraits to images of the common man at work, the exhibit displays diverse faces in front of a backdrop of rural Louisiana landscapes. Photographs by George Francois Mugnier, Charles Denison Keator, Olide P. Schexnayder, Fonville Winans, and Russell Lee document different regions of rural Louisiana and their respective communities.

Zachary Branch Library, January 20 – February 20
Central Branch Library, February 25 – March 25
Carver Branch Library, March 30 – April 30

So Much More than Just a Map:
Perspectives on Louisiana and the New World

Derived from the Louisiana State Museum’s extensive collection of historic maps, this exhibit will fascinate all ages with easy-to-read text panels and colorful reproductions of maps and other images from the Museum’s collection and from collections all over the world. Though viewed primarily as a geographical resource, maps also represent people, events, their makers, and their maker’s motives.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
February 25 – March 25
Zachary Branch Library
March 30 – April 30
Carver Branch Library
May 5 – June 5

For more information, call (225) 231-3746.

Recipe Makeover and Exchange

A recipe makeover program promoting healthy eating habits will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m., at the Baker Branch Library. Participants will evaluate and exchange “slimmed down” recipes with reduced fat, salt, and sugar ingredients. The importance of calcium in the diet and tips on selecting healthy options when dining out will also be discussed.

Dr. Sally Soileau, Nutrition and Health Agent for the LSU, will conduct the program. To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5940.

Portraits Celebrating the Life and Times of People

Exhibit and Reception

Portraits celebrating the life and times of people of color by artist Kimberly Lewis will be on display at the Scotlandville Branch Library during the month of February. A reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m.

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

ON-LINE at the Library

AccessScience

The McGraw/Hill science and technology database www.ebr.lib.la.us
Heroes of African-American History Series

Josiah Henson: The Real Uncle Tom

Josiah Henson endured the cruelty of slavery before escaping with his family to Canada, where he taught other ex-slaves how to become successful farmers. Henson wrote his autobiography in 1849, which provided the inspiration for Harriet Beecher Stowe’s novel Uncle Tom’s Cabin.

Josiah Henson: The Real Uncle Tom, Heroes of African-American History Series, will be held at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, February 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Participants will view a documentary exploring the life of Josiah Henson. Dr. Charles Vincent, professor of history at Southern University and president of the Mwalimu Institute, will add commentary to the video and offer opportunity for discussion.

The first 20 participants will receive free back-to-school supplies and Black history magazines. For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

Harriet “Moses” Tubman, Then and Now

A dramatic re-enactment of the life and times of Harriet “Moses” Tubman will be presented at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Monday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Lola Robinson-Adetona will give a theatrical interpretation, along with spirituals such as Go Down Moses, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Oh Freedom, that reveal the spirit and strength of Harriet “Moses” Tubman. Adetona has conducted extensive research on Tubman and American history during the 1800s and has performed for audiences of all ages in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Recently, she returned to Louisiana after spending nearly 20 years in Oklahoma and Nigeria.

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

2006 African-American Read-In

Join us for the African-American Read-In at libraries in February when community volunteer readers will share their favorite African-American literature. An annual event nationwide, the goal of the African-American Read-In is to make literacy an important part of Black History Month.

- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
  Saturday, February 4, 2:00 p.m. For adult, teen, and children readers

- Main Library
  Saturday, February 4, 2:30 p.m. For children and teens, ages 6 to 18

- Baker Branch
  Sunday, February 5, 3:00 p.m. For children and teens, ages 6 to 16. Participants will dress up as a famous African American and give a short speech about their accomplishments.

- Scotlandville Branch
  Sunday, February 5, 3:00 p.m. For children, ages 6 to 12

- Carver Branch
  Monday, February 6, 4:00 p.m. For children and teens

- Delmont Gardens Branch
  Sunday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. For adults, teens, and children

For more information, call your participating library.

