Mayor-President Melvin L. "Kip" Holden, Councilman Wayne Carter of District 1, members of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control, Director Lydia M. Acosta, and members of the Pride-Chaneyville community celebrated the grand opening of the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library at the dedication ceremony on Monday, December 12. The invocation and benediction were given by Reverend Gary Dardar of Milldale Baptist Church.

Students from the Northeast High School Chapter of the Louisiana Teen Library Association filled the building, updating library cards and checking out books and DVDs. Northeast High's talented Show Choir entertained guests at the reception following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Other library patrons hit the ground running, taking advantage of the long-awaited computer access provided at the new facility. Visitors who attended the opening were eager to hear about forthcoming computer classes for adults and expressed their desire for specific library workshops.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the Library to partner with local schools for special programs and homework help," says Pride-Chaneyville Library Branch Manager Jessica Styons. "We want to be available to students and teachers to instruct them in the use of library resources."

"I see the Library as a community gathering place for our teens," she continues. "And we are ready and eager to partner with elementary school teachers as well to arrange special storytimes and programs at the Library."

The Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library was first located in the school gymnasium on the campus of Pride High School in 1941. In 1983, the branch was moved to a 782-square-foot “T-building” temporary facility housed on the grounds of the old Northeast Elementary School, where it remained for the next 20 years.

This newly developed 12,086 square-foot library includes a covered drive-through at the new entrance and a beautifully landscaped courtyard, and will eventually house over 55,000 print and audiovisual materials.

A special feature of the new library is its location adjacent to the new Northeast High School and the Northeast Elementary School. While the art deco wall sconces adorn the interior of the library, the soaring cathedral ceiling with its successive pattern of steel arches in contrasting...
colors provides a spacious atmosphere. The children’s room includes window seats which capture the expansive view of the library’s woodland surroundings.

The facility includes a large meeting room, capable of holding 75 people, with a kitchenette. It also has separate areas for adults, teens, and children, with a special storytime room, and display and exhibit space. Forty-one PCs are available for public use, including 5 computers dedicated for meeting room or computer class use. Generous seating, study, and work areas for public and staff can be found throughout the facility.

“This is the 10th new library built as a result of the dedicated property tax first approved by the voters in 1985,” states Library Director Lydia M. Acosta. “We want to thank the community for its strong support over the last 20 years, which allowed the Library system to meet the needs of our community.”

The building was designed by Robert Coleman & Partners Architects, AIA. The interior of the library was designed by Leslie Herpin and Mary Howell of Leslie Herpin Interior Design Incorporated. Sited on land leased from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for 99 years, the building was constructed by Stafford Construction at a cost of $2,442,046.59. Total cost of the project was $2,977,386.48.

The Branch Manager for the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library is Jessica Styons, Reference Librarian is Charlotte Pringle, and Youth and Children’s Services Librarian is Mary Faucette.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Phone numbers for the library are:
Circulation (225) 658-1540
Branch Head (225) 658-1580
Reference/Teen Services (225) 658-1550
Youth/Children’s Services (225) 658-1560

Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature Series

Registration begins this month for a new 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 LSU’s English Department.

This offering in 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 discussions 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.

Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature Series

_Satan in Goray_ by Isaac Singer February 2
_The Dybbuk_ by Sholom Ansky February 16
_Metamorphosis_ by Franz Kafka March 2
_The Puttermesser Papers_ by Cynthia Ozick March 16
_Angels in America_ by Tony Kushner March 30

Copies of the books will be available for checkout beginning January 17. Interested patrons should call the Adult Services Division at (225) 231-3746 or (225) 231-3740 to register. 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.
New residents of the hurricane evacuee trailer park eagerly awaited the opening of the Internet/Homework Help Library, sited on the grounds of Renaissance Village in Baker, on Thursday, December 1. The Library’s focus is to provide much-needed Internet service and homework help, along with traditional library services such as reference, information referral, and recreational reading.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Library first operated as a “Shelter Library” for several weeks near the River Center Emergency Shelter on Government Street. Initial impetus and funding for this pilot project was provided by ProQuest Company, with assistance from IBM and Argosy Gaming Company, who joined forces to develop this “Shelter Library” to bring library services to displace adults and children living in Baton Rouge. Local librarians, library students from LSU’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and volunteers from the Cajun Clickers Computer Club of Baton Rouge manned the facility.

After the River Center Shelter was closed, ProQuest worked with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library to find a new home for the mobile library. Housed in a single-wide trailer, the Internet Library contains 11 computers and 3 “Young Explorer” workstations donated by IBM. The computers and workstations are equipped with free access to ProQuest educational databases and to all of the electronic resources of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Recreational reading and print reference materials line the shelves. A grant from the Baton Rouge Area Foundation Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund has allowed the Library to staff the facility 29 hours each week, with hours planned to complement homework help time.

The kickoff Open House was hosted by the Library and ProQuest. Residents of Renaissance Village and staff from the Louisiana Family Recovery Corps and other volunteer agencies working with the displaced Louisianians attended the event.

Follow heroine Ivy Rowe through seven decades of hard living in the mountains of Virginia. A born storyteller, Ivy shows promise of becoming a writer, but succumbs to fleshly passion and later marries a childhood friend. But write she does—scores of letters, beginning in her girlhood and up to her death. With colorful candor, Ivy’s letters skillfully piece together the quilt of her long life and bring her beloved homeland and lore to life.

The Library will host another Big Book Sale on Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library.
**Free Concert at the Library**
*Tunes at Noon* with the Baton Rouge Symphony will be held at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, January 10, at noon.

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**Master Gardeners at the Library**

Louisiana Master Gardeners will present a five-week gardening series on selecting, planting, and caring for flowers, plants, and herbs at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The series will run from January 17 through February 14. Master Gardeners receive many hours of instruction through the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, the educational arm of the LSU AgCenter. For more information, please call (225) 756-1180.

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006**
“Gardening is a Dirty Business”
Soils, composting, soil pH, and fertilization

“Ornamental Bed Preparation”
Proper bed preparation for healthy plants and minimum care

**Tuesday, January 24, 2006**
“Landscaping Made Easy”
Begin with a design plan

“What is Who? What Do I Expect?”
Hiring landscape professionals

**Tuesday, January 31, 2006**
“The Tall and Short of Trees and Shrubs”
Tree and shrub selection

“A Plethora of Perennials”
Economical repeaters for your garden

**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.

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**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
Dot Thibodeaux and Pat Robinson from “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” will discuss this growing phenomenon and resources available to grandparents in this situation on Saturday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the Main Library.

For more information, call (225) 231-3740.

**Resume Quick-Fix Workshop**
Adults will work one-on-one with career planning professionals to polish and fine-tune their resumes and more effectively present their job skills at a free workshop at the River Center Branch Library on Monday, January 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Career experts at the workshop will include Ursula B. Carmena, Director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Career Center, Frank Carney, retired Director of the LSU Career Services, and Shirley White, President of Success Images.

Participants are asked to bring their current written resume or necessary information.

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

**Recipe Makeover and Exchange**
The Baker Branch Library will host two programs on healthy eating habits on Tuesday, January 17 and February 21, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn how to modify their favorite recipes into a healthier version by reducing hidden fat, salt, and sugar and will evaluate how the “slimmed down” recipes taste. The importance of calcium in the diet and tips on healthy options when dining out will also be discussed.

Dr. Sally Soileau, Nutrition and Health Agent for the LSU AgCenter and a home economist with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, will conduct these programs.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5940.

**Wellness Resources**
Dr. Sally Soileau, Nutrition and Health Agent for the LSU AgCenter, will discuss healthy eating habits, and identifying hidden fat, salt, and sugar in foods on Wednesday, January 11, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

Soileau will also explain the connection between calcium and osteoporosis, hypertension, and stress.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3746.

**Homeschool Information for Parents**
Pabby Arnold, Head of Children’s Services Division, and Brenda Eames, Head of Teen/Young Adult Division, will conduct a workshop for parents of homeschooled children at the Main Library on Saturday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m. Information on library materials, such as books, websites, databases, the vertical file, and downloadable lesson plans, as well as the legalities of homeschooling, will be included. Representatives from local homeschool organizations have been invited to attend.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760 or (225) 231-3770.
The Power of Marie Laveau
Myths and Truths about the New Orleans Voodoo Queen

Hundreds of visitors arrive daily at the tomb of Marie Laveau, the New Orleans legendary Voodoo Queen, located just above the French Quarter in St. Louis Cemetery #1. During her lifetime, Laveau was famous for her supernatural and healing powers. She staged ceremonies where participants became possessed by loas (voodoo spirits). She dispensed charms and potions called gris-gris, told fortunes, healed the sick, and remained youthful while living for more than a century.

Dr. Ina Johanna Fandrich, Ph.D., Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at LSU, will present a lecture and booktalk at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m. Her book *Mysterious Voodoo Queen Marie Laveaux*, tells the story of one of the most famous and enigmatic personas to grace the streets of New Orleans. Fandrich will examine Marie Laveau as Voodoo Queen and Spiritual Healer. Myths about the mysterious Madame will be dispelled as the real figure emerges from the historical record.

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

**New Database Alert:**

Check out *Safari Tech Books Online*, the premier reference library for programmers and IT professionals with hundreds of full-text books to read online, at [www.ebr.lib.la.us](http://www.ebr.lib.la.us).