African-American Zydeco Program

Teens will learn basic techniques of African-American Zydeco dancing at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, February 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A local dance troupe headed by Rena Daresburg will discuss and demonstrate dance moves.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes and clothes for moving and bending. Registration is not required; however, space is limited. For more information, call (225) 778-5960.
Seeking Stability: Genealogy for African Americans

African-American genealogy specialist Edna Jordan Smith will conduct a workshop at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Saturday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Smith will discuss the migration of African Americans during the time of slavery and after the Emancipation, the population movement between Mississippi and Louisiana, and the role that Haiti played in the lives of many African-American ancestors. She will also reveal the importance of gathering oral histories from African-American elders and the critical problems facing researchers. This interactive session will inspire participants to undertake their own ancestral search for the benefit of future generations.

Old photographs and other mementos of African-American genealogy will be on display in the library throughout the month of February.

Registration is not required for the workshop, however space is limited. For more information, call (225) 763-2283.

Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Pioneer
The Legacy of Rosa Parks

The Scotlandville Branch Library will hold a panel discussion for adults and young adults on the legacy of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks on Monday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Veteran television journalist Maxine Crump, host of “Ascension on the Move” on APTV, will be the moderator of this program. Panel participants will include retired teacher Julia Bradford Moore, Dr. Thomas Durant, professor in the Department of Sociology and director of African American Studies at LSU, and the Reverend Charles C. Smith, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

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

Trickster Tales for Black History Month!

Donald Lewis of Kita Productions in New Orleans will present Trickster Tales, a story program of Anansi and trickster folktales for children, ages 3 to 11, at libraries in February.

Lewis is one of the founders of Kita Productions, a professional theater for children’s audiences, and Creative Artists Striving Together (CAST) Productions. He trained at the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico and is a graduate of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA). He is a former member of the Sundance Institute acting ensemble and appeared in the New Orleans premier of Edward Albee’s production Fragments and in the feature film The Wedding.

River Center Branch Library
Wednesday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Carver Branch Library
Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.

Main Library
Saturday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.

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

This program is supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.
Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature Series

A five-part reading and discussion series, *Demons, Golems, and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination*. The five-part series will be led by local scholar Dr. Dan Novak, who works with the Jewish Studies Program of the LSU Department of English.

This offering of the *Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature* series will feature lively discussions of five books with themes of identity and imagination, as related to spirits and bodies—monstrous, ailing, or alluring. All literary selections are appealing and readable and will offer opportunities for insight into Jewish history and beliefs. The readings will serve as a springboard for discussion of comparative religious experience and thought.

The core reading and discussion series will be held every other Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library beginning February 2:

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To register for the series, call the Adult Services Division at (225) 231-3746 or (225) 231-3740. Related programming designed for audiences of all ages will be presented throughout February and March at various library locations.

*Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature* has been made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association.

The History of Jews in St. Francisville

Journalist Libby Dart will talk about Jewish families who settled in St. Francisville on Sunday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m., at the Main Library. Dart is a former columnist with the St. Francisville Democrat and was one of the founders of the West Feliciana Historical Society.

Leaving their central European villages during the late 1800s, many Jewish immigrants settled in Louisiana. These new residents became prosperous merchants, who used their shrewd business sense to fill an important role the mainly agrarian South. They came to St. Francisville ready to be a part of the community.

Copies of *Three Generous Generations* by Anne Butler, which chronicles the contributions of the Friedman, Freyhan, and Odenheimer families of St. Francisville, will be available for purchase after the program.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Purim: The Story Behind the Mask

Hear the story behind the Jewish holiday of Purim and have fun making a mask on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library.

Wendy Herschman, Director of Education at Congregation B’nai Israel, will present the program.

Purim celebrates the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther in 357 B.C. from the wicked Haman’s scheme to exterminate all the Jewish men, women, and children living in the Persian empire. Mask-making during Purim underscores the theme of hiddenness in the story of Esther.

This program is designed for children in grades 4 to 6. Space is limited. To register, call (225) 763-2260.

Coming in March...