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**Just for TEENS**

**Animation Workshop for Teens**

A five day animation workshop for teens, ages 12 to 18, will be held at the Scotlandville Branch Library from Tuesday, January 17 through Saturday, January 21, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Participants will learn the traditional animation techniques pioneered by Walt Disney, as well as the science that makes it possible for the human eye and mind to interpret how a sequence of moving still images formulates an animated movie.

Felton T. Square, Network Administrator and Media Specialist for the John B. Cade Library at Southern University will conduct the program.

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

**Anime at the Library**

**Carver Branch**

The anime film featuring anime character Jimmy Kudo, a teenage detective whose hero is Sherlock Holmes, will be shown on Saturday, January 7, at 2:00 p.m. OK to bring snacks. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

**River Center Branch**

Enter the world of Japanese Animation as popular titles are shown on Saturday, January 7, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

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**ACT Practice Tests at the Library**

 Teens are invited to take a FREE practice ACT test, sponsored by the Princeton Review. Tests will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Follow-up review sessions will be announced at a later date. Call your participating library to register.

**Saturday, January 21**

Carver Branch
Central Branch
Delmont Gardens Branch
Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch
River Center Branch
Scotlandville Branch
Zachary Branch

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Main Library
Baker Branch
Bluebonnet Regional Branch

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**Girls Night Out – Part II**

Teen girls, ages 13 to 16, will participate in a glamorous night of pedicures, nail polishing, and gossiping on Monday, January 9, at the Baker Branch Library from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Timeline game/activity will be played.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5960.
2006 AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN

Join us for the annual African-American Read-In at libraries in February. Participants will read from pre-selected prose and poetry. Readers must register in advance in the Teen or Children's Departments at their participating library by February 1. Readings should be no longer than two minutes, except at the Baker Branch.

The goal of the African-American Read-In is to make literacy an important part of Black History Month.

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

■ 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.
  Dress up as your favorite famous African American and give a 5-minute speech about their accomplishments.

■ Scotlandville Branch Library
  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.

Programs Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Heroes of African-American History

The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Citizen King, a 90-minute documentary about the last five years of the life of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. will be shown at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. Personal recollections and eyewitness accounts of friends, movement associates, law enforcement officers, journalists, and historians illuminate this little-known period of King's life.

Dr. Charles Vincent, professor of history at Southern University and president of the Mwalimu Institute, will add commentary to the video and lead the discussion.

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

Stories of Friendship & Peace

To celebrate brotherhood, peace, and goodwill, two family storytimes for children and their parents and caregivers will be held at the Scotlandville Branch Library.

A storytime for preschool children, ages 3 to 5, will be held on Tuesday, January 10, from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. A storytime for children, ages 6 to 8, will be held on Thursday, January 12, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Stories will be about Dr. Martin Luther King and friendship.

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

Girls Book Club

A children's book club for girls ages 8 to 11 will begin in January at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library. Club members will read books in the American Girls series, which is based on nine-year-old fictional heroines who lived during periods of American history. The series features eight different characters and provides views of significant events that helped shape our country.

The Delmont Gardens Children's Book Club for girls will meet Saturdays, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, and May 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Participants will share thoughts and opinions on the stories they have read.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7060.

Get “REDY” — Here Comes Clifford!

Kids—have a doggone good time with “Clifford” stories, games, and crafts at the Main Library on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to wear “RED” and bring their favorite stuffed dog or other “best friend.” Margaret Schlaudecker, Kids Club Coordinator with LPB, will provide crafts, games, and color sheets.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.
Celebrate National Bird Day

Children, ages 6 to 11, are invited to a National Bird Day celebration at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Thursday, January 5, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Expert falconer Matthew Mullenix, accompanied by Charlie the Harris Hawk, will talk about a day in the life of a Harris Hawk. Charlie will be tethered at all times.

Children will make their own bird feeders using recycled milk cartons and 2 liter bottles after the presentation.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7060.

Storytime

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.

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

Embroidery, Crochet, & Tatting
Handwork from the collection of Constance Navratil

Carver Branch Library

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

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

Photos from The Advocate
Photojournalism from the newspaper’s award-winning photographers

Scotlandville Branch Library

Portraits Celebrating the Life & Times of People
Portraits by artist Kimberly Lewis

Zachary Branch Library

Literary Louisiana, through Jan.15
This traveling exhibition from the Louisiana State Museum chronicles the lives and work of famous 19th and 20th century authors whose writings have shaped the world’s view of Louisiana and her people.

Harry Potter
Designs using Legos from the collection of Susan Vanbiersel

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.

Centennial 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-Cheneyville 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 Centrplex)

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