- Expressive dance— with themes from Jewish literature
- Andrei Codrescu— * Monsters of the Jewish Imagination*
- The Golem on Trial
- Jewish Food Traditions
Finding the Right Job

If you hope the New Year will also bring a new job, plan to attend Job Search Techniques, a free workshop presented by the Career Center at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, February 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Career counselor Jim Brolin, formerly of Green Square Associates, Inc., will provide you with essential information and practical tips for job hunting.

Participants may bring a brown-bag lunch; cold drinks will be provided.

To register, call (225) 381-8434.

MASTER GARDENERs

Master Gardeners will present a five-week series on gardening tips and techniques for planting and caring for flowers, plants, and herbs at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library in February, at 6:30 p.m.

Master Gardeners receive many hours of instruction through the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, the educational arm of the LSU AgCenter.

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Tuff Turf and Blankety-Blank Weeds
Healthy southern turf grass, weed management, and herbicide use

Composting – What a Rotten Thing to Do
Enrich your soil the natural way

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Jeepers Creepers
Selecting great ground covers

A is for Annuals
Seasonal plants for color and interest

Where Do I Go Now?
Resources for Gardeners
Books, magazines, websites, and people.

For more information, please call (225) 756-1180.

ASK-A-LAWYER

Free Legal Advice at the Library

Take advantage of free legal counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association at the Main Library on Saturday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one, 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call (225) 231-3746.

Getting a Head Start:
Study Skills and Learning Preferences

A workshop for adult students who are planning to attend college or those who are working towards a GED will be held at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m.

Instructors will discuss the requirements and challenges of college, the expectations of students, study skills, and learning preference inventories.

To register, call (225) 778-5940.
Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library Book Club

The new Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library will have the inaugural meeting of its first Book Club on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m. where members will participate in a lively discussion about Sue Monk Kidd’s book The Secret Life of Bees. Future book choices will be discussed as well.

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

Author Spotlight

The Divide by Nicholas Evans

When two skiers discover the body of Abbie Cooper in a frozen Montana creek, police seek the killer of this young woman wanted for acts of ecoterrorism and murder.

What trail of events led the privileged Abbie to her death and her family to such incredible devastation?

The Divide tells the story of the Cooper family, fractured by betrayal and searching for lost happiness. Evans explores the pain we often inflict on those we love the most, and the passions, hopes, and disillusionments common to every family.

In the end, the Cooper family struggles to face the truth of the past and to move toward the future.

Library Receives Sisters in Crime Award

The Library has received a $500 award from Sisters in Crime to purchase books by women mystery writers who are members of the organization. The purpose of the gift is to strengthen mystery collections of libraries who were hit hard by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita or libraries who are serving large numbers of evacuees.

Collection Development Librarian Carol Marcks announced the news to the Main Library’s Mystery Lovers Book Club, which meets each month on the second Tuesday at noon and on the fourth Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

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go to www.bookpage.com

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Tae Kwon Do Demonstration

Local Tae Kwon Do instructor Ron Rogers will discuss martial arts and give a “street smart” self-defense demonstration for teens at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m. Rogers has trained for over 29 years and has a third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

ACT REVIEW SESSIONS

Main Library
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.
Baker Branch
Held at ZAC Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional
Thursday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.
Carver
Held at Main Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.
Central
Held at GSR Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.
Delmont Gardens
Held at SCO Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional
Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.
Pride-Chaneyville
Held at ZAC Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
River Center
Held at Main Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.
Scotlandville
Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.
Zachary
Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Opportunities

The Louisiana Office of Student and Financial Assistance will present information on financial aid and grants available to students with high school diplomas or GEDs on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carver Branch Library. Topics to be discussed include TOPS and TOPS Tech Awards for Technical Schools.

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

Teen Movie Matinee

To kick off Mardi Gras and the Academy Awards Week, teens will enjoy a special showing of a movie about pirates staring Johnny Depp on Monday, February 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library. For more information, call (225) 763-2270.
**Dance, Dance Revolution**

Teens are invited to experience the *Dance, Dance Revolution* dance craze that’s rocking the nation at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Thursday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m.

A combination of fun, excitement, competition, choreography and a great workout, *Dance, Dance Revolution* kicks the dance floor into overdrive with a mix of hot songs and cool game modes.

To register, and for more information, call (225) 354-7560.

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**Adventure Gaming at the Library**

Using the *Dungeon and Dragons* Basic Game box set, 10 teen players will make up characters and be guided through an adventure campaign at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturday, February 4, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This board game beginner’s adventure will allow teens to practice their skills of critical thinking, team work, problem solving, and most importantly, use their imagination.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3770.

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**Anime Afternoons at the Library**

Enter the world of *Japanese Animation* when popular titles are shown at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturdays, February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

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**Crime Scene Investigation**

**Deputy Laura Steele of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Department** will present a program on the methods of crime scene investigation at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Steele will discuss procedures of fingerprinting and collecting evidence.

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

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**Open Wide!**

**The Ins and Outs of Good Dental Health**

**National Dental Health Month**

`February is National Dental Health Month`!

To help children become aware of life-long, good dental hygiene, the Library and the East Baton Rouge Parish Dental Association, represented by Dr. Joseph Porter, will present a series of fun and informative dental programs at three libraries.

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library**

Saturday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library**

Saturday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch Library**

Saturday, February 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Toothbrushes will be given out at the end of programs, while supplies last. To register, call your participating library.

A separate dental program will be presented by Dr. Chad Morris at the Zachary Branch Library on Friday, February 17, at 1:00 p.m. Call (225) 658-1860 to register.
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
- **Bluebonnet**
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Carver
  - Thursdays, February 16 and March 15
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Jones Creek
  - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Main Library
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Pride
  - Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Zachary
  - Thursdays, February 9 and March 9
  - 9:30 a.m.

### Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old
- **Baker**
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22
  - 9:30 a.m.
  - Bluebonnet
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Carver
  - Thursdays, February 16 and March 15
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Central
  - Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20, 27
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Greenwell Springs
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Jones Creek
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Main Library
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Pride
  - Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Zachary
  - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old
- **Baker**
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Bluebonnet
  - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Central
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Delmont Gardens
  - Tuesdays, February 7 and March 7
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Thursdays, February 9 and March 9
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Greenwell Springs
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Monday, February 27 (preschool through 11 yrs.)
  - 11:00 a.m.
  - Jones Creek
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Main Library
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Pride/Chaneyville
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 (combined ages)
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - River Center
  - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Scotlandville
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28
  - 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
  - Zachary
  - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10:30 a.m.

### Family Storytime – for the entire family
- **Bluebonnet**
  - Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Carver
  - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and March 7, 14, 21, 28
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Greenwell Springs
  - Thursdays, February 2, 16 and March 2
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays, February 11, 25
  - 11:00 a.m.
  - Jones Creek
  - Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Pride/Chaneyville
  - Mondays, February 20 and March 20
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Main Library
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  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Pride
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  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Zachary
  - Tuesdays, February 7 and March 7
  - 6:30 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch

So Much More Than Just a Map: Perspectives on Louisiana and the New World
Maps and other images and Mapmaster’s Quizzes from the collection of the Louisiana State Museum, February 25–March 25

Seeking Stability: Genealogy for African Americans
Old photographs and other mementos of African-American genealogy

Do the Zoo
Exciting happenings at the Baton Rouge Zoo

Carver Branch

Omar and Company
Mixed-media and three-dimensional pieces by artist Omar Muhammad and his students

Literary Louisiana
This traveling exhibition from the Louisiana State Museum, on view through February 20, chronicles the lives and work of famous 19th and 20th century authors whose writings shaped the world’s view of Louisiana and her people.

Central Branch

Faces of Rural Louisiana
Photographs of Louisianians, 1890 – 1940 a traveling exhibition from the Louisiana State Museum, on view February 25–March 25

Delmont Gardens Branch

Mixed Media
Works by local artist N.C. LeCoq

Greenwell Springs Road

Regional Branch

Antique African-American Memorabilia
Memorabilia from the Odell S. Williams Now and Then Museum of African American History

Watercolors
Works by former LSU football coach Paul Dietzel

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